

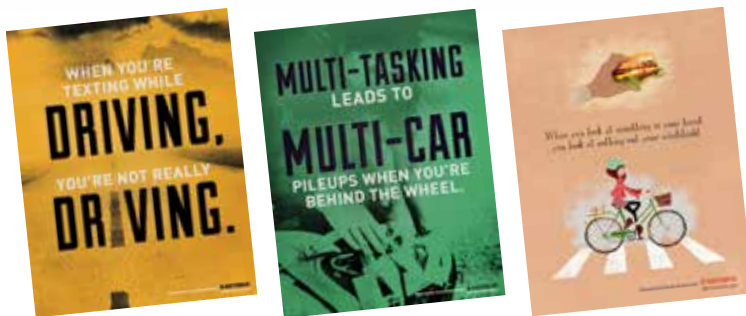


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## April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month



The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) is continuing its efforts to help save lives and reduce injuries during April in conjunction with National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

To highlight the initiative, the OHSP is distributing posters and resource links to schools and law enforcement officials throughout the state about this ongoing problem. To order the posters, call Cindy Stoneham at 517-636-4256 or email [trafficsafety@michigan.gov](mailto:trafficsafety@michigan.gov). These free posters and other National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) materials focusing on distracted driving

can also be downloaded directly at [trafficsafetymarketing.gov](http://trafficsafetymarketing.gov).

According to the Michigan State Police (MSP) Criminal Justice Information Center, provisional numbers for 2015 in Michigan indicate 27 people were killed and 2,350 were injured in 7,517 motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver or driver using a cell phone. Those numbers are up from 2014, in which 13 people were killed and 1,674 were injured in 5,349 motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver or driver using a cell phone.

## Register for first Michigan Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Conference

Register now for Michigan's first Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Conference, April 29-30 in Mount Pleasant. Join safety partners and advocates from across the state to learn about efforts to reduce and prevent pedestrian and bicyclist crashes, injuries, and fatalities, both on and off road. The conference will feature the results of a multi-year study of pedestrian and bicycle crashes in Michigan by researchers at Western Michigan University. Valerian Kwizile, Ph.D., and Jun-Seok Oh, Ph.D.,



PTOE, will present their findings and recommendations for reducing bicyclist and pedestrian fatalities based on their extensive review of Michigan-specific data.

Other sessions will highlight planning and engineering best practices, enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety at the community level, and hands-on educational activities.

Seating is limited. Only 200 spaces are available for this event. Registration is just \$35 for the two-day conference and includes breakfast, lunch, and refreshments during breaks on Friday and breakfast Saturday. Visit [lmb.org/conference](http://lmb.org/conference) to register today.



### 21ST ANNUAL MICHIGAN TRAFFIC SAFETY SUMMIT DRAWS MORE THAN 600

OHSP Director Michael L. Prince presented a plaque to 2016 Summit Chair Melody Kindraka for her leadership on planning this year's summit event. More than 600 people attended the three-day meeting at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing March 22-24. The summit is sponsored by the OHSP and is largely supported with federal traffic safety funds.



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## Cass County Deputy Kreiner named CPST of the Year

Dep. MaKenzie Kreiner of the Cass County Sheriff's Office has been selected as the 2015 Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) of the Year by the OHSP. The annual recognition program, now in its second

The award includes a scholarship to attend the 2016 Kidz in Motion Conference in Orlando, Fla. The OHSP recognized four additional CPSTs for their outstanding efforts by giving them a scholarship to a



Deputy MaKenzie Kreiner (center) with OHSP Director Michael L. Prince and Alyson Kechkaylo, OHSP occupant protection program coordinator.

year, honors those who serve as an example to other technicians by educating families about the proper installation and use of car seats, boosters, and seat belts.

Deputy Kreiner has more than a decade of experience as a CPST. She has worked closely for two years with the Maternal Infant Health Program at the Intercare Community Health Network in west Michigan and is part of the OHSP Community Car Seat Program.

