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‘U Drive, U Text, U Pay’

Law enforcement steps up efforts targeting distracted drivers

Stickney, IL — The Stickney Police Department today announced it is teaming up with the Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Transportation, and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies to step up enforcement efforts across the state in recognition of Distracting Driving awareness month. Throughout April, motorists can expect increased patrols looking for texting and driving as well as other traffic violations.

“Distracting Driving is one of the leading causes of motor vehicle crashes on our roads today” said Deputy Chief Cruz Ortiz Jr. During Distracted Driving Awareness Month, law enforcement will boost enforcement efforts, stopping anyone we see texting and driving. We do this to save lives

Between 2012 and 2021, approximately 32,000 lives were lost in crashes involving distracted drivers. Everyone has the potential for distracted driving crashes, but those between the ages of 16 and 24 are especially at risk. If you need to text, pull over to a safe location, or if you have a passenger, consider appointing a ‘designated texter’. Whatever the solution, don’t text and drive.

In Illinois using your phone in anything other than the hands-free mode is not only dangerous, but also illegal. Pay attention or pay the price. The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.