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Prosecutor Leyton Presented with Governor's Traffic Safety Achievement Award for F.A.C.T. Program

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton was presented with a "2007 Outstanding Traffic Safety Achievement Award" this month in recognition of the Genesee County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team (F.A.C.T.) which he formed in 2006. The award was presented at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing where more than 300 people attended the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission Awards Luncheon.



The F.A.C.T. program was created through a grant from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and is comprised of assistant prosecutors and police officers from local departments throughout Genesee County including the Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police.

"The objective of the Fatal Alcohol Crash Team is to leave no stone unturned in the investigation of fatal and serious injury crashes where alcohol or drugs are a contributing factor to the crash," said Prosecutor Leyton.

“The F.A.C.T. program provides my office with a solid investigative report through expert crash reconstruction techniques so that my office can prosecute those responsible for the crash to the fullest extent of the law. Our goal is to have a 100 percent conviction rate,” he said.

The Genesee County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team has investigated 47 fatal and serious injury accidents since its inception in August of 2006. These accidents accounted for 33 fatalities and 34 individuals who suffered serious injuries. Although many of these cases involved the death of the at-fault driver, thereby eliminating the need for prosecution, ten of these cases resulted in felony prosecutions while others are currently pending further investigation and review by police and the prosecutor’s office.

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