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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 2013:

-  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 will result in finding themselves in the legal system again.
-  TSA's Alcohol Highway Safety Program obtained a SARF license by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs for Substance Abuse Screenings. Screenings are currently provided for the Macomb County Circuit Court.
-  Two breakfast meetings for **TSA Board of Directors** and membership were held. A "Distracted Driving Simulator" was provided by Dolores LaDuke, RN, Trauma Service Department, McLaren Macomb Hospital in March. Sheriff Anthony Wickersham presented the new "Sheriff's Dispatch Center and Traffic Monitoring" in November.
-  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.
-  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.
-  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.
-  For 29 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 participated in a **Drug Trends Conference** at the Macomb Intermediate School District.
-  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, and Macomb Safe Kids Coalition Instructor Development class.

-  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.
-  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 **CARE's "Bike Path"** event.
-  Provided local police departments **with traffic collision data** on a monthly basis.
-  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.