



The Red Light Alert

APA Rose Receives MADD Life Saver Award

Daniel Rose, Assistant Prosecutor and Supervising Attorney for the District Court in Livingston 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. Rose committed an extraordinary amount of time to developing a

difficult case into a successful conclusion while maintaining his normal caseload. He was committed to obtaining justice for the victims of a terrible and senseless crime and it was through his tireless efforts and unswerving devotion that justice was served. Mr. Rose'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. Rose'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."



Award Winner Dan Rose (right) with David Gorcyca, Outgoing President of PAAM

NHTSA Urges Increased Use of Ignition Interlocks for Repeat Drunk Driving Offenders

The nation's top highway safety official, National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator Nicole Nason, called on judges and prosecutors to consider increasing the use of ignition interlocks as part of a penalty enforced against repeat drunk driving offenders.



Administrator Nason made the recommendation during a meeting in Washington, D.C. on the 22nd of August, with judges, court professionals, safety equipment manufacturers and national safety advocates to discuss the role of alcohol ignition interlocks for repeat offenders to reduce drunk driving fatalities.

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WAKE UP MICHIGAN! SYMPOSIUM

Registration forms for the Wake Up Michigan! Symposium on Thursday, September 20, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Steelcase University Learning Center, Town Hall, in Grand Rapids are available online at www.michigan.gov/ohsp.

The conference will focus on the importance of sleep, drowsy driving dangers, at-risk groups, countermeasures and emerging technologies, the legal and legislative impact of drowsy driving, fatigue from an officer's point of view, and employer risks and return on investment.

The symposium is targeted toward employers, law enforcement, engineers, and commercial motor vehicle fleets.

The cost is \$50. For more information, contact Dan Vartanian at the Office of Highway Safety Planning at (517) 33-5322 or vatanid@michigan.gov.



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“We need to expand the use of interlock technology in order to prohibit drunk drivers from getting behind the wheel again and again,”

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Administrator Nason said. “It is vital that judges and prosecutors employ all the tools at their disposal to ensure that repeat offenders don’t have the opportunity to cause harm.”

Administrator Nason said judges and prosecutors can significantly boost traffic safety by increasing the use of the ignition interlock

technology as a penalty for drunk driving offenders. She noted that interlocks are currently used in approximately 100,000 driving while intoxicated (DWI) cases

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each year, only about 20 percent of the cases for which they could be used.

The Administrator added that such measures are necessary since drunk driving fatalities have stagnated. In 2006, 13,470 fatalities occurred in crashes involving at least one driver or motorcycle operator

who had a .08 or above Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) compared with 13,582 in 2005.

“It is unacceptable for us to allow known drunk driving offenders back on the road without some protection for the responsible drivers,” Nason said.

There are approximately 1.5 million arrests each year of impaired drivers, a third of these are repeat offenders. In almost every state, except Alabama, Hawaii, Maine, South Dakota and Vermont, judges can order interlocks for drunk driving offenders.

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