



**VALLEY  
ASAP**  
Annual Report  
FY2016

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# Message from the Director

By Miles C. Bobbitt, Executive Director.

The Valley Alcohol Safety Action Program faced what may be its greatest fiscal challenge yet in 2016. The program faced growing expenses while dealing with decreasing revenues. Valley ASAP remains committed to providing quality services to its clients without using any general fund revenues. As an agency we continue to rely on client fees and not state funding as our source of revenue.

Advances in technology have assisted Valley ASAP in its mission of improving highway safety. Virginia is nationally recognized as a leader in the use of ignition interlock to combat drinking and driving. The Commission on VASAP received the Virginia Governor's Transportation Safety Award, and was nominated as a recipient of the Governor's Highway Safety Association's Kathryn J. R. Swanson Public Service award for its innovative use of

technology and ignition interlock. Valley ASAP expanded the use of technology like the bracelet and the In-Home Breathalyzer alcohol monitoring systems, during the past year. These systems allow Valley ASAP to offer 24 hour alcohol monitoring at a reasonable cost.

The coming year holds many exciting and challenging opportunities for Valley ASAP. The agency recently began accepting online payments and hopes to finalize a website in the upcoming year. We will plan to utilize all available tools and continue to work with the courts and our partner agencies to address dangerous driving behavior and improve highway safety.



## Driving Under the Influence

Valley ASAP supervises an average of 525 clients convicted of Driving Under the Influence a year.



## Ignition Interlock

Valley Asap monitors 1,800 clients a year with ignition interlock. To learn more, turn to page 3.

## Regional Law Enforcement Awards Dinner

The 2015 MADD Regional Law Enforcement Dinner was held on September 9, 2015 at Michie Tavern in Charlottesville, Virginia. The keynote speaker was Elizabeth A. Baker, Ph.D from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

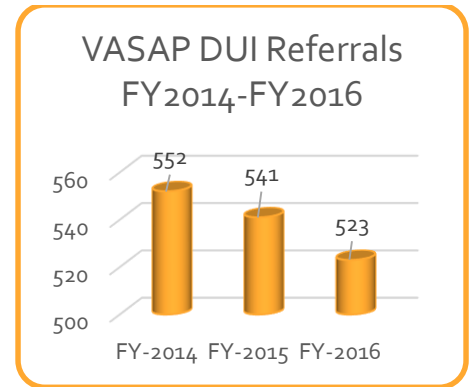
Local Recipients are listed below:

- Augusta County  
Deputy Patrick Fuchs
- Buena Vista Police Department  
Lieutenant Randy J. Chittum
- Lexington Police Department  
Corporal Ron Condry
- Rockbridge Sheriff's Office  
Deputy Chris Wade
- Staunton Police Department  
Officer Christopher T. Rosemeier



Six time winner, Christopher M. Hilliard, Sr. of the Waynesboro Police Department with Kelly Walker and Elizabeth A. Baker

- Virginia State Police – Area 17  
Trooper Joseph O’Gorek
- Waynesboro Police Department  
Sergeant Christopher M. Hilliard, Sr.



Valley ASAP conducted 107 interviews of people with suspended licenses and 28 interviews with clients seeking the restoration of their license in FY2016.

