

2005 FWSA Safety Person of the Year

TJ BARNES

This year's Safety Person of the Year winner was Teresa "TJ" Barnes of the North Island Snowdrifters (San Diego Council). T.J., who is also a registered nurse, has originated a very unique safety campaign for hearing impaired people.

She related that some time ago, while skiing, someone called out to her that he was passing on one side. Because of her own hearing loss, she did not hear him and a collision followed. TJ has come up with an organization called Hearing U Inc.

She developed a distinct logo, which is a drawing of an ear with a question mark in it. By placing this on an individual's back it is apparent to most people that their hearing is compromised so that appropriate safety measures can be taken.

This logo is being promoted in a widespread fashion to places like Mammoth Mountain, The Salk Institute in La Jolla and the San Diego Port Authority, among others. T. J. Barnes, "The Voice of Hearing", we salute you as this year's worthy recipient.

