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Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission honors six for their efforts to improve traffic safety

The Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission (GTSAC) will honor six organizations, programs or individuals to recognize their outstanding involvement in traffic safety during its upcoming Traffic Safety Awards Virtual Ceremony.

The ceremony will take place via Microsoft Teams at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 27, 2021.

The awards will be presented to:

Richard H. Austin Long-Term Service Award

- [Dr. Dan Petterson](#) for Skilled Motorcyclist Association Responsible, Trained, and Educated Riders, Inc. (SMARTER)
- [Sheriff Kim Cole](#), Mason County Sheriff's Office, in recognition of 35 years as a traffic safety advocate.
- [Kids Always Ride Safely \(KARS\)](#), a program that provided child restraint seats, installation, instruction and inspection.

Outstanding Achievement

- [MSP Gladstone Post](#) for its Horse-Drawn Carriage Safety program.
- [Kentwood Police Department](#), Traffic Services Bureau, for its dedication to school speed zone and school bus violations during the 2019-2020 school year.

Student Award

- [Madelynn Johnson and Reegan Graham](#), seniors at Traverse City West Senior High School, for their leadership and involvement in the Drug Awareness Basketball Game/Students Together Against Negative Decisions (S.T.A.N.D.)

The GTSAC was formed in 2002 to serve as the state's forum for identifying key traffic safety challenges and developing and implementing plans to address those issues. The commission includes representatives from the departments of State Police, Transportation, Education, State, and Health & Human Services, as well as the Office of the Governor, the Aging and Adult Services Agency, and the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. There are also three representatives from local government appointed by the governor.

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Michael L. Prince, Chair, Office of Highway Safety Planning • Steven Kiefer, Governor's Office • Carol Reagan, Department of State
• Gregg Brunner, Department of Transportation • Linda Scarpetta, Department of Health and Human Services • Kenneth Micklash, Department of
Education • Major Emmitt McGowan, Department of State Police • Rachel Telder, Aging and Adult Services Agency
• Hank Kelley, Local Representative • Chief Ronald Wiles, Local Representative • Sheriff Michael Poulin, Local Representative

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