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Scott Downing Appointed to National Child Passenger Safety Board

Oregon Fire Captain Known as 'Go-To' Technician

ITASCA, IL – The National Child Passenger Safety Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Scott Downing to the Board. He will serve on the Board in the position of Public Safety Fire/EMS Representative.

Downing is a Fire Captain and move-up Battalion Chief at Jackson County Fire District 3 in the Rogue Valley, located in southwestern Oregon. He has been involved in traffic safety and public safety outreach for almost 20 years. His child passenger safety background dates to his days as a scribe at drive-in checkup events. Later, he gained national certification as a Child Passenger Safety Technician and Instructor.

Downing will fill the position currently held by Cpt. Randy Chhabra of Austin, TX, with his term of service on the Board ending in May 2024.

“We are fortunate to have Scott on our team,” National Child Passenger Safety Board Chair Lonny Haschel said. “He brings a wealth of knowledge to the Board and will be an excellent representative for all Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians across the country, especially those who are in EMS and the fire service.”

Downing knows how to keep kids close to his heart. He is a “go-to” Technician, but not because he is the only certified Technician in his Fire house. He answers questions and provides CPS assistance to parents and caregivers via email, phone and in-person appointments. He has spoken at safety fairs, regularly provides education and training to a community pregnancy support group and partner agencies such as Child Protective Services and the County Child Welfare Department.

Downing serves as vice-chair on an ODOT advisory board for County Road Safety Corridors, a group working to implement state legislation. His connections with the Oregon Department of Transportation have led to a groundswell of other CPS activities and educational opportunities, including a number of certification training courses.

“Some follow the people, Scott leads the people to safety,” Haschel said. “His enthusiasm for keeping children safe is contagious.”

Downing lives in Eagle Point, OR, with his wife, Julie. They have two grown boys, love to travel and are raising a mini-Golden Doodle. Scott holds an associate degree in fire science and bachelor’s degree in fire service administration.

About the National Child Passenger Safety Board

The National Child Passenger Safety Board, a program managed by the National Safety Council, seeks to maintain the quality and integrity of the National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training. 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