In 2015, Deputy Kreiner distributed 96 car seats to help enhance the safety of area children.

"The community has been greatly impacted by this service and many families will be forever thankful," said Dillian LeBrun, Maternal Infant Health Program coordinator at the health network, in a letter of support.

The deputy was also praised for her willingness to travel around Cass County and meet with parents and caregivers at their homes to share car seat safety information.

child passenger safety (CPS) conference in Mount Pleasant in May. These honorees are:

- Jennifer Chaffer, Mercy Health St. Mary's in Grand Rapids
- Renay Ehren, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police
- Jim McGibbon, Safe Kids
- Tricia Rumler, Great Start Collaborative of Monroe County

All five CPSTs were recognized March 21 at a ceremony in East Lansing.

Michigan has a network of more than 1,000 CPSTs. Each must complete a three- to four-day course which includes hands-on activities, skill assessments with car seats and vehicles, classroom instruction, and tools for teaching parents and caregivers how to properly protect their family on the road. For more information about becoming a CPST, visit [cert.safekids.org/certification-course](http://cert.safekids.org/certification-course).



## Register now for CPS Conference

Register now for Michigan's first Child Passenger Safety Conference. The event is May 25-26 at the Comfort Inn and Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Mount Pleasant.

Continuing education and professional development sessions will be offered. Sessions will focus on:

- Increasing technician knowledge through hands-on exercises.
- Updated information and networking.
- Identifying and reinforcing skills and approaches to develop and strengthen CPS programs.
- Strategies for working with children with special needs.
- Engaging minority communities.
- Influencing behavior change.

Only 150 spaces are available for this event, so register early. Registration is \$50 per person for the two-day conference and includes breakfast, lunch, and snacks each day.

To register, go to [Mi.train.org](http://Mi.train.org).



Source: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/>



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## Here come the new traffic crash updates

With the implementation of the revised UD-10 for 2016 it was decided to resurrect the Traffic Crash Advisories. These advisories were first started in 1999 as a means of keeping the field updated with changes to the UD-10 and to also offer guidance with some of the more difficult or problematic areas on the UD-10. A total of 47 advisories were developed over the years to assist law enforcement with any issues that arise while completing the UD-10.

The advisories were last updated in 2014 to account for any changes in the UD-10 and to provide any amendments made to

the Michigan Compiled Laws. Please disregard any of these previous advisories as they may no longer be applicable.

From this point forward, the new advisories will now be called Traffic Crash Updates. These updates will continue on a regular basis and will offer guidance on the proper completion of the UD-10, highlight new trends or projects on the horizon for traffic crash reporting, and provide further explanation or clarification on specific fields and values on the UD-10.

Officers are encouraged to contact the Traffic Crash Reporting Unit (TCRU) for any

questions or issues they may have with completing the UD-10 for possible inclusion in one of these updates. Chances are someone else around the state may be experiencing a similar situation.

The new Traffic Crash Updates will be posted at michigan.gov/crash and will also be published through GovDelivery email as they are released. Contact the TCRU at 517-241-1699 or email CrashTCRS@michigan.gov to receive these messages.



*Sheriff Lawrence Stelma, Kent County Sheriff's Office, and other law enforcement officers recently gathered in Grand Rapids to help kick off the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over effort. The spring drunk driving crackdown ran from March 16-April 4. The OHSP unveiled a new drunk driving campaign about the consequences of drunk driving. It can be found at youtube.com/ohsp.*

## 2016 GHSA Highway Safety Awards Nominations due May 13

The Governor's Highway Safety Association (GHSA) is seeking nominations for its annual highway safety awards. All award nominations must be submitted online by May 13, 2016, at [www.ghsa.org](http://www.ghsa.org).



Information about previous GHSA awards winners, the awards criteria and the submission process is posted on the site. Anyone with questions can contact Kara Macek at [kmacek@ghsa.org](mailto:kmacek@ghsa.org) or 202-789-0942, extension 140. Awards will be presented at GHSA's 2016 Annual Meeting in Seattle, Wash., on August 30.

