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Travis Marsh Appointed to National Child Passenger Safety Board

Oregon Firefighter and EMT Brings Hands-On Experience to New Role

ITASCA, IL – The National Child Passenger Safety Board is proud to welcome Travis Marsh as its newest member. Marsh, a dedicated advocate for child passenger safety, will serve as the Board's Public Safety–Fire/EMS Representative. He brings nearly 15 years of hands-on experience to the role.

Marsh, a captain at Grants Pass Fire Rescue in Oregon, leads the Josephine County Child Passenger Safety Coalition. He works directly with families to ensure children travel safely. His team provides car seats to families in need and educates caregivers on correct installation of car seats—critical work that has made a lasting impact in his community.

Travis steps into a role previously held by Scott Downing, who served as Public Safety–Fire/EMS representative from May 2021 to May 2025 and Board Chair from May 2024 to May 2025.

A Passion for Helping in Critical Moments

"We're excited to have Travis join the Board," said Board Chair Kristel Robison. "Not only does he bring expertise in child passenger safety, but he also has an incredible passion for helping families—something that shines through in his work as a firefighter and EMT. His experience responding to emergencies gives him unique insight into just how important correctly using car seats can be."

Marsh first became a Child Passenger Safety Technician in 2009 and earned his CPS Instructor credentials in 2014. Known for his problem-solving skills, he has earned a reputation as a "Mr. Fix It" type—on occasion meeting caregivers at crash scenes to help them replace damaged car seats at a moment's notice.

"Having the opportunity to fix even one unexpected consequence of an already stressful situation is so rewarding," Marsh said. "The best Technicians and Instructors I've worked with

are flexible, patient and compassionate. They take the time to get things right, even when nothing is going as planned.”

Beyond the Firehouse

Marsh’s commitment to public safety extends beyond child passenger safety. He studied fire science and firefighting at Rogue Community College before earning a bachelor’s degree through the SOU Innovation and Leadership program. He is a certified by the Oregon Health Authority as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Outside of work, Marsh enjoys traveling, camping and cheering on the Oregon Ducks and Seattle Seahawks. He also has a competitive streak—hitting the pickleball courts whenever he can.

At home in Grants Pass, Marsh shares life with his wife, Becca, who works in marketing operations, and their 5-year-old son, Bodhi. Like many kids his age, Bodhi loves sports and is convinced he is Spider-Man.

About the National Child Passenger Safety Board

The National Child Passenger Safety Board’s mission is to save lives and prevent injuries by promoting child passenger safety through education, mentorship, engagement and innovation. The Board’s work is managed by the National Safety Council. For more information about child passenger safety or the National CPS Board, please visit the Board’s website:

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