## Suspended Operators License and Multiple Offender Program

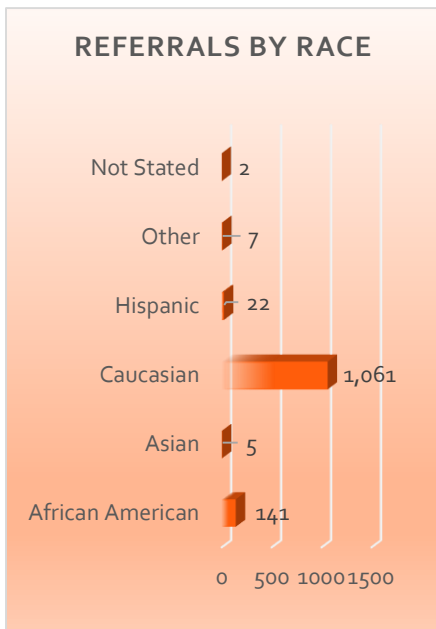
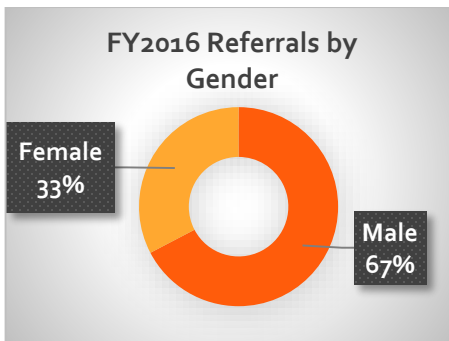
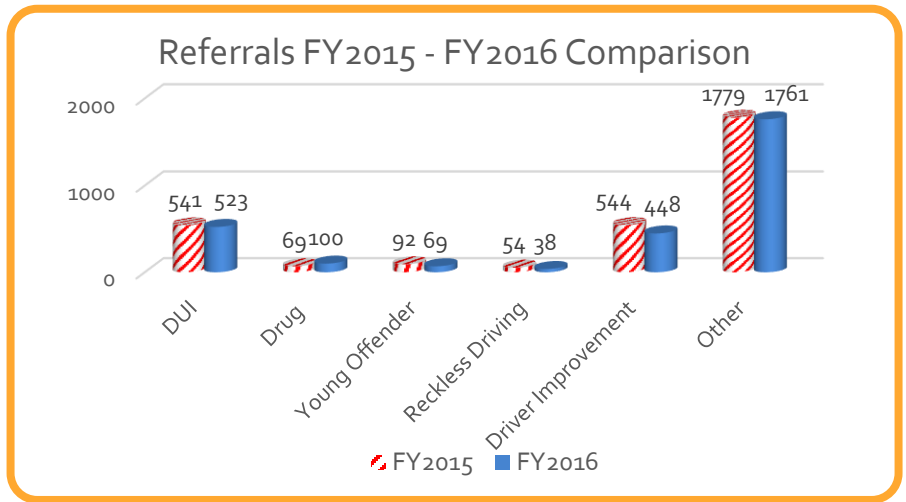
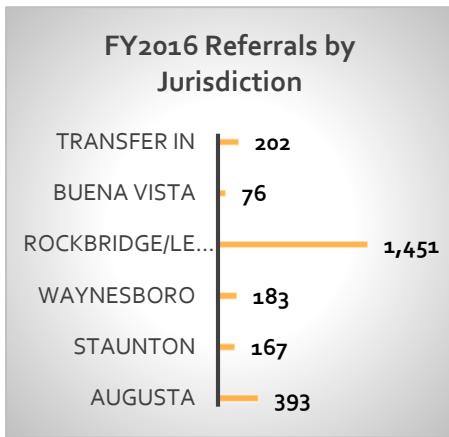
### Suspended Operators License

Upon receiving notification of a second conviction for driving while an offender's license, permit or privilege to drive is suspended or revoked the Virginia DMV will require an individual to report to a Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program within sixty days for intervention. The court may also refer an individual charged with Driving Suspended to an ASAP Program for intervention. The ASAP representative will review all applicable laws with the person attending the interview, provide guidance with respect to budgeting for payment of court fines and costs, if

applicable, and explain the laws and the consequences of future offenses. They also may refer the person to any driver improvement clinic.

### Multiple Offenders

Any person who files a Petition for Restoration of Driving Privilege after being declared a Habitual Offender or Multiple Offender may be directed by the court to have an evaluation conducted by a Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program and recommendations submitted to the court. There was a 26 percent decrease in these cases in FY2016.



## Referrals

Total referrals to Valley ASAP decreased by 4.4 percent from 3,074 in FY2015 to 2,939 in FY2016. Referrals for DUI convictions decreased by 3.3 percent from 2015. However, the office saw a 45 percent increase in the number of drug offenders referred for services. There was a 25 percent decrease in Young Offender referrals. Referrals for Driver Improvement decreased by 17.6 percent. Reckless Driving referrals decreased by 29.6 percent and referrals for Restoration Evaluations decreased by 26 percent.

Referrals for the Waynesboro City Courts decreased by 34 percent, referrals from the Augusta County Courts dropped by 22 percent, and referrals for Staunton City decreased by 13.9 percent in FY2016. Referrals from Rockbridge County and the City of Lexington increased by 7.6 percent. However, referrals from Buena Vista dropped by 5 percent and the total number of transfer in cases from other jurisdictions decreased by 29 percent in FY2016.

## Ignition Interlock

The ignition interlock device has become a valuable tool for protecting public safety by preventing a vehicle from starting if the driver has a BAC of 0.02 or higher. The system will test drivers at the time the vehicle is started and has a random rolling retest feature that periodically tests drivers. Drivers are permitted adequate time to complete the retest. Failure to successfully complete the retest will not stop a vehicles engine but it will cause the lights and horn to activate until an alcohol-free sample is provided or the engine is turned off.

