## **Traffic Safety Association of Macomb County 2014 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 2014:

- TSA withstood a major flood in January 2014 caused by a burst water pipe in the ceiling during the sub zero cold spell, which totally destroyed the office area of our building. TSA staff is proud to say they never missed a day providing complete services to the courts and clients during the six month renovation of the facility.
- TSA's **Executive Director, Gail P. Peterson retired** on April 28, 2014 after **37 years** of dedicated service to the Traffic Safety Association of Macomb County. Gail has moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to enjoy her retirement.
- Christopher J. Lineberger became TSA's Director of Operations, and Robert W. Kirchoff, M.D. became the Director of Marketing.
- TSA opened an onsite "**Urine Drug Screening Laboratory**" in December at the request of the **Macomb County Circuit Specialty Court**. The Drug Screening Lab offers an affordable multi-panel screening with <u>instant results</u> accessible anytime. This Drug Lab is open to all Macomb County courts, employers, etc.
- 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.
- TSA's Alcohol Highway Safety Program (AHSP) obtained a **SARF License** by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs for **Substance Abuse Screenings** and **DLAD Assessments** (Driver License Appeal Division). TSA/AHSP provided **Substance Abuse Assessments** for the **Macomb County Circuit Specialty Courts**.
- Honorable Matthew P. Sabaugh, Judge, 37<sup>th</sup> District Court-Warren, became a TSA Executive Committee member.
- 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 could result in finding themselves in the legal system again.
- TSA continues to **provide educational programs** to our local **Macomb County District** and **Circuit Court** referred clients: 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.
- TSA provided the **Defensive Driving Course (DDC)** to **SMART Bus employees** at their facility in Clinton Township.
- TSA implemented a National Safety Council "**Teen Driver Improvement**" course to their educational curriculum.

- TSA partnered with MDOT and the Road Commission of Macomb County for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual "Traffic Incident Workshop" held at Macomb Community College Center Campus. The event included a tour of Macomb County's Communications and Technology Center.
- 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.
- 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 the **Macomb Safe Kids Coalition Technician Training**.
- Provided local police departments with traffic collision data on a monthly basis.
- Successfully promoted all TSA/AHSP materials, services, educational and training programs, to all district courts in Macomb County, the Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development "Prisoner Re-Entry Program", and Michigan Works in an attempt to better serve our communities.
- The Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) graciously hosted two TSA Board of Director breakfast meetings for TSA Board of Directors and membership. The May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting announced the retirement of TSA's Executive Director, Gail P. Peterson on April 28, 2014 after 37 years of dedicated service to the Traffic Safety Association of Macomb County. TSA President John Russi introduced Christopher J. Lineberger as Director of Operations, and Robert W. Kirchoff, M.D. as Director of Marketing. The October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting Judge Dean Ausilio gave a presentation on "The 37<sup>th</sup> District Court-Warren Drug Court Update".
- For 30 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 Director of Operations Christopher Lineberger attended a two-day **Substance Abuse Conference** in Lansing.
- TSA participated in **Eastpointe**, **Roseville** and **Chippewa Valley Schools Coalition** meetings.
- 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.
- 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 Chesterfield Township Fire Department's "Child Safety Day", Roseville's "Hero's Day", CARE's "Bike Path" event, Roseville's "National Night Out", Sterling Heights' "National Night Out", and "New Baltimore's "Make a Difference Day".
- 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.
- 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.