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San Diego Police Department Focuses on the Dangers of Distracted Driving

San Diego – April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the San Diego Police Department encourages drivers to give the phone a break and focus on the road.

Throughout the month of April the San Diego Police Department will have additional officers on patrol specifically looking for drivers who violate the state’s hands-free cell phone law.

Under current law, drivers are not allowed to hold a phone or electronic communications device while operating a vehicle. This includes talking, texting, or using an app. Using a handheld cell phone while driving is punishable by a fine. Violating the hands-free law for a second time within 36 months of a prior conviction for the same offense will result in a point being added to a driver’s record.

“A driver’s focus should be on the road, not their phone.” Officer Anthony Obregon said. “That text, phone call, email or social media post is not worth the risk to yourself and other people on the road.”

If you have an important phone call or need to program directions, pull over to a safe parking spot. Before driving, either silence your phone or put it somewhere you can’t reach.

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