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Meet our 2016 Traffic Safety Awardees:

The Honorable Michael Barrasse (Scranton, PA)

President Judge, Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas

Judge Michael Barrasse currently serves as a judge in the 45th Judicial District of the Court of Common Pleas in Scranton, PA. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Barrasse was elected as the District Attorney for Lackawanna County for three terms. President Judge Barrasse serves as Vice Chair of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), Chair of the Pennsylvania DUI Oversight Committee, as well as the Pennsylvania Judicial Outreach Liaison for NHTSA and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. During his judgeship, he has continuously been a strong supporter of effective assessment and treatment for impaired driving offenders. Judge Barrasse has actively promoted the DWI Court model nationally and volunteered his jurisdiction to serve as a pilot site for the [Computerized Assessment and Referral System](#) (CARS) in 2016.

Angela Coleman (Richmond, VA)

Executive Director, [Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program](#) (VASAP)

Angela Coleman has a career that spans 27 years in state government and currently serves as the Executive Director of the Commission on VASAP and is responsible for oversight of the entire VASAP system which includes 24 local programs and the state-wide ignition interlock program. Angela is credited with creating the annual Ignition Interlock Multi-State Forum, a forum designed to address reciprocity issues among the states which led to VASAP's first Virginia Governor's Transportation Safety Award in 2016. She has long been recognized as a leader within the interlock field and has assisted many other states in strengthening their programs.

Anne Ferro (Washington, DC)

President & CEO, [American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators](#) (AAMVA)

Anne Ferro has been a leader in the traffic safety community for many years. Prior to her current role as AAMVA's President and CEO, President Obama appointed Ferro as the Administrator for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). In her current capacity as head of AAMVA, Anne supports licensing agencies in the US and Canada to deliver safe drivers, safe vehicles, and secure identities. She is credited with increasing safety in the motor vehicle industry's operations across the country, including greater law enforcement for distracted driving and a stronger partnership between industry and state and local governments.

Darrin Grondel (Olympia, WA)

Director, [Washington Traffic Safety Commission](#) (WTSC)

Darrin Grondel has devoted his career to improving traffic safety, first as a Captain with the Washington State Patrol and now as director of the WTSC and as Secretary of the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) Executive Board. While he has served as a leader in all aspects of traffic safety, Darrin has placed particular emphasis on resolving the impact of human behavioral issues. Following the legalization of recreational marijuana in Washington in 2012, Darrin has been a leader in the area of

drug-impaired driving and has shared the Washington experience with practitioners across the country.

Chuck Hayes (Salem, OR)

Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Manager, [International Association of Chiefs of Police](#) (IACP)

Chuck Hayes has served with IACP for over 13 years, following nearly 30 years with the Oregon State Police, where he retired as a Captain of the Patrol Services Division and the Oregon Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) State Coordinator. Chuck has been a DRE for over 25 years and is part of the national team that develops and revises the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and DRE curricula. In July 2003, he received the Federal Public Service Award from NHTSA. Since 2005, Chuck has also served as chair of the Oregon Governor's Advisory Committee on Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII). In his current role, Chuck has been instrumental in working with state law enforcement agencies to increase the number of DREs certified in the US and has successfully launched important new drug-impaired driving research initiatives using DRE data.

The Honorable Mark Rosekind (Washington, DC)

Administrator, [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) (NHTSA)

Mark Rosekind was sworn in as Administrator of NHTSA in 2014, following his nomination for the position by President Obama. Prior to his role at NHTSA, Rosekind served as the 40th member of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) for four years. He is an internationally recognized expert on human fatigue and its impact on impaired driving. During his tenure at NTSB and now as NHTSA Administrator, Mark Rosekind has brought increased attention to impaired driving in all of its facets. He has also been a champion of innovation and technology to [address the 4Ds](#) (distracted, drowsy, drugged, and drunk driving) and has fostered collaboration within the field of traffic safety.

Bob Stokes (Frankfort, KY)

Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, Kentucky Office of the Attorney General

Bob Stokes has served as the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) in Kentucky since 2007. In his current role, Bob provides traffic safety training and education for law enforcement, prosecutors, and community organizations, with a particular focus on DUI and vehicular homicide. He previously served as an assistant Fayette County attorney and as a staff attorney for the Fayette Circuit Courts. Bob is a contributing author of Kentucky's newest DUI Trial Manual and he received the 2010 Governor's Award for Excellence in Training. He continues to be a nationally recognized leader on impaired driving prosecution issues.

Mark Stodola (Phoenix, AZ)

Probation Fellow, [American Probation and Parole Association](#) (APPA)/NHTSA

Mark Stodola has more than 30 years of experience working in the field of court management and adult probation in Arizona. Prior to joining APPA and NHTSA as a probation fellow, he spent 18 years with the Maricopa County Adult Probation Department in Arizona overseeing drug and alcohol treatment programs, eight years with the Tempe Municipal Court, and most recently, worked in the Adult Probation Services Division of the Arizona Supreme Court. In his current role as the APPA and NHTSA fellow, Mark provides education to criminal justice practitioners across the country on effective supervision and treatment practices for impaired driving offenders. He promotes innovative practices

including the use of risk and needs assessments (e.g., IDA and CARS) and alcohol/drug monitoring technologies.

Joanne Thomka (Washington, DC)

Program Counsel, [National Association of Attorneys General](#) (NAAG)

Joanne Thomka is a nationally recognized leader and educator in the area of impaired driving prosecution. Prior to her current position at NAAG, Thomka served as the Director of the National Traffic Law Center at the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) and as a senior district attorney for Onondaga County in Syracuse, New York. During that time, she served as the bureau chief of the DWI Unit, which is responsible for the prosecution of all alcohol-related crimes. Throughout her career, Joanne has led trainings for prosecutors, law enforcement, and other traffic safety personnel on impaired driving and is the author of several traffic safety guidebooks. A long-time partner of Responsibility.org, Joanne collaborated on the [Hardcore Drunk Driving Prosecutorial Guide](#).