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## **Media Release**

### **Elko's Joining Forces Increase Enforcement for Speed & Distracted Driving**

In an effort to reduce speed and distracted driving related crashes, Northeastern Nevada Law Enforcement are "Joining Forces" until March 22 to educate drivers that are exceeding the posted speed limits, texting, or not using a hands free device while driving.

Agencies include the Nevada Highway Patrol, Winnemucca & West Wendover Police Departments, and Sheriffs Departments from White Pine, Lander, and Elko County. "The cell phone/texting law has been in effect for over a year now, but we still see drivers with a phone up to their ear, or texting while they are driving. It is a distraction and causing accidents", says Sgt. Beach with the Nevada Highway Patrol.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), speeding directly contributes to traffic accidents and is estimated to be involved in about one-third of all U.S. traffic fatalities.

All these agencies will be concentrating their efforts on reducing the number of accidents on Nevada roadways. Remember, DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE, and always wear your seatbelt.

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