

Trauma Intervention Program of San Diego County

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Meet TIP's New Board Member: Lorraine Hutchinson

Mayor Kevin Faulconer and the City Council declared it Lorraine Hutchinson Day in San Diego on Tuesday June 23rd in honor of the trailblazing firefighter and breast cancer survivor. Hutchinson, who is retiring as a deputy chief after a 25-year career with the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, was the first African-American woman to be promoted to engineer, captain, battalion chief and her current position. She has served as the department's health and wellness officer, emergency medical services coordinator and head of logistics, and held leadership positions in several outside organizations. Her battle with cancer resulted in honors from the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which sponsors local events to raise money to fight the disease, and the San Diego Padres. She credits a

2012 mammogram for revealing her condition and now speaks out about early detection. "I feel that when I stumbled on this career 25 years ago, I hit the lottery," Hutchinson told the council. "Not in terms of monetary value, though, in terms of finding the career that I am so suited for and love." Hutchinson, 50, said she was working as a medical assistant when a friend - the wife of a firefighter - suggested she try to join the fire department. Her minority status "times two" didn't matter because department leaders recognized her potential, she said. She said a merit-based promotion system instituted by former Chief Jeff Bowman resulted in her scoring the highest on the battalion chief's examination. "I was finally able to show anyone who had any doubt about me that I deserved to be here," Hutchinson said.

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Congratulations to our Speaker's Bureau Volunteers!



The TIP Team trained volunteers to be part of our Speaker's Bureau to help with Community Outreach and education!

Special thanks to Bruce Bishop for being able to train us and be prepared for speaking in front of the public!

Interested in joining TIP Team?

**Be part of the team that helps our community!
Sign up for a local academy now!**

**Training Academy Coming Soon:
East County: August 6th-15th, 2015
North County Coastal: April 6th-16th, 2016**

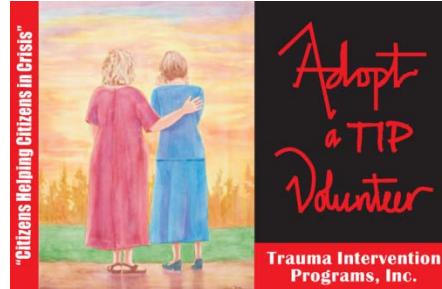
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How to become a TIP Supporter

TIP is always in search of supporters! Try our new "Adopt a Volunteer" Campaign or visit our "Amazon Wishlist" to purchase supplies TIP needs!

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TIP National: New Chapter Expands to Western North Carolina

We are pleased to announce that the Trauma Intervention Program will be expanding to Western North Carolina.

TIP National along with elected officials, public safety officials and community leaders have worked together to make TIP a reality in Buncombe County and surrounding areas.

According to Wayne Fortin TIP's Founder & CEO, TIP is very committed to establishing TIP Chapters across the country. "We are very excited about establishing our first Chapter in North

Carolina" said Fortin. "TIP of Western North Carolina will not only serve survivors of tragedy in that area, but will increase our organization's presence on the East Coast", he said.

TIP of WNC will provide TIP services to Buncombe County which includes the city of Asheville, as well as the neighboring city of Hendersonville.

"Western North Carolina is a perfect location for a TIP program," says Mandy Atkission, TIP Chief Development Officer, "the elected officials and public safety agencies are very progressive and found the TIP program to be an excellent way to provide a continuation of care to the citizens they serve."

Asheville Fire Chief Scott Burnette echoes this thought saying "TIP is an extension of our firefighters. When the limits of the firefighters ability to help are reached, TIP volunteers pick up at that point and carry the victims forward toward recovery."

TIP has scheduled the first training academy for October, 2015 and plans to launch the program in mid-November.

[For more details visit: http://www.tipnational.org](http://www.tipnational.org)



TIP Gives Special Thanks!

Thank You | Big thanks to the Coastal Community Foundation and the Solana Beach Fund for our grant award of \$5000 that will be used for upgrading our technology as well as recruiting residents of Solana Beach.

Thank You | A heartfelt thanks and appreciation to VI Dupre and the Fallbrook Healthcare District for their continued support! We are honored to have been approved for an \$8000 grant.

Thank You | A huge thank you to Daryl Mayekawa and Gerrica Gray-Johnson at the San Diego Convention Center Corporation for their generous donation of paper to TIP. We appreciate the donation of over 50 reams of paper! This is a huge help to our organization!

Thank You | Special thanks to the San Dieguito Assistance League and Janice Daulton for their support to TIP through a donation of 60 teddy bears! These are a huge help to clients that are children.