



Pictured are Margaret Walker, Eastern Panhandle Traffic Safety Program Coordinator and Deputy Scott Lemon, Morgan County Sheriff's Office.



Classroom instruction conducted by Deputy Lemon provided valuable hands on training on child safety seats for these new mothers. Deputy Lemon also provided instruction to new fathers as well!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

@ the Annual Morgan County Baby Shower

April 28, 2016 | Berkeley Springs, WV

New and expecting parents gathered at Morgan County Starting Points for the Annual Morgan County Baby Shower on April 28, 2016.

The event hosted numerous speakers and workshops with valuable information on many popular topics and questions for new parents, and provided many free items most new parents need.

To spread the word about child passenger safety, Margaret Walker, Kathy Poole, and Deputy Scott Lemon presented information on the importance of properly using child safety seats.

A few educational sessions were held for parents of children under age one to provide guidance on proper child safety seat use.

Deputy Lemon and Kathy Poole also conducted child safety seat installations during the baby shower.

Community events like these can provide valuable interaction time with parents on child safety. "This is a fantastic way to perfect your skills, and make yourself and your training known to the public." said Deputy Lemon, "By working events for Morgan County Starting Points and RESA VIII Early Head Start, I have gone from taking part in 10 seat checks a year, relying solely on my information being posted on SafeKids.org, to well over 100 seat checks a year in just five years and about eight man-hours per year. Put your community services to use. I'm sure they'd love to have you!"

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WV CPS BY THE NUMBERS



New Technicians Trained	38
Kidz in Motion Attendees	49
Installations	569
Seats Purchased	180
ID Stickers Distributed	7,348
Child Safety Events	35

NEW
Fitting
Stations

12

SINCE JANUARY

UPCOMING!!

Training & Classes

DON'T MISS OUT!
CLASSES FILL
UP QUICKLY!

KIDZ IN MOTION

AUGUST 11

8 am to 4 pm

Northern Regional Community College
1704 Market St., Rm 312, Wheeling, WV

Contact:

Melissa Taylor at (304) 234-3623
or mntaylor@wheelingpd.com

AUGUST 25

9 am to 4 pm

Beckley Fire Dept.
1102 N. Eisenhower Dr., Beckley, WV

Contact:

Tiffany Crawford at (304) 256-1715
or tiffany.crawford@beckleypd.com

CPST CERTIFICATION

AUGUST 16 - 19

9 am to 4 pm

Wheeling Hospital
1 Medical Park, Wheeling, WV

Contact:

Melissa Taylor at (304) 234-3623
or mntaylor@wheelingpd.com
Course ID# WV20160711682

SEPTEMBER 20 - 23

9 am to 5 pm

Putnam Co. Emergency Services Building
100 Emergency Lane, Winfield, WV

Contact:

Beau Evans at (304) 696-5545
or evansb@cityofhuntington.com
Course ID# WV20160506472

CPST RECERTIFICATION

SEPTEMBER 19
FOR EXPIRED TECHS ONLY

9 am to 5 pm

Putnam Co. Emergency Services Building
100 Emergency Lane, Winfield, WV

Contact:

Beau Evans at (304) 696-5545
or evansb@cityofhuntington.com
Course ID# WV20160506471

CPS Certifications are **ONLY** good
for 2 years.

Recertification classes
are for CPS Technicians who have
let their certifications **EXPIRE**, or
who are nearing the end of their
two year certification period.



HEAT STROKE KILLS!

A hot car can be A **deadly** place
for children! **PLEASE REMIND**
parents and caregivers.

where's baby?
Look before you lock.

safecar.gov/heatstroke



More images from the Morgan County Baby Shower on April 28, 2016 (ABOVE & BELOW)



BE A CPST!

SPREAD

THE WORD

LET FOLKS KNOW

ABOUT CPS TRAINING

Being a CPS Technician is
something most people don't
consider until they know that
technicians actually exist.

With motor vehicle crashes being
the #1 cause of death for children
ages three to six, child passenger
safety is something that should be
widespread.

If you or someone you know
works with children on a regular
basis, becoming a CPS Tech is
truly a "no-brainer". As teachers
and protectors of the next
generation, ensuring that kids are
travelling safe is truly essential.

FEATURED TECHNICIAN

Lane Helps KEEP Area Children Safe

Through the GHSP & the National Child Passenger Safety Program

Originally Published in the Inter-Mountain on July 5, 2016 | By Beth Christian Broschart

ELKINS, W.Va. - Young children need to be secure and safe when traveling.