## Statewide seat belt campaign begins May 23

The annual Click it or Ticket campaign kicks off May 23 with agencies across the state conducting increased seat belt enforcement.



The stepped up enforcement runs through June 5 and includes the heavily traveled Memorial Day holiday weekend.



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## Not your typical impaired driver

by Kenneth Stecker and Kinga Gorzelewski

In January 2014 a jury convicted Lisa Bergman of two counts of second-degree murder after she killed two men while driving under the influence of drugs (i.e., OxyContin and Soma). She is currently serving 25 to 50 years in prison.

At trial, witnesses testified that Bergman's F-150 pickup truck crossed over the centerline and collided with another truck. The two men ages 19 and 20 were pronounced dead at the scene.

A deputy testified to the following at trial, "Bergman was one of the most impaired people I have ever seen operating a vehicle."<sup>1</sup> According to the prosecutors, this was not the first time the defendant drove under the influence of drugs.<sup>2</sup>

In another case this year, 18-year-old Trent Sheldon pled guilty to Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death. The defendant stated at his plea that he had consumed marijuana prior to driving his vehicle.<sup>3</sup>

The victim's tow truck was facing northbound in the southbound lane with emergency lights activated. At the time, the victim was helping pull a car out of the ditch. The defendant was southbound when he swerved to the right onto the shoulder to avoid hitting the tow truck, striking and killing the victim.<sup>4</sup>

Our society is all too familiar with the dangers of drunk driving and distracted driving. Cases like Bergman and Sheldon bring to attention another growing problem: drugged driving.

It is well known that drugs, including those prescribed by a physician, can impair

perception, judgment, motor skill coordination, and memory.<sup>5</sup>

In essence, use of illegal drugs or misuse of prescription drugs can make driving a car unsafe—just like driving after drinking alcohol.<sup>6</sup> Drugged driving puts not only the driver but also passengers and others who share the road at risk.<sup>7</sup>

Recent surveys have shown how prevalent of a concern drugged driving has become in the United States.

The 2013-2014 National Roadside Survey and Drug Use by Drivers showed that drinking and driving is on the decline:

- The proportion of drivers with measurable alcohol levels declined by about 30 percent from 2007 to 2014. This decline was seen across all alcohol levels. Since the first such survey in 1973, the prevalence of alcohol among drivers has declined by nearly 80 percent.
- In 2014, about 1.5 percent of weekend nighttime drivers had .08 or higher breath alcohol concentrations.
- About 8.3 percent of drivers had some measurable alcohol in their systems.<sup>8</sup>

On the other hand, drugged driving is rising:

- About 20 percent of drivers tested positive for at least one drug in 2014, up from 16.3 percent in 2007.
- Some 12.6 percent of drivers had evidence of marijuana use in their systems, up from 8.6 percent in 2007.

More than 15 percent of drivers tested positive for at least one illegal drug, up from 12 percent in 2007.<sup>9</sup>

The OHSP, law enforcement, and prosecutors throughout the state recognize the seriousness of the issue and continue to take steps to reduce drugged driving on our roads.

These include two key programs available for law enforcement and prosecutors.

The first program is the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Program (ARIDE), which was developed by the NHTSA.

This program was created to address the gap in training between the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program.

The DEC Program is the second program that trains police officers and other approved public safety officials as drug recognition experts (DREs) through a three-phase training process.

The training relies heavily on the SFSTs, which provide the foundation for the DEC Program. Once trained and certified, DREs become highly effective officers skilled in the detection and identification of persons impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.

Because of the complexity of the DRE training, not all police officers may be suited for the training. Experience has shown that training a well-defined group of officers proficient in impaired driving enforcement works well and can be very effective.<sup>10</sup>

As of April 2016, 99 law enforcement officers and 26 prosecutors have attended

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1 CBS News, Detroit Article captioned "Woman Convicted of Murder in Drugged Driving Case," January 25, 2014, citing *The Times Herald*.