July	182
August	177
September	164
October	159
November	155
December	152
January	141
February	145
March	136
April	129
May	131
June	129

IN 2015 69.51% OF THOSE CONVICTED OF A DUI IN VIRGINIA WERE MALE AND 22.85% WERE FEMALE. THE REMAINING 7.64% WERE UNIDENTIFIED.

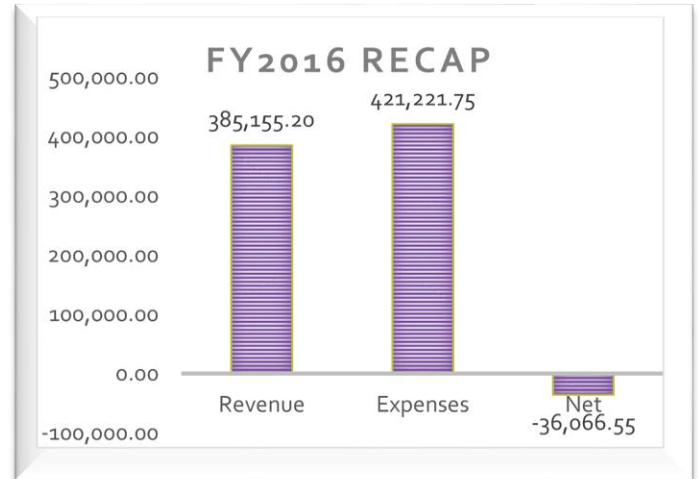


# Fiscal Report

The Valley ASAP program faced a challenging fiscal year in 2016. Expenses exceeded revenues by \$36,066.55. The agency began the year with a balance budget of \$415,829.03. Due to an unforeseeable increase in insurance cost of \$15,271.80, final expenses were \$421,221.75. By closely regulating other expenses, the agency was able to reduce spending and keep the year end expenses to within \$6,304.76 of the approved budget.

Staff worked with clients throughout the year to help them maintain their payment plans. Despite our efforts, the total fees collected from clients was 7.4 percent lower than projected. Fees collected from DUI clients was 7.3 percent less than projected. Revenues were 10 percent less than anticipated from the Driver Improvement Program, 43 percent less than predicted for clients convicted of Reckless Driving, and 31 percent less than expected from Underage Offenders. However, the fees paid by clients convicted of a drug offense was 25 percent higher than budgeted.

Valley ASAP staff continues to work with clients to maintain the resources adequate to maintain essential services.



*In Virginia, 241 people were killed and 4,917 people were injured in alcohol-related crashes in 2015.*

# Services Offered

## Driver Improvement Clinics

### Reckless Aggressive Driver Improvement Classes

**License Restoration for Habitual Offenders and Multiple Offenders.** - Evaluations prepared for the Courts based on guidelines for license restoration.

**DUI Convictions** – Supervision for the period of suspension.

**Reckless Driving** – Supervision as ordered by the Court.

### Supervision of Community Service

**First Offense Drug Conviction** 20 hours of classroom education over ten weeks for first time drug offenders.

**Young Offender** - Non-driving alcohol related cases for offenders under the age of 21.

**Pretrial Services**- 24 hour monitoring for the consumption of alcohol as a court imposed condition of bond.



*DUI Enforcement Award recipient Deputy Patrick Fuchs of the Augusta County Sherriff's Office with J. Monty Sellers and Elizabeth A. Baker. September 9, 2015.*

## DUI Court Statistics

<i>Total Participants</i> 36		<i>Referrals by Jurisdiction</i>	
<i>Male</i>	27	<i>Augusta Co</i>	13
<i>Female</i>	9	<i>Staunton</i>	9
		<i>Waynesboro</i>	12
<i>Completed Successfully</i>	14	<i>Rockbridge</i>	2
<i>Revoked</i>	7		
<i>Active</i>	15		

*Successful Completion rate 67 percent.*

## Drug testing

**Ignition Interlock** - Monitoring

**Suspended Operators License Interviews** - For clients that are mandated to complete the interview by the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Court.

**Electronic Monitoring Program**— 24 hour monitoring for the consumption of alcohol.

**Re-entry Program** – Prepare inmates to get a license.

**Young Offender Program for the Schools** – 8 week education program.

# Valley ASAP Staff

## Miles Bobbitt – Executive Director

Mr. Bobbitt joined the ASAP team in December 2008 as the Executive Director. Mr. Bobbitt received a Bachelor's degree from Roanoke College and a Masters degree in Public Administration from James Madison University.

Prior to joining ASAP, Mr. Bobbitt worked as a Probation and Parole Officer for the Commonwealth of Virginia, a Case Manager for Blue Ridge Court Services, Director of the Victim Witness-Assistance Program for Augusta County, and the Director of Agricultural Development for Augusta County.

