

## Action Team: Occupant Protection

Report for Period: November 2010 – March 2011

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**Describe activities and accomplishments that occurred for each strategy/objective listed in your action plan and list goals for the upcoming reporting period.**

### **Recommendation #1**

Increase and strengthen the capacity of the Child Passenger Safety (CPS) network to conduct training.

CPS training classes conducted statewide from November 2010 thru March 2011

- Two technician certification classes,
- Two six-hour CEU training opportunities for technicians

CPS training classes currently scheduled for the remainder of this year include:

- Ten technician certification classes
- Three CEU classes
- One Renewal class

The CPS network is also working to educate technicians and the public on the new AAP/NHTSA guidelines regarding children riding rear-facing until the age of two.

### **Recommendation #2**

Develop and deliver CPS training for law enforcement.

The curriculum was previously provided to CPS Instructors to conduct classes in Michigan. Discussions are underway on ways to increase delivery of this program to existing law enforcement CPS technicians to provide training to their fellow officers.

### **Recommendation #3**

Increase enforcement of occupant protection laws, not just during campaigns.

\*Note: There are still a handful of courts not submitting so this is not 100% complete data.

YEAR	Safety Belt Citations	Child Restraint Citations
2007	98,044	4,690
2008	92,702	4,805
2009	84,343	5,443
2010	62,627	3,947
2011*	7,954	556

\*(as of 4/12/11)

### **Recommendation #4**

Assist hospitals with adopting a discharge policy and address liability concerns.

OHSP is planning to again hold two statewide hospital meetings in FY11. Hospital contacts will be surveyed to identify issues to be discussed during the meetings.

**Recommendation #5**

Develop a stand-alone, centralized, easy to remember, occupant protection/CPS website where the public can access timely, accurate, and consistent information on restraint laws and correct use of restraint systems, technical information and training opportunities and downloadable educational materials.

In conjunction with the website, coordinate a statewide toll-free telephone number to request educational materials and receive personal assistance.

The Michigan Safe Kids website is being used as the website for this recommendation. Information on Michigan occupant protection laws, correct use, and a calendar of upcoming events are posted on the site. The revamped website is currently up and running and will be continually improved as pages are added. The website can be viewed at [www.michigansafekids.org](http://www.michigansafekids.org).

**Recommendation #6**

Integrate CPS education into local health department programs that will include information on obtaining child restraints for their clients.

Michigan is currently awaiting the NHTSA Curriculum to be used for this program. Once this curriculum is available, CPS instructors and technicians may implement this program in their communities.

**Recommendation #7**

Conduct annual or biennial observational studies to monitor restraint use of children.

OHSP is working with Wayne State University to conduct a comprehensive child restraint use survey this summer for all child safety seats including booster seat use. A previous survey in June 2010 showed a statewide booster seat usage rate of 51.1%, which was a slight increase from the 51% usage rate a year prior.

**Additional Information:**

- National Child Passenger Safety Week is September 18-24, 2011. OHSP will work with the CPS network to have car seat check events conducted statewide.
- OHSP will coordinate a NHTSA Occupant Protection for Children Re-Assessment during the week of October 10, 2011. Presentations will be made by OHSP staff and CPS network representatives to a panel of CPS experts from across the country. The week will conclude with a report out by the panel on recommendations for Michigan to continue improvement of its OP/CPS programs.