2 *Id.*

3 *Times Herald* Article, "Teen pleads guilty in tow truck driver's death," March 1, 2016.

4 *Id.*

5 [www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/drugged-driving](http://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/drugged-driving)

6 [www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/drugged-driving](http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/drugged-driving)

7 *Id.*

8 [www.nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety//Research+&+Evaluation/Alcohol+and+Drug+Use+By+Drivers](http://www.nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety//Research+&+Evaluation/Alcohol+and+Drug+Use+By+Drivers)

9 *Id.*

10 <http://www.decp.org/training/>



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## GTSAC recognizes outstanding service

The Governor’s Traffic Safety Advisory Commission (GTSAC) recognized the service of two individuals at the commission’s February 23 meeting.



Ramona Putnam and OHSP Director Michael L. Prince.

Commissioner Ramona Putnam from the Michigan Department of State (MDOS) was recognized for her service to the commission during the past four years representing Secretary of State Ruth Johnson. Putnam recently announced her retirement from state service in April.

Kathy Farnum, OHSP senior section chief, was recognized for her many years of service to the commission as the OHSP liaison to current and past commission chairs, for her work on the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), and serving as a commission liaison with SHSP action teams. She retired on February 1, 2016.

Putnam and Farnum received plaques from GTSAC Chair Michael L. Prince.

“The success of the commission’s work is reliant on the contributions of dedicated traffic safety professionals like Ramona and Kathy,” said Prince. “Their efforts have

resulted in improvements in traffic safety. This has saved lives and decreased injuries. We are deeply thankful for their service to the commission.”



OHSP Director Michael L. Prince and Kathy Farnum.

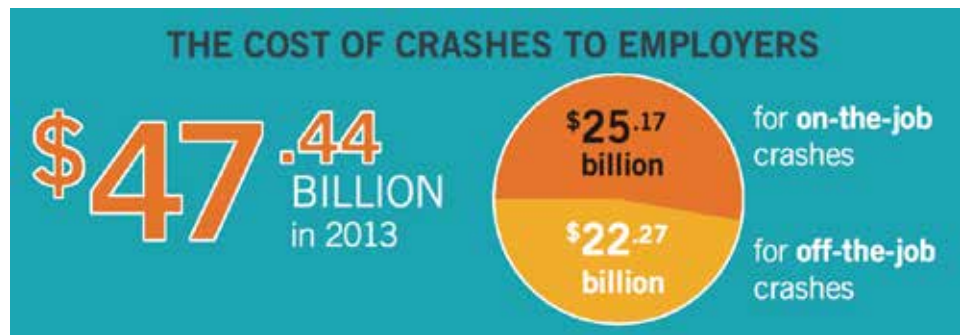
## Report shows traffic crashes cost employers \$47.4 billion in 2013

Protecting employees from motor vehicle crashes could be a profitable investment for U.S. businesses, according to a new report recently released by the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety.

In 2013, U.S. traffic crashes cost employers \$47.4 billion in direct crash-related expenses, which includes medical care, liability, lost productivity, and property damage. The study showed that employers could control costs by promoting safe driving habits, including seat belt usage and the elimination of speeding, drunk driving, and distracted driving, whether or not employees are on the clock.

The research, funded by the NHTSA, updates a 2002 report.

The report shows more than 1.6 million work days were lost due to traffic crashes, with nearly 90 percent of those



days attributed to crashes that occurred off the job, involving employees and/or their dependents. The study details the costs to employers of traffic crashes occurring on and off the job associated with driving behavior. Speeding resulted in \$8.4 billion in crash-related expenses, with distracted driving close behind, at \$8.2 billion. Driving under the influence of alcohol resulted in

\$6 billion in losses, and not wearing a seat belt added \$4.9 billion to the total. In addition, the report finds that medical costs paid by employers per employee injured in a crash were nearly double in on-the-job crashes where the employee was not wearing a seat belt and increased by a third for off-the-job crashes.