A native of the area, he resides on a small farm in Augusta County with his wife and their two children.

## Sara Shiflett – Case Manager

Mrs. Shiflett has been employed as a Case Manager at the Valley ASAP office since September 23, 2002. She works primarily in the Waynesboro General District Court and the Staunton General District Court, but has served every court in the office's service area.

Mrs. Shiflett graduated from James Madison University in December 2001. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Criminal Justice. She also received a certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution.

Born in Oceanside, California, she currently resides in Augusta County with her husband and their son.

## Gary Powell – Case Manager

Mr. Powell has been employed as a Case Manager at the Valley ASAP office since 2008. He began as a part-time employee in 2008 and was promoted to a full-time position in 2009. Mr. Powell grew up in Lewisburg, West Virginia. He graduated from Greenbrier East High School and received an Associate's Degree in

Administration of Justice from Blue Ridge Community College. He supervises cases from the Rockbridge County, Lexington, and Buena Vista. Prior to working at Valley ASAP, Mr. Powell worked as a residential counselor for six years at the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center. Mr. Powell resides in Staunton with his wife and two daughters.

## Roy Hartless – DUI Court Coordinator

Mr. Hartless started with Valley ASAP on Oct. 22, 1999 as an instructor for Driver Improvement classes and Reckless Aggressive Driving classes. He later became an instructor for Drug Education class, Intensive Education and other Education classes for ASAP. In May of 2013, he was hired as the DUI Court Coordinator for the Waynesboro Regional DUI Court. Mr. Hartless worked for the Staunton Police Department and retired with 33 years of service in 2005. Mr. Hartless resides in Staunton with his wife. They have two sons and three grandchildren who live in the area.

## Kris Bednarczyk – Case Manager

Mrs. Bednarczyk has been with the Valley ASAP office since June 18, 2012. She began as a part time office clerk and was promoted to Case Manager in July, 2013. Prior to coming to Valley ASAP, she worked for Wachovia Bank and the local Boys and Girls Club as the office manager.

Mrs. Bednarczyk graduated from Guardian Angel Academy in 2001. A native of Augusta County, she resides in Staunton with her husband and four children.

## Wayne Fuchs – Case Management Technician

On February 24, 2014 Wayne Fuchs joined the Valley ASAP office as a Case Management Technician in Lexington.

Wayne comes from Idaho where he retired from law enforcement after working over 28 years in various areas and positions, including: jail, patrol, detectives and narcotics investigations. Wayne was promoted to Sergeant in patrol and later to Lieutenant of patrol and detective divisions.

## Jennifer Flavin – Office Clerk

Mrs. Flavin joined the ASAP staff in August 2015. Prior to coming to Valley ASAP, she worked as a legal secretary for twelve years in a Criminal Defense law firm. Mrs. Flavin resides in Staunton with her husband and three daughters.

## **Part –Time Instructors**

Mike Wimer— Driver Improvement and Education Class

Lisa Klein— Education Classes

Shane Etter—Education Classes

Jessica Burks—Education Classes and Driver Improvement

Kristie Siron – Driver Improvement and Education Classes

Larry Hipes— Driver Improvement and Education Classes

Josh Strickler – Education Classes



## Faces of Drunk Driving –Words from a Client

"I've tried many times since my last DUI to even remember what led me to drinking so much. It was stupid of me, but I couldn't see that until I was ready to look at my own behavior. Not just my drinking, but my terrible attitude as well.

I've spent a lot of money on programs but not truly believing in their value until recently. The VASAP program is about making sure people don't drink and drive and kill people. I didn't like the VASAP rules and didn't want to listen in the beginning.

Once I finally got my license back, I thought I could slide until I could be fully reinstated. VASAP showed me that they were taking this seriously, and I would not get my license back until I stopped drinking. It was then that I realized the importance of sobriety.

I haven't had a drink in 14 months, and I am happier than I have ever been in my life. It took a long time to get here, but I made it."

[Source: vafacesofdrunkdriving.com](http://vafacesofdrunkdriving.com)



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**Executive Director  
Miles C. Bobbitt**

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### Commission on VASAP

In 1986, the General Assembly established a Commission on VASAP to formulate and maintain standards to be observed by local ASAPs. The Commission is composed of 15 members who offer a broad range of knowledge and experience to effectively administer the ASAP system. Mrs. Angela Coleman, the Executive Director, is responsible for the administration of the state system and overseeing the operations of local Alcohol Safety Action Programs. It is her responsibility to assure that local programs adherence to promulgated policies and procedures through certification of local programs.