

CarFit Corner

Welcome to CarFit Corner!

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In an effort to keep those of you in the CarFit community connected, GTIPI is now issuing a statewide,

quarterly e-newsletter to all of our CarFit Technicians and Event Coordinators. These newsletters are meant to serve as a resource, a means of receiving useful information about what is new with CarFit

and a way to network and share ideas with other Technicians and Event Coordinators in other areas.

If you want to share a story, get feedback on an idea or ask for help with an upcoming event, please let us know! We will be happy to include your message in our next issue.

Hosting Your Own Training and Check Event

As a CarFit Event Coordinator, you are able to both host your own check event and train CarFit Technicians to help with an event. In order for your training and/or event to be successful, here are a few reminders:

1. Notify GTIPI of your intended CarFit training/event date(s) prior to marketing it to the public. CarFit is a national program that requires all trainings and events to be posted on the national site. GTIPI can do this for you!
2. Ten (10) days prior to your training or check event, submit the number of confirmed participants to GTIPI. GTIPI will then send you ALL the materials you will need.
3. If you are hosting a CarFit Technician Training, please note that all trainees must participate in a CarFit event within two weeks of the training. Without event participation, a trainee will not be fully certified.
4. Remember, at least one Event Coordinator **MUST** be present at every CarFit event. Also, it is ideal to have a CarFit trained Occupational Therapist working the check-out station.
5. GTIPI is always here to help!

Ways to Implement the CarFit Program

1. CarFit Event. The classic means of delivering the program consisting of Check-

In, Check-Up and Check-Out stations. This method can be done as a stand alone event or in conjunction with a larger event such as a safety fair or senior day.



Remember, notify GTIPI of your event and we'll ship you all the materials you'll need for FREE! Also, Event Coordinators can train their own Technicians to work the event.

2. One-on-One Check/Fitting Station. This CarFit method allows for appointment times to be set-up for seniors to come and be checked. This may make it easier for those who do not have the time or resources to

host an event. If the technician performing the check is not an occupational therapist, a means of referring participants with red flag issues to an occupational therapist or driving rehabilitation specialist should be in place.



3. Placed at the End of a Driver Safety Course. If an instructor delivering a senior driver safety course is also a CarFit Technician, they may insert the program at the end of their course. Seniors can be checked in their vehicles as the last segment of the course. Participants with red flag issues should be referred to an occupational therapist or driving rehabilitation specialist.

Ending 2009 with a 'Bang!'

The year is coming to a close and it has been wonderful! This year, GTIPI certified **47** Event Coordinators and, with your help, checked **over 100** seniors at check events. Our collective efforts across the State are part of the reason why the number of traffic related fatalities among mature drivers is on the decline. According to the Fatality Accident Reporting System, an 8% drop in elderly deaths (65 and older) can be seen since CarFit's 2007 inception.

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2010 CarFit Trainings in Conyers:

Technician/Event Coordinator	April 27-28
Technician	June 2
Technician/Event Coordinator	September 21-22



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