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## State laws for ignition interlock devices tightened

New laws signed recently by Gov. Rick Snyder are tightening regulations for the breath alcohol ignition interlock devices issued to motorists convicted of drunken driving offenses.

The laws revise requirements for the sale, installation, regulation, and removal of an ignition interlock device. They also increase the regulatory scope of the Michigan Secretary of State's Office as the administrator of the state's ignition interlock program.

An ignition interlock device connects with a motor vehicle's ignition and other control systems. The interlock device measures the driver's bodily alcohol content and keeps the vehicle from starting if the BAC is 0.025 or higher. The device also will ask for random retests while the person is driving.

If the device records three start-up test failures in a monitoring period, or one rolling retest failure while the vehicle is being

driven, or if it detects tampering, the vehicle must be taken to a service center immediately. If that service is not done, the interlock device will go into a "lock-out" mode, and the vehicle cannot be operated.

Tampering with an ignition interlock or interfering with the testing process may result in the suspension or denial of the driver's license, or may increase the time that drivers must wait before requesting a driver's license appeal hearing.

Some of the highlights from the new laws that affect the sale, installation, and certification of the ignition interlock industry include the following:

- Only state-approved ignition interlock device manufacturers and vendors may install, service, or remove an ignition interlock device in Michigan.
- Mechanics must hold a specialty mechanic's certificate in ignition interlock service to work on such devices.

- The Secretary of State's Office is authorized to inspect repair facilities that provide ignition interlock services, and may suspend, revoke, or deny a repair facility or mechanic's ignition interlock certification when violations of state law are found.
- Ignition interlocks must be able to provide a digital image of the person providing a breath sample and record the time and date the sample was given. This provides state officials with documented proof that the individual providing the sample is the verified driver of record.
- Installers convicted of a felony or alcohol-related driving offense within the previous five years will be precluded from ignition interlock approval eligibility.

## MDOT 2016 construction map now available for download

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has posted the 2016 Paving the Way state construction map online for motorists to download. Motorists are encouraged to download the map and print it at home or at their nearest library or print service provider. The map is available at [Michigan.gov/mdotmaps](http://Michigan.gov/mdotmaps).

MDOT also reminds motorists that state construction information is always available on the Mi Drive traffic website: [Michigan.gov/drive](http://Michigan.gov/drive), as well as the Mi Drive mobile app, available on iTunes and Google Play. The map will also be on display in all rest areas and welcome centers as in years past.



### What's Ahead

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- 11 **Michigan Truck Safety Commission meeting.** Michigan Center for Truck Safety, 1131 Centennial Way, Lansing, 9 a.m.
- 12 **Senior Mobility and Safety Action Team meeting.** Horatio S. Earle

Learning Center, 7575 Crowner Drive, Dimondale, 1:30 p.m.

- 18 **Drivers Age 24 and Younger Action Team meeting.** Horatio S. Earle Learning Center, 7575 Crowner Drive, Dimondale, 10 a.m.
- 19 **Motorcycle Safety Action Team meeting.** Horatio S. Earle Learning Center, 7575 Crowner Drive, Dimondale, 9 a.m.

23-6/5 **Click it or Ticket campaign.**

25-26 **Michigan Child Passenger Safety Conference.** Comfort Inn and Suites Hotel and Conference Center, 2424 S. Mission Street, Mount Pleasant.



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## GTSAC recognizes achievements in traffic safety

The GTSAC honored 12 individuals and organizations at the group's annual awards luncheon in March at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing.

The awards luncheon was part of the 21st Annual Michigan Traffic Safety Summit. Four Richard H. Austin Long-Term Traffic Safety Awards were presented to individuals and organizations that made significant long-term contributions to the field of traffic safety. Eight awards were given for Outstanding Traffic Safety Achievement.

