Traffic Safety Association of Macomb County 2015 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 2015:

- TSA's new website was launched in April 2015 www.trafficsafetymacomb.org.
- TSA opened an onsite "Urine Drug Screening Laboratory" at the request of the Macomb County Circuit Specialty Court. The Drug Screening Lab offers an affordable multi-panel screening with instant results accessible anytime. This Drug Lab is open to all courts, community corrections, businesses, employers, etc.
- TSA Director and TSA Medical Review Officer met with 39th District Court Probation Department and 37th District Court Probation Department to train the probation officers with the Drug Lab Paracelsus Data System.
- 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 sponsored the Macomb Safe Kids Coalition's Technician Certification Training; this year's training included technicians from Center Line, Chesterfield Township, Clinton Township, Fraser, Macomb County Health Department, Roseville, St. Clair Shores, and Warren. These technicians are from the police departments, fire departments and local hospitals.
- TSA applied for the **2016 Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse (MCOSA) Grant**. The Grant was approved to give 48 presentations to **Macomb County alternative education schools** 2015-2016 school year on "**Botvin's Life Skills**" and "**Prime For Life**".
- 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 Director and AHSP certified prevention specialist attended a **3-day conference on "Prime for Life"** in Lexington, Kentucky sponsored by **MCOSA**.
- TSA Director and AHSP certified prevention specialist attended the 16th Annual Substance Abuse Conference in Lansing.
- For 31 years, TSA has provided state-required training for Macomb County 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. Guards were trained from Center Line, Chesterfield Township, Clinton Township, Eastpointe, Fraser, New Baltimore, Roseville, and St. Clair Shores.
- TSA staff was invited 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".

- TSA received certification by the National Safety Council to teach the "Alive At 25"-Teen Driver Improvement Course.
- The Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) graciously hosted our TSA Board of Director breakfast meeting for TSA Board of Directors and membership. Diane Perukel, Impaired Driving Program Coordinator from the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP), Lansing, gave a presentation on "Macomb County Traffic Trends, Learning about traffic hot spots in Macomb County" on May 29th.
- TSA provides local police departments with **traffic collision data** on a monthly basis.
- Re-established an organizational relationship with MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).
- 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 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.
- Presented DDC classes to Prudential Security, Inc. employees at their facility in Taylor at their 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**, **Macomb County Mental Health**, **CARE**, and **CARE**'s **Parenting Classes**.
- Successfully promoted all TSA/AHSP materials, services, educational and training programs, to all district courts in Macomb County.
- 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 continues to loan our **fatal vision goggles**, **puppets and other visual aids** to enhance presentations in our communities offered by local police departments.
- TSA's **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.