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Justin Young Appointed to National Child Passenger Safety Board

Virginia deputy 'DARES' to go the extra mile to keep kids safe

ITASCA, IL – The National Child Passenger Safety Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Justin Young to the Board. He will serve on the Board in the position of Public Safety Law Enforcement Representative.

Young is a Master Deputy and D.A.R.E. Officer with the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office in Spotsylvania, VA. He first became a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician in 2008 – in large part because his job put him in regular contact with children using car seats and their families. He also was looking for a way to positively impact his community by implementing injury prevention tactics. By 2014, he was training new CPSTs as an Instructor and the leader of Sheriff's Office CPS efforts.

Young fills a slot on the Board previously occupied by Lt. Lonny Haschel, the current Board Chair and a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Young's three-year term of service will run to May of 2024.

"I am happy to pass the baton to Justin," Haschel said. "In his role as a D.A.R.E. Officer, he has been working around children, parents and caregivers for many years. He is able to share his knowledge, connect with children and influence them to choose the right path. He will be an excellent conduit between the law enforcement community and the Board."

Under Young's leadership, Spotsylvania has expanded its CPS efforts and now is listed as a Virginia Department of Health Safety Seat Check Station. The Sheriff's Office CPS team has grown to 20 CPSTs, plays host to 6-12 community events annually and accommodates year-round individual car seat checks.

Young has assisted the Virginia DMV Highway Safety Office with certification courses around the state. He also has worked with the Department of Social Services and businesses that provide transportation services to residents. In addition, he has helped with CPS training at two local hospitals.

Young says one of his most rewarding jobs is working with individual caregivers to address examples of car seat misuse. He makes it his mission to ensure caregivers depart interactions feeling better educated and satisfied their children will be safer going forward.

“Justin is an educator, planner and doer,” Haschel said. “He is known to ask questions and relies on data to help him make informed decisions. We’re thrilled to welcome him to the Board.”

Young lives in Spotsylvania, which is halfway between Washington, D.C., and Richmond. He and his wife, Gretchen, are raising two boys. In his spare time, Justin enjoys reading, running and model rocketry. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography and a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from Mary Washington College (VA).

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