### 2015 RICHARD H. AUSTIN LONG-TERM SERVICE AWARDS



Michigan State Police (MSP) Sgt. **John Bruno** was honored for his commitment to traffic safety. Sergeant Bruno joined the MSP Traffic Services Section in 1998. His duties include reconstructing traffic crashes, conducting traffic safety studies, assisting with U.P. traffic safety initiatives, and instructing At-Scene Traffic Crash Investigation courses. In 2007, increased traffic fatalities and injury crashes on the US-2 corridor from St. Ignace to Gladstone prompted the launch of Operation SABRE, which focused on speed, aggressive driving, and belts and rural enforcement. Bruno supervised the field operation of this effort and was instrumental in its success. Bruno has reconstructed more than 350 fatal or serious traffic crashes throughout the U.P. and has testified in court as an expert witness.



**Fred Doelker** was honored for his expertise in CPS. Doelker began as a community safety coordinator for the Auto Club Group in 1978, providing traffic safety and injury prevention education and consulting for communities and schools. He instructed programs on driver improvement, teen distracted driving, and bicycle and pedestrian safety. During his time at AAA in Traverse City, Doelker helped create the Safe Kids North Shore Coalition. He also was instrumental in developing Chill Out for Winter Safety, a program that has been shared with more than 7,000 students and earned a Governor's Hometown Health Hero Award. Doelker was hired in 2011 as safety and training director for Dean Transportation.



MSP Sgt. **Jill Gleason** (Ret.) was honored for being active in traffic safety throughout her law enforcement career. She joined the MSP in 1990 as a member of the 107th recruit school. As a trooper she taught the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program to K-12 students. She came to the MSP Traffic Services Section in 1999 as the grant coordinator, overseeing the distribution of

funds for alcohol, seat belt, construction zone, and other traffic safety enforcement efforts within the department. Sergeant Gleason has served on five GTSAC traffic safety action teams. She was the Operation Combined Accident Reduction Effort (C.A.R.E.) coordinator for seven years. She also has been the MSP representative to the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates and the Michigan Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association.



**Ramona Putnam** was honored for dedication to traffic safety. She has directed the MDOS Traffic Safety Division since 2011 and been responsible for the department's traffic safety program for a decade. During that time, she has worked effectively with internal and external stakeholders to increase traffic safety activities within the MDOS. These efforts included implementation of data collection methods that provide MDOS management with statistics pertaining to the Traffic Safety Division's responsibilities as well as more specific details regarding driver re-examinations. Putnam has also served on the GTSAC, Michigan Teen Safe Driving Coalition, MSP Motor Carrier Safety Appeal Board, and the Pupil Transportation Advisory Committee.



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## 2015 OUTSTANDING TRAFFIC SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



**Pamela Bognar** was honored for organizing a series of car seat inspection events in Branch, Eaton, Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, and Monroe counties during 2015. Bognar has been a child safety seat technician for six years, while working as an administrative assistant for the MSP in Jonesville and Jackson. Thanks to her efforts, 502 car seats were inspected, 377 new car seats were distributed, and 195 expired or unsafe car seats were destroyed. During the events, Bognar ensured that each seat was properly installed and that parents received a packet of safety information.



**Patricia Carter** was honored for serving as the Strive for a Safer Drive (S4SD) advisor at Clarkston High School. Carter has advised Clarkston students participating in S4SD for four years. As part of the program, teens develop and implement a student-led, peer-to-peer traffic safety program. During the 2013-14 school year, Clarkston created an award-winning campaign featuring a "Walk to Remember." Students lined up 259 shoes to represent the number of people who died in Michigan

in 2012 because of alcohol-related car crashes. During the 2014-15 school year, Carter's students created #Is It Worth It, a distracted driving campaign that earned first place in the S4SD awards competition. Thousands of Clarkston teens have been exposed to safe driving messages thanks to Carter's efforts.



The **Michigan Center for Truck Safety** was honored for using mobile simulators to increase education and public outreach. The Lansing-based organization used two mobile simulators to train drivers of all ages and backgrounds on crash avoidance techniques and the limitations of large vehicles. This interactive hands-on experience attracted participants at safety fairs, truck shows, and other events throughout the state. Trucking companies used the simulators to give commercial motor vehicle drivers updates on training skills. The center also distributed training materials to Michigan's driver education instructors to raise awareness among young drivers about sharing the road with large trucks.