Locally, there are child passenger safety technicians who are certified through the Governor's Highway Safety Program and the National Child Passenger Safety Program. Heather Lane, of Buckhannon, has achieved those certifications and is available to help parents make sure their car seats are installed correctly and that the child is buckled into that car seat correctly.

Lane said the program provides technicians to make sure car seats are installed correctly into vehicles and assures that the car seats themselves are safe.

"I am currently a fitting station for Upshur County and am working toward becoming a fitting station in Randolph County," Lane said.



Heather Lane is a certified child passenger safety technician and is available in Upshur County to check the fit of car seats in vehicles. She is in the process of establishing a fitting station in Randolph County as well. Photo by Beth Christian Broschart

She said some of the items checked to secure safety include making sure the car seat is installed correctly with the vehicle seat belt or anchor system, checking that the car seat is installed at the correct angle and checking to make sure the car seat is installed facing the correct way based on the child's weight and age.

"Folks need to make sure the child is in the correct kind of car seat for their age," Lane said. "It is a law in West Virginia that all children under the age of 8 are to remain in an appropriate car seat. The recommendation for rear facing car seats is until the child is 2 years of age."

Lane said a car seat should not be used in the front of a vehicle unless they are in a single cab truck with an airbag that turns off.

"A child under the age of 12 should not be in the front seat of a vehicle," Lane said.

Lane said the fitting station locations for West Virginia are listed online at www.safercar.gov.

"People can go to this website and find a station close to them. There will be a name and number to call to have someone check to make sure the car seat is safe and installed correctly. My fitting station for Upshur County is the Buckhannon City Police Department," Lane said.

Lane said the risk of injury to a child not properly restrained increases during an accident.

"Three out of four car seats are installed incorrectly. Many parents believe they have installed the car seat the way it should be, but when

SAVE THE DATE

National CPS Week is:
September 18 - 24, 2016

Come join us at the statewide kick-off event at the Shops At Kanawha in Charleston, WV on September 20th.

More details will be sent via email in the coming weeks!
For more information contact:

Amy Boggs
Statewide CPS Coordinator
amy.m.boggs@wv.gov or
(304) 926-2509

CONTINUED

TECH TIPS #1

COURTESY OF CHRISTINE HAUFE, CPST



Christine is a Community Health Nurse and CPST with Special Needs Training at WVU Children's Medicine in Morgantown. She offers this valuable tip and reminder:

"Children should ride REAR-FACING until age two (or as long as possible) as it is safest.

Infants must ALWAYS ride REAR-FACING until they reach age one."

That's Correct! THANKS CHRISTINE!

we check, we are finding that most are not tight enough and the straps on the harness on the child are not tight enough."

"Most car seats are good for six years," Lane said. "You can always find that information on a label on the bottom of a car seat. The reason they expire is the plastic that holds the strap are very thin and break down over time."

One thing Lane cautions parents about is using a car seat following an accident.

"A car seat that has been in an accident should not be used," she said. "Choosing a car seat is an important decision be sure to follow the height and weight requirements that correspond with that car seat. Always refer to the owner's manual of your car seat."

Lane said parents should never purchase a car seat at a yard sale.

"You don't know the history of the car seat it could have been used during an accident," she said. "Do not use after-market products with a car seat such as seat protectors or head rests. If those items did not come with the car seat, they have not been rated or tested with your car seat, and a child could be injured."

Lane said the safest place to put a car seat in the back seat of a vehicle is the center.

"Placing the seat in the center places the child furthest away from front, rear and side impacts," Lane said. "If you cannot put the child in the middle, either side is okay. If you put them on the right side, it is easier to get the child out on the sidewalk side of the car."

SOURCE: <http://www.theintermountain.com/page/content.detail/id/600604/Lane-helps-keep-area-children-safe-through-the-Governor-s-Highway-Safety-Program-and-the-National-Child-Passenger-Safety-Program.html>

MORE TIPS & STUFF

ATTENTION CPSTs in Barbour, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Taylor, and Upshur Counties: the BUB COSTUME may be available to borrow for your CPS event. Contact Lisa Hall at lhall@cityofclarksburgwv.com.



BOOSTER SEAT TIP! Buckle in booster seats when no one is riding in them!

A loose booster seat could hit another passenger during a quick stop and is also a distraction to the driver.

ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON EMAILS?

If you ARE, please let us know and we can make sure that the correct address is registered with Safe Kids and the GHSP.

Contact Amy Boggs at amy.m.boggs@wv.gov or call 304-926-2509

SPECIAL THANKS!

"I really appreciate the Gabriel Project of WV. They have provided car seats for women at the Hospital who were unable to afford a car seat."

- Theresa Dayton, RN
@ Wheeling Hospital



WELCOME THE NEW CPSTs!

