

# The Red Light Alert

## MADD Life Saver Award Given to APA Kanaby



**Award Winner Michael Kanaby (right) with David Gorcyca, Outgoing President of PAAM**

**Michael Kanaby**, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Kalamazoo County was recently presented with the Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Michigan Life Saver Award for Prosecutors at the prosecutors' annual state conference on Mackinac Island. The award is given to recognize those who exhibit outstanding dedication and excellence in the prosecution of drunk drivers and in providing justice for drunk driving victims.

During this past year, Mr. Kanaby's dedication to the aggressive prosecution of drunk drivers, and his commitment to their vic-

tims and the victim's families was evident in the work that he carried out. It was noted that in one particular case, Mr. Kanaby was able to achieve a successful prosecution in the face of significant legal issues involved with that particular case. Mr. Kanaby's sensitivity to victims and their families was also noted as a quality earning him this award.

**Homer Smith**, State Executive Director for MADD stated, "Mr. Kanaby's diligence combined with his concern for victims makes him an outstanding prosecutor. MADD is pleased to be able to honor him for his work."

## Statewide Drunk Driving Crackdown During the Second Week

As Labor Day approaches, more than 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies will continue to make drunk driving enforcement a top priority as part of the statewide *Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest*. crackdown. The crackdown began Aug. 17 and concludes Sept. 3.

In the state's 55 most populated and traveled counties, more than

230 law enforcement agencies are receiving federal traffic safety funds through the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) for additional drunk driving patrols. More than 450 overtime patrols and over 50 warrant sweeps are planned between now and Sept. 3.



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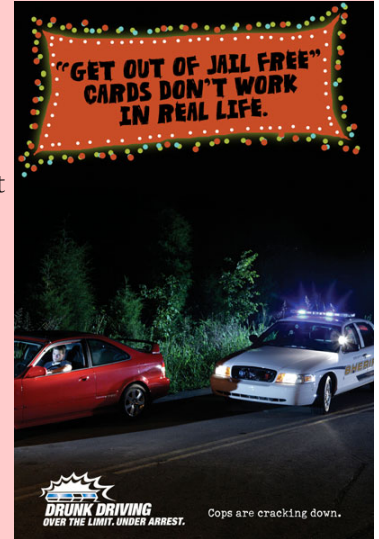
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## Campaign Material for Mobilization

This poster/print advertisement shows a car that has been pulled over by an officer and the headline "Get Out of Jail Free Cards Don't Work in Real Life" makes an allusion to the



popular board game Monopoly. The message of this ad stresses that life is not a game and that there are serious, real-world consequences for impaired drivers.

## STATEWIDE DRUNK DRIVING CRACKDOWN

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In addition, at least 45 agencies are conducting warrant sweeps for individuals wanted for previous alcohol-related charges in 28 counties during the crackdown. During a 2006 pilot project, four counties conducted sweeps, which resulted in 295 arrests on outstanding warrants, 268 of those for alcohol-related offenses.

According to preliminary reports, 108 drunk driving arrests have been made during the enforcement effort and 40 people have been arrested on outstanding warrants. During the 2006 Labor Day weekend, eight people died in traffic crashes, two of which

involved alcohol. Law enforcement officers across the state arrested more than 3,400 motorists for alcohol-related offenses during the previous statewide drunk driving crackdown in late August and early September.

Police departments, sheriff's offices and Michigan State Police posts in the following counties are receiving federal traffic safety funding for overtime patrols in this crackdown: Allegan, Alpena, Barry, Bay, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clinton, Delta, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Gogebic, Grand

Traverse, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Iron, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Mackinac, Macomb, Manistique, Marquette, Mason, Menominee, Midland, Monroe, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oakland, Oceana, Ogemaw, Otsego, Ottawa, Roscommon, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, Shiawassee, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne and Wexford.

For a listing of planned enforcement times, dates and locations, visit

[www.michigan.gov/ohsp](http://www.michigan.gov/ohsp).

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