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## Tammy Franks Appointed as Secretariat of the National Child Passenger Safety Board Former Board Chair to Fill Role Currently Occupied by Amy Artuso

ITASCA, IL – The National Child Passenger Safety Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Tammy Franks as the new Board Secretariat. She brings an intimate knowledge of the Board's inner workings to the role having served as the Board Chair from 2019 to 2020.

Since completing her tenure as Chair in May, Franks has continued to work closely with the Board in her role as a program manager with the National Safety Council and through a partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. She is leading efforts to develop and update child passenger transportation safety curriculum.

Franks replaces Amy Artuso as Board Secretariat, a position appointed by NSC. Artuso is stepping down after 10 years with the Board, including serving as Chair in 2012. Artuso will remain active in child passenger safety circles through her work as an NSC senior program manager.

"Tammy Franks brings years of experience in strategic planning and programming to the National Child Passenger Safety Board, and we look forward to working with her in this new role," Board Chairperson Lonny Haschel said. "We thank Amy for her service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors with the National Safety Council."

Franks has worked in the injury prevention field for more than 20 years. Prior to joining NSC in 2018, she was the child passenger safety coordinator at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel in Portland, OR. She developed and coordinated child passenger safety inpatient, outpatient and community outreach services for the multi-hospital system. During her time in Oregon, she also served as the state's child passenger safety training coordinator.

Franks more recently has moved back to her home state of Ohio and lives in Burton with her family. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science and German from Wittenberg University and master's degree in international politics from the University of North Texas. Franks has been a nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor since 1999 and active in special needs transportation safety since 2005. In her free time, she enjoys practicing yoga, hiking and exploring national parks.

## **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 Technician Certification Training curriculum. The curriculum 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 https://www.cpsboard.org