

# KASC CO-SPONSORS LOCAL DUI VIDEO PROJECT

At the KASC Board of Directors meeting in March of 2007, Patrolman Tom Patton with the Kingsport Police Department Training Unit presented an opportunity for us to participate in a local traffic safety project. KPD was leading an effort to develop a video that could be used to promote safe driving among local teenagers, especially during the prom season. Several local agencies were involved with the planning and production efforts, including members of the KASC. In addition, we provided a \$1,000.00 donation to the project. This video was utilized in several presentations to local high school students to heighten the awareness of the potential serious consequences of driving under the influence.

Upon successful implementation of this project, the Tennessee Governor's Council on Injury Prevention recognized our accomplishment with a special award signed by Governor Phil Bredesen for the collaborative efforts of so many different agencies in promoting a safer community. On April 17, 2008, several representatives from Wellmont, Sullivan County EMS, KASC/HSAAP, Kingsport Police Department and the Elixir Group traveled to Nashville for a presentation ceremony.

On May 14, 2008, Andrea Hooper gave an overview of this project during the Opening Ceremonies for the KASC Seminar at Eastman's Toy F. Reid Employee Center.

We encourage you to share this with your organizations and groups in an effort to keep our youth safe.