CPST Certification Class on April 26th in Charleston added: **22 NEW TECHS!**



CPST Certification Class on May 6th in Fairmont added: **16 NEW TECHS!**

CPST Certification Class on July 18th in Martinsburg added: **14 NEW TECHS!**

CPST RESOURCES

TOOLS FOR BUILDING SUCCESS

CPS INSPECTIONS AND CHECKUP EVENTS

REGION ONE:
METRO VALLEY HSP

SETTING THE STAGE

Whether the inspection station is held at an indoor or outdoor setting, it is important to remember that safety is the number one priority for staff and participants. To the extent possible, all CPS inspection station facilities should be accessible to individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Indoor Setting

- Check that there are no safety hazards anywhere in the vicinity.
- Keep the area as clean as possible.
- If the inspection location is at a business, be certain that ALL employees are notified that children will be in the area at various times.
- Have clearly written signs set up.
- Designate where the vehicle(s) will wait in line prior to the inspection.
- Have a clearly defined path for the vehicle to follow at the conclusion of the inspection – ideally the vehicles will enter in one side of the facility and exit from the other side.
- Have the driver turn the engine off.
- A designated waiting area should be made available for families with young children while the inspection takes place. Staff or a responsible volunteer should be assigned to the waiting area to insure that no child is lost or injured.
- If possible, clean, age-appropriate toys in good condition should be made available to occupy young children.
- Bathrooms should be easily accessible to the waiting area. Be sure they are clean and operational before each scheduled inspection event.
- Designate an area to keep equipment and a place where unsafe seats can be stored prior to destruction or other appropriate disposal.

Outdoor Setting

- Be sure the inspection area can be set up out of the flow of routine traffic.
- Have clear Enter and Exit areas designated by signs and traffic cones.
- If there is not an indoor waiting area available, create a clearly defined 'safe area' with rope, tape and/or traffic cones.
- Be sure to have a traffic coordinator available to direct waiting vehicles safely in and out of the inspection site.
- The inspection teams should be set up at well-spaced and clearly marked designations.
- Be sure to have sufficient equipment available to staff at each inspection area in order to minimize the amount of foot-traffic around the inspection site.

For COMPLETE details, visit:

www.nhtsa.dot.gov/

people/injury/childps/

CPSInspectionStation/index.html

OUTFITTING THE CPS INSPECTION STATION

The following are basic supplies used to operate a CPS inspection station. Items marked with an asterisk* are primarily used for outdoor settings.

- Current recall list
- Child safety seats for use as loaners or give-a-ways in the event that a seat must be replaced
- Manufacturers' instructions – SafetyBeltSafe offers a CD with a compilation of child restraint manufacturer's instructions.
- LATCH Manual (Safe Ride News)
- CPS education materials
- List of nearby stores where new seats can be purchased if necessary
- Inspection forms
- Locking clips (regular and belt shortening)
- Clipboards
- Pens and pencils
- Foam swim 'noodles,' thin towels, slip guard (i.e. rubber shelf liner)
- Latex gloves
- First aid kits
- Anti-bacterial soap/lotion
- Waste receptacles
- Demo dolls for use when the child is not present to show correct use
- Tape
- Storage bins
- Traffic cones*
- Barricades*
- Chalk to mark lanes*
- Tents*



Images above are from a Metro Valley HSP and Charleston Police Department child safety seat check on May 11th.



WANT TO BE A REGIONAL CPS HAPPENINGS

CPST

INSTRUCTOR?

HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED!

- 1.) Successfully complete a CPST Certification Course
- 2.) Spend at least six months gaining experience as an active CPST (classes, updates, checkups, etc.).
 - Work with more seasoned technicians
 - Participate in as many events as you can
- 3.) Participate as a Course Assistant for a Certification Course: Participate in the planning meeting, setting up the classroom, classroom and outdoor exercises, and otherwise observe all aspects of the course, including various teaching styles.
 - Watch and learn
 - Assist with behind the scenes activities/set up
 - Identify and work with a Mentor

Once you complete these steps, if you still think that being a CPST Instructor could be a role for you, contact Amy Boggs for more details at Amy.M.Boggs@wv.gov.

CPS HAPPENINGS IN GHSP REGION 5



Lisa Hall, Coordinator, WV High Tech Corridor Region HSP pictured with the WVU Mountaineer Mascot at the Cecil Jarvis 10K Health Fair in Clarksburg, WV on June 18th (Health Fair Pictured below, left)



CPS HAPPENINGS IN GHSP REGION 3

Deputy Tammy Satterfield, Doddridge County Sheriff's Department, checks this happy guy's car seat, to ensure he is riding as safely as possible!



