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Joining Forces Distracted Driving Special Enforcement Kicks Off Tomorrow

Distracted drivers throughout state of Nevada will be the focus of law enforcement from February 12th until the 23rd. Nevada laws clearly states that any use of a handheld electronic device – cell phone, mp3 player, GPS device, etc. – while driving is illegal and offenders will be pulled over and cited.

Nevada's ban on hand held devices took effect Jan 1, 2012 and three years into the law officers continue to observe and cite violators every day. The law was enacted due to an alarming trend on our roads with distracted-related crashes every year in our state.

The likelihood of crashes dramatically rise when your actions require a combination of visual, manual and cognitive attention.

Law enforcement officers from Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department and the Department of Public Safety Nevada Highway Patrol will join forces during this twelve day event.

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