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**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2009 12:32 PM  
**To:** Magno, Gregory <NHTSA> [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** RE: Head on Crash - with - 2005 Cobalt NEW Screening Issue  
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Thanks Greg.

I will keep you posted on the progress of our investigation.

harold

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**From:** Magno, Gregory <NHTSA>  
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**To:** Herrera, Harold <NHTSA>  
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**Sensitivity:** Private

Harold-

Thanks for the tip. Given the severity, the vehicle model involved, & the on-road nature of the crash, we'd like to learn more circumstances.

Thanks

Greg

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**From:** Herrera, Harold <NHTSA>

**Sent:** Friday, April 03, 2009 12:25 PM  
**To:** Magno, Gregory <NHTSA>  
**Subject:** Head on Crash - with - 2005 Cobalt  
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Greg,

Let me know if you are interested in the following crash:

The 2005 Cobalt air bags did not deploy in the "head-on" crash and the driver and passenger were killed. Also there is a 1 year old strapped into a car seat that survived.

In case this is not a full 12 o'clock:

A search of the NHTSA database indicates:

**NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**

**07V014000**

**Summary:**

**CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES NOT EQUIPPED WITH OPTIONAL ROOF-MOUNTED SIDE IMPACT AIR BAGS FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 201, 'OCCUPANT PROTECTION IN INTERIOR IMPACT.'**

**Consequence:**

**IN A CRASH, HEAD IMPACT PROTECTION MAY BE INADEQUATE.**

**Remedy:**

**DEALERS WILL INSTALL ENERGY ABSORBING PLASTIC TO THE HEADLINER TRIM TO REDUCE THE SEVERITY OF HEAD IMPACTS IN A CRASH. THE RECALL BEGAN ON MARCH 21, 2007.**

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Three dead in Clarion Co. crash

04/03/2009

Three people died in a two-vehicle head-on collision Thursday night in Clarion County and a 1-year-old boy who survived was flown to a Pittsburgh hospital.

Clarion-based state police said Dennis Bussell, 47, Clarion, the driver of one car, and Esther Matthew, 73, of Knox, the driver of the second vehicle, and her passenger, a 13-year-old girl, also of Knox, were killed.

A second passenger in Matthews' vehicle, a 1-year-old boy, was secured in a child safety seat. He suffered moderate injuries and was flown from the scene to Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh.

The crash occurred at 10:52 p.m. on Route 208 about 1 mile east of Knox in Beaver Township.

Police said Bussell was driving a 2001 Hyundai Sonata west on Route 208 when he entered the eastbound lane and hit Matthews' 2005 Chevrolet Cobalt head-on. The Hyundai came to rest on the south berm. The Chevrolet came to rest north of the road.

None of the victims were wearing seatbelts. Bussell's airbag deployed. The airbags in Matthews' Chevrolet did not.

Both vehicles were severely damaged.

Knox fire crews, Knox Ambulance and Punxsutawney-based state police assisted.

The bonus on this one....is that it is near **Punxsutawney, PA**...so if we do the case they get to meet **Phil**...