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Randy Chhabra Named to National Child Passenger Safety Board

Itasca, IL – The National Child Passenger Safety Board (NCPSB) is proud to announce the appointment of Randy Chhabra to serve as the board’s Public Safety Fire/EMS Representative. Chhabra serves as captain of Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services in Texas.

Chhabra earned a Bachelor of Science in Genetics from Iowa State University and completed paramedic certification at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa. He was first certified as a child passenger safety technician (CPST) in 2002 while working as a paramedic in Iowa. Shortly after receiving his national technician certification he moved to Austin, Texas. His experience as a paramedic responding to vehicle crashes inspired him to take the Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) certification course again in 2008. “After several events where I had to inform well-intentioned caregivers that their children were either injured or deceased, I chose to try to do something to prevent caregivers and other first responders from having those traumatic experiences,” said Chhabra. He became a CPS instructor in 2011, and now leads a regional program that supports child passenger safety programming in eight counties.

Chhabra considers the expansion of CPS programming that has unified regional public safety agencies, as well as the innovative digitization of CPS programs across the state of Texas, to be his most rewarding work in the field. He says, “The introduction of a digital online format includes a checklist to capture pre- and post-education data and follow-up surveys for caregivers to gauge knowledge and behavior change. Having multiple programs utilize one digital format allows us to compare programs and identify techniques that are more effective with community engagement.”

Due to his dedication, innovation and commitment, Chhabra has earned several awards and accolades in the child passenger safety field, including Safe Kids Austin Technician of the Year, the Catholic Charities Social Ministry Award, ATCEMS Distinguished Service Award and ATCEMS Randy Trinkle Perseverance Award.

For more about the new board members, please visit www.cpsboard.org/learn-about-the-board.

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 www.cpsboard.org.

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