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Michael Munson Appointed to National Child Passenger Safety Board
Texas Master Peace Officer Perfect Fit for Public Safety – Law Enforcement Role

ITASCA, IL – The National Child Passenger Safety Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Munson to the Board. He will serve the Board as its Public Safety – Law Enforcement representative.

Munson is a Master Peace Officer with the police department in Webster, Texas. In his current role, he works as the communications manager, overseeing dispatch operations, software migration and IT-related systems. He is serving on his second stint with the department, first retiring as a Sergeant after 25 years in 2017. Munson replaces Justin Young, who was the Board law enforcement representative from 2021 to 2024.

Munson has been a Child Passenger Safety Technician and Instructor for more than 23 years. He once led a team of 14 Webster police Telecommunicators who operated a 24/7 car seat inspection station servicing the greater Houston area. The team's work still is recognized today as one of the most successful community relations initiatives the department implemented.

"We expect Michael to be a valuable asset," National Child Passenger Safety Board Chair Jim Savage said. "He comes to the Board with a great deal of knowledge on how to involve law enforcement personnel in activities that lead to positive change. This includes putting car seat education and safety resources within easy reach of parents and caregivers."

When Munson returned for this second stint with the Webster Police Department in 2022, he was quick to reinvigorate the agency's work in child passenger safety. He launched a monthly car seat inspection station and worked to double the number of certified Technicians in the department. He estimates he has educated more than 800 law enforcement officers on how to recognize child passengers that are at risk and how to assist caregivers in efforts to ensure the safe transportation of all children.

Munson regularly works with CPS groups across the state of Texas. In addition to leading Technician certification training courses, he speaks at a local, regional and national events.

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In fact, at the Lifesavers Conference on Roadway Safety in Seattle, he led a presentation on how to engage law enforcement personnel as a proactive resource in child passenger safety.

"I became a CPST because I could not get my first child's seat installed correctly," Munson said. "Now, 24 years later, I am still fully engaged in the best thing I have been involved in, and I have enough personal stories to fill a small set of encyclopedias, if anyone today knows what those are."

As a member of the Board, Munson plans to continue to push law enforcement officers and other emergency service workers toward CPS activities that can produce positive outcomes. He also wants to focus on the CPS certification teaching curriculum.

"I am really interested in curriculum development and what we can do to continue improving the course," he said.

Munson lives in League City, Texas, with his wife, Jennifer. The two have been married for 28 years and have four adult children, Cameron, 23, Caden, 21, Colton, 19, and Camille, 18. In his free time, Michael enjoys woodworking. He also volunteers in the mental health field with the Galveston County Critical Incident Stress Management Team.

About the National Child Passenger Safety Board

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