CPS HAPPENINGS IN GHSP REGION 8

Pictures from Princeton Child Safety Education Day 2 in the WV Coalfields HSP region on May 21st.



HOW TO GET CEUs FOR RECERTIFICATION!

You need six CEUs to recertify. Many may be done at your convenience, and you can use various combos of each of the following options to help gain your CEUs. Scan (or take a photo) and keep proof of completion electronically in case you are selected for a CEU audit.

1.) Take the LATCH Manual quiz at www.saferidenews.com. At the Safe Ride News home page, click on "CPSTs/Professionals" then "Recertification CEUs from SRN". Scroll down to LATCH manual section and click on the link (pdf) for the LATCH Quiz. 1 CEU max. (limit one quiz)

2.) Take the Child Restraint Manufacturer Instructions (CRMI) quiz at www.carseat.org. At the Safety Belt Safe USA home page, click on "CEUs for Recertification" (under the column Tools for Techs). To get to the quiz, you must click on the blue word quiz near the bottom of the page. 1 CEU max. (limit one quiz)

3.) You can earn up to 6 CEUs online with Webinars/online courses. Several quick links for online CEUs are available through your CPS Online Profile. Simply log in and click on the "Online CEUs" action item and select where you want to go.

4.) Complete Safe Kids/NHTSA Online Updates at <http://training.safekids.org/>. A variety of online courses are available on this site. After completing the course, take the online quiz and earn a CEU by scoring at least 80% on the quiz to receive a certificate. Your certificate will be emailed to you.

5.) Review the National CPS Board presentations www.cpsboard.org. A variety of online presentations, many from car seat manufacturers, are available for viewing. After watching the video (or reviewing the PDF), take the online quiz and earn a CEU by scoring at least 80% on the quiz to receive a certificate. Be ready to print your certificate.

SOURCE: http://cert.safekids.org/sites/default/files/tips_on_how_to_get_ceus_for_recertification_rev2016-3-4c.pdf

SAFETY CITY

Teaching Area Children About Traffic Safety

April 28, 2016 | Charleston, WV

Safety City is a sight to behold for many children in the Charleston area. It provides a child-sized version of what we adults encounter as drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists on the roadway each day.

Created in 1985, the mock city serves to educate 3rd graders in the Kanawha County school district, providing hands-on, indoor-outdoor learning about traffic safety, seat belt safety, pedestrian safety, and bicycle safety and the importance of helmets amongst other important safety topics.

The kids spend time both inside watching videos and interacting with a Charleston Police Officer, learning valuable safety messages before heading outside to put their newly learned skills to use. Once they go outside they get to drive on the "street" in electric-powered cars around a realistically designed miniature city, complete with traffic signals, crosswalks, and tiny buildings.

Reinforcement for the instruction is made by teachers when they leave Safety City and many have broader safety units which compliment what they learned in the "hands-on" practice at Safety City.

The children also get to take home incentive learning tools, such as pencils, rulers, coloring books, stickers, and other items with safety message imprints.

For more details on Safety City, visit:

<https://kcs.kana.k12.wv.us/Category/curriculum-and-instructional-services/1?parentid=529>



**DON'T FORGET
TO SUBMIT YOUR...**

- TECHNICIAN TIPS
- PICTURES AND STORIES
- UPCOMING CLASSES & EVENTS
- CPST QUESTIONS

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE RELEASED THIS OCTOBER, COVERING THE REST OF THE SUMMER AND CPS WEEK TOO! PLEASE SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS BY SEPTEMBER 31st to DMVGHSP@WV.GOV WITH THE SUBJECT LINE "OCTOBER 2016 CPS NEWSLETTER".

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO KEEP WV CHILDREN SAFE!

CHECKPOINT SUCCESS

July 1, 2016 | Ceredo, WV

On Friday July 1, 2016 the Ceredo Police Department conducted an Impaired Driving checkpoint from 8:00 pm to midnight at the intersection of U.S. RT. 60 & 6th Street West in Ceredo.

During the event, their CPST checked car seats for children who were not secured properly. During the 4-hour event a total of four child safety seats were checked and each were correctly reinstalled.

Each driver received valuable literature on seat belts and child safety seats, a free first aid kit, and the children received a coloring book about seat belts & car seats along with a stuffed animal wearing a seat belt safety slogan.

Numerous citations were issued and the evening considered a big success.

The Ceredo Police Department sends their thanks to Reyburns Wrecker Service for their participation and assistance during the checkpoint.

Source: SGT. Stephen R. Amis, Police Dispatcher/CPST