The **MSP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, Second District** was honored for an initiative to improve safety for limousine services and motor

coaches in metro Detroit. MC officers Edward Bohner and Jack Johnson initiated two enforcement operations to improve public safety for those using motor coaches and limousine services in and around Detroit. The coordinated patrol focused on screening and inspecting motor coaches operating in international cross border commerce, as well as intrastate "party buses" operating around the city. During Fiscal Year 2015, there were 195 motor coach inspections. The effort had a direct and immediate impact on those inspected, but also served as a deterrent to others.



The **MSP Fifth District Hometown Security Team (HST)** was honored for its expertise in handling major traffic crashes. The specialized unit is trained to access a scene, render aid, conduct an investigation, and re-open a roadway with minimal interruption of traffic. During the winter months of 2014-2015, the 14-member team responded to 163 traffic crashes involving more than 370 vehicles. The HST was the first unit to arrive at the 193-vehicle pileup on I-94 near Battle Creek on January 9, 2015. The team assisted victims, carrying some more than a half mile to waiting ambulances, and collected evidence before the scene was engulfed in fire. The team worked for more than 24 hours in freezing temperatures and almost zero visibility.





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The **MSP Iron Mountain Post** was honored for an initiative to reduce traffic crashes, injuries, and deaths in Dickinson County. The post focused its efforts on M-95, M-69, and US-2 in Dickinson County, as 90 percent of all crashes in the county occurred at these locations. "Don't Drive Dangerously in Dickinson County" began in February 2015 and continued through the Labor Day holiday weekend. The comprehensive effort included 200 hours of overtime enforcement for seat belts and impaired driving. The post also partnered with eighth graders at North Dickinson School for a public service announcement contest. Post personnel judged the student's efforts and a local radio station aired the three winning submissions. During the initiative, there were no fatalities in Dickinson County.



The **MSP Mount Pleasant Post** and **Mid-Michigan Community College** were honored for educating international students about Michigan's traffic safety laws. MSP Sgt. Lance Cook and Tpr. Mike White developed a program to educate international students. Jim Kridler, international student advisor at Mid-Michigan Community College, reviewed the topics.

The instruction focused on appropriate behavior during interactions with law enforcement and operator license and vehicle registration requirements. There was a special emphasis on license reciprocity with other nations. After the presentation, area law enforcement agencies reported a decrease in international students lacking registration or a proper license. There also has been a reduction in reported confrontations or escalated incidents based on cultural misunderstandings.



The **Novi Police Department** was honored for developing successful strategies to reduce traffic crashes. The department began implementing the Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) initiative in September 2013. By using geospatial mapping to identify areas that have a high frequency of crimes and traffic crashes, DDACTS can facilitate targeted traffic enforcement activities. Novi has four of the top 100 crash intersections in Oakland County. Through careful analysis, the department identified specific timeframes when traffic-related issues occurred at various locations and then deployed existing department resources into these areas. The Novi Police Department efficiently deployed on-duty staff members. No additional funding was required for the program. In one of the identified areas, Haggerty Road and Eight Mile Road, Novi police have reduced traffic crashes by 30 percent.

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and successfully completed DRE training in Michigan.

These programs as well as other traffic safety training programs offered by the OHSP and the Michigan Traffic Resource Prosecutors aim to assist law enforcement and prosecutors in apprehending and prosecuting the most dangerous drivers on our roads.

*For more information on this article and PAAM training programs, contact Kenneth Stecker or Kinga Gorzelewski, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors, at 517-334-6060 or e-mail at [steckerk@michigan.gov](mailto:steckerk@michigan.gov) or [gorzelewskik@michigan.gov](mailto:gorzelewskik@michigan.gov). Please consult your prosecutor before adopting practices suggested by reports in this article. Discuss your practices that relate to this article with your commanding officers, police legal advisors, and the prosecuting attorney before changing your practice.*

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