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Tammy Franks Named to National Child Passenger Safety Board

Itasca, IL – The National Child Passenger Safety Board (NCPSB) is proud to announce the appointment of Tammy Franks to the Board, as CPS Advocate during the 2016-2018 term. Franks is the Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Coordinator at Randall Children’s Hospital at Legacy Emanuel in Portland, Oregon.

Tammy Franks attended a seat check event in 1998 with her then six-week old child and received education from a technician on why an after-market head support was not safe to use in her son’s seat. Franks’ gratitude for this education inspired her to take a 5-hour CPS awareness training to share the knowledge she gained. In her words, “she was hooked”, and registered for one of Oregon’s first CPS technician (CPST) certification courses. She went on to become a CPST Instructor in 1999, and eventually left her career in education administration to work in injury prevention.

“I never imagined that I would work in injury prevention, but once I started I sought every opportunity to get involved at the local, state, and national levels. While training for my first job after graduating from college, my mentor shared the following Katherine Graham quote with me. “To love what you do and feel that it matters- how could anything be more fun?” This is child passenger safety to me. It’s a gift to be able to share my passion daily.” said Franks.

Franks has worked to expand Randall Children’s Hospital’s CPS program. The program currently provides in-patient and out-patient services and also coordinates the state’s CPS training grant. In 2014, Randall Children’s Hospital CPS team conducted over 900 car seat checks and demonstrations and is on-track to do the same this year.

Franks finds providing services to children with special transportation needs especially rewarding. Transportation evaluations are conducted for children with special needs by request. Families are offered the opportunity to see and trial conventional and specialized seats. Assistance is provided to procure funding for the seats and later for proper installation. Franks also instructs the Safe Travel for All Children course throughout the U.S.

In addition, Franks has served on the planning committee for the KIDZ IN MOTION National Child Passenger Safety Conference since 2010.

Her work in the field has been recognized with the Oregon Transportation Safety Award Recipient of Child Injury Prevention Individual in 2001, the Washington State “Out of the Box” Award in 2007, the Automotive Safety Program Instructor Spotlight in 2010, and the KIDZ IN MOTION Child Passenger Safety Heroes Recognition in 2008, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

“It’s impressive that Tammy’s success and accomplishments in the CPS field were inspired by a check-up event she attended as a new mother. This speaks to the passion and commitment we see in so many technicians. Tammy has worked diligently in the area of special needs transportation and her work at Randall Children’s Hospital serves as a model for other healthcare organizations. We are delighted to welcome her to the Board,” said Amy Artuso, NCPSB secretariat and program manager at the National Safety Council.

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About the National Child Passenger Safety Board

The National Child Passenger Safety Board, managed by the National Safety Council, seeks to maintain the quality and integrity of the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program. The program is used to train and certify child passenger safety technicians and instructors. For more information about child passenger safety or the National CPS Board, please visit the Board’s website at www.cpsboard.org.

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