



***CPS & OP Healthcare Project  
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**PEMAC UPDATE: November 6, 2019**  
**The CPS & OP Healthcare Project**

Since the last PEMAC meeting the project coordinator:

- Helped conduct two CPS certification courses: September 26-27 at the Winfield Fire Department (Carroll County) and November 5<sup>th</sup> at Laurel VFD.
- Conducted four exhibits on CPS at events: Topics in Trauma (9/20/19); Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference (9/24/19), Maryland Occupational Therapists Association conference (10/4/19) and the Wellness Day at the Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission headquarters (10/22/19). Also helped with Univ MD Medical Center's exhibit on CPS on 9/19.
- Conducted a webinar on September 9<sup>th</sup> that was also archived and placed on the MIEMSS' CPS training webpage for future listeners. The webinar is titled, "Understanding the WHY of Seatbelts and Child Restraints," and features Dr Janet Bahouth, CEO of Impact Research Inc. The webinar qualifies for one CEU for CPSTs and one credit for Maryland EMS providers.
- Helped at five safety seat checks: two in Baltimore City, one in Jacksonville, one in Gaithersburg, and one in White Marsh. The Gaithersburg check was sponsored by Fitzgerald Auto Mall and was directed at Hispanic families, who also got free car seats. Served as mentor/ recertification CPST-I for four CPSTs.
- Lent the state/Central Maryland heatstroke display to two different agencies.
- Conducted a social media campaign for the national CPS week (September 15-21) and prepared social media messages for release in conjunction with Teen Safe Driver Week, Drowsy Driving Prevention Week, and Thanksgiving/Click It or Ticket.
- Conducted a 6 month follow up survey of nurses who attended the April workshop on CPS. Will use their feedback to plan future trainings.
- Obtained 4,000 new "Every Child Deserves a Safe Ride" brochures from the MD Highway Safety Office and began distributing them statewide.

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