

North Carolina MADD Honors Prosecutors

On January 22, 2010, at the annual MADD awards banquet, four North Carolina Prosecutors were honored. These individuals were selected from a large number of nominees. Although each one has a different story, their individual commitment to justice for victims of impaired driving and their dedication to the successful prosecution of impaired driving offenders is the same - UNPRECEDENTED.

The Honorable Susan Doyle, elected District Attorney for Prosecutorial District 11 (Johnston, Harnett and Lee counties), was recognized for her implementation of a DWI processing court to handle the backlog of impaired driving cases in her district. Susan was nominated by the Sheriff of Johnston County, Steve Bizzell and he thanked Susan for "her dedication and persistence which makes Johnston County residents safer as they travel."

Jeff Cruden, Assistant District Attorney for Prosecutorial District 10 (Wake county), was nominated by a victim's mother in a case he recently prosecuted. She said, "Mr. Cruden is willing to leave the safe path requiring harder work and more investigation to ensure that defendants are appropriately charged and convicted." Jeff was also recognized for his commitment to training prosecutors and law enforcement on highway safety related issues.

Sarah Garner, Assistant District Attorney for Prosecutorial District 13 (Bladen, Brunswick and Columbus counties) is a senior prosecutor with almost 20 years of experience. She was awarded this honor for the creation of a special prosecution unit to handle DWIs and high impact driving offenses. In order to lead this unit, Mrs. Garner gave up her superior court position because she is dedicated to making our roadways safer and removing dangerous repeat offenders from our roadways.

Anita Mason, Assistant District Attorney for Prosecutorial District 20B (Union county) has proven to be the expert for DWI related offenses in her district. She has not only attended numerous courses to stay updated on impaired driving issues, but she is dedicated to training local prosecutors and law enforcement. Anita is fiercely dedicated and works tirelessly to ensure that all DWI offenders in Union County are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.