

Traffic Safety Association of Macomb County 2019 Highlights

The Traffic Safety Association of Macomb County provides many services and activities for our Macomb County communities. These are just a few of the highlights we have accomplished in 2019:

- TSA welcomed new Executive Committee Members, James Berlin, Retired, Roseville Police Department; Vito Pianello, First State Bank; Michael Lopez, Macomb Community College, and Piper Bognar, Van Dyke Public Schools.
- TSA continues to provide **Driver Education Segment 1** and **Segment 2 classes** at the TSA building in Fraser and also at Lincoln High School in Warren.
- TSA continues to offer our **THINK Program**. This an **intensive 10-week cognitive restructuring program** for repeat offenders with a criminal history refusing to take responsibility for their actions and behaviors to identify their self-destructive or illegal behavior concentrating on their criminal thinking and solution-based alternatives to their thoughts to become aware of their negative mindset. They will confront responsibility for their actions and learn how to make more decisions with positive outcomes reducing their involvement in the criminal justice system and ultimately recidivism.
- TSA's **Vaping Awareness Program** class has been successfully utilized by the **Sterling Heights**, **Fraser**, **Shelby Township**, **St. Clair Shores**, and **Roseville Courts**. Many young people are found to be in possession of vaping products and paraphernalia. The goal is to help them understand the hazards and dangers of vaping and inhalant use, not only as it relates to long-term effects, but getting them to understand current health effects, their personal image, and legal consequences of using them.
- 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.
- The TSA Board of Director Breakfast meeting was held at the Macomb Intermediate School District on November 7th, featured Kenneth Stecker, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, speaking on "Recreational Marijuana Laws, How It Relates to Driving, Roadside Drug Testing and the Challenges Presented to Law Enforcement, and the Impact on Our Roadway Safety".
- TSA participated in a **Vaping Coalition Meeting** with the **Macomb County Health Department**.
- TSA Executive Director attended a 2-day Substance Abuse Conference in Detroit.
- TSA Executive Committee Members and Executive Director gave a presentation to the Macomb County Board of Commissioners in an effort to reinstate the County's financial support of the Association.
- TSA continues to present "Botvin's Life Skills" and "Prime For Life" presentations to Cousino High School in Warren; Hatherly Education Center in Sterling Heights; Lincoln High School in Warren; Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center in Mt. Clemens; Mott High School in Warren; South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores; Sterling Heights High School in Sterling Heights; and the Traffic Safety Association in Fraser for the 2018-2019 school year through the Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse (MCOSA) Grant.
- TSA Executive Director met with Macomb County District Court Judges and Probation Officers promoting TSA/AHSP education classes.
- TSA participated in **Macomb County Community Mental Health's HSCB 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. A variety of tours are scheduled which focus on human service themes.
- TSA implemented a new phone and internet system with WOW.
- 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.

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- 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 provides local police departments with **traffic collision data** on a monthly basis.
- 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, driver education and numerous other traffic safety topics. Events attended were **Roseville's "Hero's Day"**, **Sterling Heights' "National Night Out"**, and **Roseville's "National Night Out"**.
- For 35 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 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 continues to advertise Driver Education Segment 1 and Segment 2 classes, Substance Abuse and Driver License Appeal Assessments offering discount coupons in the Save-On Magazine.
- TSA participated in the **City of Warren's Coalition** meetings.
- 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 **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, THINK Program, Youth Education Success Program, FATE (Retail Fraud) Program, Driver Efficiency Evaluation Program, and the Vaping/Tobacco 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, CARE of Southeastern Michigan Staff Meetings, and the Mother's Against Drunk Driving Victim Impact Panel.
- 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'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.
- TSA continues to loan our **fatal vision goggles**, **puppets and other visual aids** to enhance presentations in our communities offered by local police departments.

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