

## Traffic Safety Association of Macomb County 2020 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 2020:

- TSA closed down their business operations March 16 due to the Covid pandemic, but reopened on June 1 offering limited classes according to State guidelines.
- TSA received a Car Seat Grant from General Motors Company.
- TSA was granted the Paycheck Protection Program loan (PPP) for small businesses to keep workers on payroll to resume business. TSA also received forgiveness for this loan.
- TSA received the Lucille and Vic Wertz Foundation Non profit grant.
- TSA continues to provide **Driver Education Segment 1** and **Segment 2 classes** at the TSA building in Fraser. The demand for driver education is expanding so TSA purchased another vehicle.
- TSA continues to offer our THINK Program, an intensive 10-week cognitive restructuring/impulse control 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 Fraser, Roseville, and St. Clair Shores 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 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, THINK Program, Youth Education Success Program, FATE (Retail Fraud) Program, Driver Efficiency Evaluation Program, and the Vaping/Tobacco Awareness Program.
- 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.
- 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. However, inspections have been suspended since March due to the pandemic.
- TSA continued to present "Botvin's Life Skills" and "Prime For Life" presentations to Cousino High School in Warren; Flynn Educational Center in Sterling Heights; 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; the Traffic Safety Association in Fraser, and the Warren/Center Line Prevention Coalition in Warren for the 2019-2020 school year through the Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse (MCOSA) Grant.

## Traffic Safety Association of Macomb County 2020 Highlights - continued

- The TSA sponsored Macomb Safe Kids Coalition's Technician Certification Trainings were suspended because of the Covid pandemic.
- TSA provides local police departments with traffic collision data on a monthly basis.
- TSA advertises Driver Education Segment 1 and Segment 2 classes on Facebook.
- TSA held their Executive Committee meetings by Zoom.
- **Community events** have been suspended due to the Covid pandemic. TSA will resume participating in community events in the future.
- TSA Executive Director attended a **3-day Substance Abuse Conference** in **Lansing** in the beginning of March.
- For 36 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 participation in the City of Warren's Coalition meetings have been suspended due to the Covid pandemic, but will continue to attend in the future.
- 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, and the Mother's Against Drunk Driving Victim Impact Panel.
- The TSA Board of Director Breakfast meetings were postponed for the year due to Covid.
- 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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