

Traffic Safety Association of Macomb County 2012 Highlights

The Traffic Safety Association provides many services and activities for our Macomb County communities. These are just a few of the highlights we have accomplished in 2012:



TSA continues to work with the **Macomb County Juvenile Court** in their diversion program, providing numerous educational programs to assist young offenders. The goal of these programs is to help juvenile offenders learn techniques to avoid future inappropriate decision making, which will result in finding themselves in the legal system again.



TSA participated in a "Scribble-Live" online chat regarding Michigan's new teenage driving laws with CARE, AAA Michigan, and the Macomb Daily.



TSA is certified by the **Michigan Department of State** and the **National Safety Council** to teach the **Basic Driver Improvement Course (BDIC)**. Eligible drivers participate in this program to avoid points (0-3) on their driving record. This program gives TSA the opportunity to provide drivers with a classroom refresher course on basic traffic safety principles.



The **National Safety Council** has awarded TSA with their "Defensive Driving Star Award" for our work in providing education to our court-referred students through our certified Defensive Driving Course, the Attitudinal Dynamics of Driving Course, and the Michigan Department of State referrals for the Basic Driver Improvement Course.



CARE presented a **Certificate of Appreciation Award** to TSA in recognition for our many years of dedication and commitment to CARE and the community.



TSA met with Macomb County's new **Adult Drug Court** and **Veteran's Court** and established a new "Lifequest" program for their participants. LifeQuest is an educational program that encourages the development of skills needed to make responsible and informed choices. The curriculum provides comprehensive, practical information for adults to help develop skills for daily living and empower them to take control of their lives.



TSA along with **Macomb Juvenile Court** developed the "Life-Skills Enrichment and Development Program" (LEAD). This is an interactive program that will help young adults develop winning attitudes and skill-sets through thought-provoking concepts, practice and application. The overall goal of the LEAD Program is to bring about a positive change in order to assist them with becoming responsible productive citizens.



TSA is proud to be the lead agency for the "Macomb Safe Kids Coalition". TSA provides child restraint inspections at our facility at no charge to Macomb County residents on request.



TSA has updated their classrooms with enhanced visual-aid equipment to better serve our clients educational needs.



TSA continues to provide educational programs to our local **Macomb County District and Circuit Court** referred clients. These programs include the Alcohol Highway Safety Program Level I and Level II, Drug Awareness Program, Anger Management Program, Defensive Driving Course, Attitudinal Dynamics of Driving Course, Youth Education Success Program, FATE (Retail Fraud) Program, Driver Efficiency Evaluation Program, and the Tobacco Awareness Program. Along with our new Lifequest and LEAD classes.



In our continued commitment to serve our communities, we have **made our facility available to other non-profit organizations**, as well as local communities in Macomb County. This year we have accommodated CARE's Parenting Class and Paper People classes during their restoration of their building due to a major flood in their basement. CARE's WorkLife Solutions presentation on drugs. Macomb County Health Department and the Macomb Safe Kids Coalition.



A breakfast meeting for TSA Board of Directors and membership was held. Charlene McGunn, Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families, and Ken Krygel, Drug and Alcohol Specialist, gave a presentation on "Trends in Alcohol and Other Drug Use by Youth and A Community Coalition's Response".



Over 400 individual classroom **Alcohol Awareness Prevention Programs** were presented through TSA efforts to Macomb County middle and high school, alternative education, and driver education students. Monthly visits to the Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center also played an important part in our commitment to our educational program. All programs were presented at no charge to the targeted population.



TSA staff was requested to participate in numerous community events providing information and materials to the general public on alcohol, underage drinking, child restraints, bicycle safety and numerous other traffic safety topics. Events attended were New Baltimore's "Make a Difference Day" Sterling Heights' "National Night Out" and "Wellness day", as well as numerous bike rodeos throughout the county.



Provided local police departments with **traffic collision data** on a monthly basis.



Successfully promoted all **TSA/AHSP** materials, services and educational or training programs, to all community district courts in Macomb County, in an attempt to better serve our communities.



For 28 years, TSA has provided state-required training for **Macomb adult school crossing guards**. This certified training helps local school districts, as well as police departments meet their obligation of mandated training. We offer this training to all Macomb County police departments and local school districts upon request at no charge throughout the school year.



TSA is proud to have the financial support and representation of local communities in Macomb County, forming a partnership that was established since 1972 to better serve our residents.



Our **Buckle Bear** costume is available for local parades, library hours, and special events throughout the county at no charge to communities, police departments, school districts, and other non-profit organizations. This concept is a great way to promote seat belt and child restraint use to old and young alike.



Our Association continues to loan our **fatal vision goggles, puppets and other visual aids** to enhance presentations in our communities offered by local police departments.