Traffic Safety Association of Macomb County 2017 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 2017:

- TSA continues to provide Driver Education Segment 1 and Segment 2 classes.
- TSA Executive Director gave a Distracted Driving Presentation to Cousino High School in the Warren Consolidated School District in November.
- TSA Executive Director attended a Continuing Education Class for his Driver Education Certificate Renewal in Standish, MI.
- TSA Executive Director participated in a 2-day Substance Abuse Conference in Lansing.
- TSA participated in MCOSA (Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse) Traveling Tour. The purpose of Traveling Tours is to provide an opportunity for Macomb County human service staff to learn about services for families through onsite visits to Macomb County human service or human-service related sites. This is accomplished through a two-day format. A variety of tours are scheduled which focus on human service themes.
- TSA Executive Director attended a Marijuana Discussion Group hosted by the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families campaigning against legalization of marijuana.
- TSA Executive Director participated in the 3-day 2017 Annual Traffic Safety Summit in Lansing.
- TSA Executive Director presented a Defensive Driving Course at the Jewish Family Services Transportation Department.
- TSA continues to present “Botvin’s Life Skills” and “Prime For Life” presentations to Macomb County high schools, alternative education schools, and Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center 2017-2018 school year through the Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse (MCOSA) Grant.
- For the past 16 years TSA has worked in a joint effort with DTE Foundation to bring multi-media presentations to Macomb County middle and high schools focusing on substance abuse, driver safety, internet safety and bullying. This year the 3screens.com presentation “You Can” was presented at no charge to several Macomb County middle and high school students.
- 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 unfortunately closed the onsite “Urine Drug Screening Laboratory” in October for court-ordered defendants.
TSA provides local police departments with traffic collision data on a monthly basis.

TSA continues their organizational relationship with the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Both the Alcohol Highway Safety Program (AHSP) class and MADD’s Victim Impact Panel (VIP) are held at the TSA facility on the same day.

TSA Executive Director met with Macomb County District Court Judges and Probation Officers promoting TSA/AHSP education classes.

TSA began advertising Driver Education and Substance Abuse and DLAD (Driver License Appeal) Assessments offering discount coupons in the SaveOn Magazine.

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.

The TSA Board of Director Breakfast meeting featured Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel speaking about the COMTEC, Macomb County Communications and Technology Center, which integrates Emergency Management, Public Safety, the Department of Roads, as well as IT services under one roof at the Vintage House on May 19th.

TSA participated in the City of Warren’s Coalition meetings.

TSA’s Alcohol Highway Safety Program (AHSP) retains a SARF License by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs for Substance Abuse Screenings and DLAD Assessments (Driver License Appeal Division) and a CAIT License to provide our alcohol education programs.

For 33 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. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Dawn Krolikowski for her 49 years of dedicated service as a St. Clair Shores Crossing Guard.

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 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”, and Sterling Heights’ “National Night Out”.

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, Medical Marijuana Education Program, Anger Management Program, Defensive Driving Course, Attitudinal Dynamics of Driving Course, Alive At 25—Teen Driver Improvement Course, Youth Education Success Program, FATE (Retail Fraud) Program, Driver Efficiency Evaluation Program, and the Tobacco/Vaping Awareness Program.

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 and CARE’s Parenting Classes.

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.