



POLICE DEPARTMENT
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POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Officer Stacy Dawkins is very passionate about child safety and the proper use of child safety restraints. She devotes a lot of time and attention to the program locally and on a state level. She actively recruits fellow officers and lay persons to become child safety restraint technicians.

As noted by Bobbi Paper of Safe Kids F/M:

"Stacy became a technician in 2000 and a certified instructor in 2004. Stacy is one of 7 instructors for the state of ND. She conducts 1-2 trainings per year to train new technicians. Stacy is an instructor that is there for the students. Her teaching style, knowledge, and enthusiasm for what she does makes the learning environment top-notch.

Stacy is also a senior checker for Safe Kids Fargo/Moorhead. As senior checker, she is responsible to ensure the community car seat checks run smoothly and that all individuals leave our events safer than when they arrived. Once a certified technician checks a car seat and provides education to the parent/caregiver, it is Stacy's job as a Senior Checker to review the education provided, as well as make sure the car seat is secure and the child is buckled up correctly. Safe Kids Fargo/Moorhead has 35 certified technicians that Stacy gives guidance to. Also as Senior Checker, Stacy attends quarterly meetings regarding the Buckle Up program.

Stacy also served on the Safe Kids Executive Committee from 2006-2008. The Executive Committee is responsible for making decisions regarding budget, programming, and funding for Safe Kids Fargo/Moorhead. This group meets on a quarterly basis.

Stacy is one of Safe Kids Fargo/Moorhead's "go-to-people." She is always available to provide insight to questions Safe Kids members or the community may have regarding Child Passenger Safety. Stacy is willing to do whatever is needed to ensure the children in our community are riding safely. "

As a working patrol officer, Stacy must balance her time between her assigned duties and those of a child safety restraint technician and instructor. The time necessary to conduct initial training, attend re-certification training and conduct installation and inspections is enormous. By not being involved directly with the program I had no idea the initial training would require a 40 hour training program or that a proper installation would take more than a half hour.

Noted in Bobbi Paper's comments above the Safe Kids Fargo/ Moorhead Coalition is a very active and successful child safety program. Stacy is key component to the success of that

program. The program is able to conduct monthly installation clinics as well as numerous special event installations. Stacy's involvement in training of child restraint technicians at the state level develops child safety program elsewhere in North Dakota. She has conducted six classes training 114 child restraint technicians. Prevention is a difficult result to measure. My measure of success would be the longevity of the program locally and the continued interest of the public in the program.

Stacy had previously taught the D.A.R.E. program for the West Fargo Police Department. She is one of the ambassadors for the Department with her cheery personality and high spirited enthusiasm.

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