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Saginaw County Road Commission
honored with five statewide IMPRESS Awards!

LANSING, MI – The Saginaw County Road Commission (SCRC) was honored with five statewide IMPRESS Awards at the 2026 County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan Highway Conference held in late March in Lansing. IMPRESS Awards recognize county road agencies that demonstrate innovation on noteworthy projects in the categories of communication, operations and collaboration.



The SCRC team pictured from left: Deb Kestner, commissioner; Rob Hudec, maintenance superintendent; Sarah Gross, administrative assistant; Dennis Borchard, managing director; and Dan Armentrout, PE, engineering director.

This year, Saginaw County received IMPRESS Awards in:

- **COLLABORATION** for its “Six-Year Road Millage.” SCRC partnered with its 27 townships to develop coordinated road plans and establish township road committees following voter approval of a six-year road millage in 2024. This entry also received a **People’s Choice Award**, determined by a popular vote of the 1,000 conference attendees.
- **COMMUNICATIONS** for its “Bi-Annual Company Newsletter.” The newsletter shares timely updates, highlights staff and projects and strengthens communication with both employees and the public.

- **OPERATIONS** for its salt barn facilities. SCRC enhanced winter operations by constructing two high-capacity salt barns in strategic locations to improve storage capacity and operational efficiency. This entry also received a People’s Choice Award.

“Saginaw County’s success across multiple categories reflects a strong, well-rounded approach to serving its communities,” said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. “From building partnerships and communicating effectively to making smart operational investments, these efforts demonstrate how agencies can deliver meaningful results on every front.”

An independent panel of communications and operations experts from several of Michigan’s 83 county road agencies judged all IMPRESS Awards submissions. Award recipients were honored for projects that solved time constraints, labor costs, communication barriers and fostered collaboration.

The 83 members of the County Road Association of Michigan represent the unified voice for a safe and efficient county transportation infrastructure system in Michigan, including appropriate stewardship of the public’s right-of-way in rural and urban Michigan. Collectively, Michigan’s county road agencies manage 75% of all roads in the state, including 90,500 miles of roads and 5,900 bridges. County road agencies also maintain the state’s highway system in 63 counties. Michigan has the nation’s fourth-largest local road system.

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