

# Coordinator's Report

Jackson County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

October 2009

## Snap-Shots

- Jackson Public Schools given chance to partner with CDC on school health models
- Michigan State Police seize 13 pounds of suspected marijuana during traffic stop in Jackson County
- Man who fled scene of I-94 accident in Jackson County faces drunken-driving charge
- Extra police patrols in Jackson area result in arrests (2 drunk drivers)
- Semitrailer driver to be arraigned Tuesday on drug charges following Jackson County crash
- Springport man may face charges in connection with Parma Township crash
- Jackson area woman accused of kidnapping, vehicle theft in order to buy crack is bound over for trial



## RESOURCES AND NEWS

### **New survey results: stop anyone impaired by alcohol from driving any vehicle, public says**

ARLINGTON, VA — People are ready to prevent any driver from starting a vehicle after drinking too much alcohol, even though the technology to do it isn't available yet. About 2 of 3 respondents deem this a good or very good idea, assuming the technology is reliable. More than 40 percent would want such devices in their own cars if offered as an option. Drinkers and nondrinkers alike favor the concept.

Sixty-four percent of survey respondents said the devices would be a good idea in all cars if the technology proves reliable. Only 30 percent said it's a bad idea. Not surprisingly, support is stronger for use by convicted drunk drivers. Eighty-four percent of people surveyed said this is a good idea, compared with 15 percent who said it's not a good idea or a bad idea.

Forty-two percent of the people who regularly drive said they would want an alcohol detection device in their next vehicle if it were available as an option and the price were reasonable. Most people felt a price under \$500 would be reasonable. Of the 54 percent who said they wouldn't want a device, 44 percent volunteered they don't drink alcohol so it wouldn't be useful. Forty-four percent of drivers who drink said they would want an alcohol detection device in their next vehicle.

Alcohol-impaired driving is a big contributor to fatal crashes, and most impaired drivers are never arrested. A total of 11,773 people died in crashes involving drivers with BACs at or above 0.08 percent in 2008. This represents 32 percent of all traffic-related deaths.



## COALITION ACTIVITIES

- Most Teens Don't campaign
- ATOD-Free Brochure produced and circulated
- School toolkit produced
- Smoke-free recreational signage produced

## UPCOMING COALITION MEETINGS

Oct 22.....ATOD, 11:00-12:15, UW  
Nov 9.....Strategic Planning, 12:00-1:30, UW  
Nov 11.....JCSAPC, 1:00-2:30, UW  
Fun Fact Finders, 2:45-4:00, UW