



The Red Light Alert

MADD Life Saver Award Recipients

On the road and in their communities these law enforcement officers have proven their commitment to ending drunk driving. That's why they've been selected by the state organization of Mother's Against Drunk Driving as the 2006 MADD Life Saver Award recipients. The anti-drunk driving advocacy group announced the 2006 Life Saver Award recipients February 22nd, at a special Life Saver's recognition ceremony in East Lansing.

Each year MADD selects six road patrol officers for their outstanding role in combating drunk driving, two officers from each area of law enforcement—sheriff, municipal and public safety, and state police. The award selection is based on the following criteria: the officer's community outreach such as public speaking to schools, youth groups or other related activities, the number of drunk driving arrests; the service area's population base; and the agency's size.

Numerous individuals gathered at the MSU Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center for the annual Life Saver Award Luncheon. Some of the dignitaries included: Major Barry Getzen, Michigan State Police, Chief Kay Hoffman, Lansing Township, Sheriff Terrence Jungel, Executive Director for the Michigan Sheriff's Association, Mike Prince, Division Director, Office of Highway Safety Planning, and Representative William Van Regenmorter (R).

Special recognition was given to William VanRegenmorter for his more than two decades of service as a state legislator.

VanRegenmorter is known as the "Father of Victims' Rights" for his work to bring about a Victims Rights Amendment in Michigan. He also played a leadership role in the passage of numerous drunk driving laws over the past two decades.

The 2006 MADD Michigan Life Saver Award recipients are:

Trooper Eric Wilber
Bay City Post

Trooper Daniel Rebar
Ypsilanti Post

Officer James Reamsma
Lakeview Police Department

Officer Tom Cole
Fenton Police Department

Deputy Wesley Bierling
Newaygo County

Deputy David Labonte
Allegan County



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Prosecutor Life Saver Award to be Given

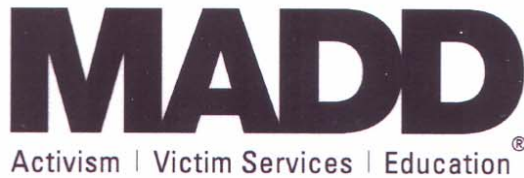


The *3rd Annual Prosecutor Life Saver Award* will be presented at the PAAM Annual Conference on Mackinac Island, July 2007. It is given to recognize those prosecutors who exhibit outstanding dedication and excellence in the prosecution of drunk drivers and in providing justice for drunk driving victims.

The MADD Life Saver Award is sponsored by MADD and the Office of Highway Safety Planning and supported by the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan. The nomination form is on the back of this newsletter. **They are due to MADD by May 1, 2007.**

Prosecutor – Life Saver Awards

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Number of Awards:
One or two each year

Period of Adjudication:
May 1, 2006 through
April 30, 2007

Awards: A plaque will be presented at the prosecutor's Annual Conference in July. Winners will also receive one night's lodging at the conference

Criteria for Awards: In general, for contributions made to stop drunk driving and support the victims of this violent crime.

- New or significant issue regarding impaired driving. This may involve a novel legal issue.
- Year long demonstration of "daily extraordinary work."
- High profile case or complicated issue. This criterion would demonstrate the prosecutor having gone "above and beyond" the normal bounds of duty.
- Impact on victim services. This criterion would demonstrate how the prosecutor directly provided services to a victim that demonstrates effort "above and beyond" the normal bounds of duty.

Please print and complete all information. (Additional pages may be attached if needed)

Name of Nominated Individual: _____

Location of Jurisdiction: _____

Reason for Nomination: _____

Name and Position of Individual Completing Form: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Forms must be mailed by **May 1, 2007** to: MADD Michigan, P.O. Box 21157, Lansing, MI 48909.