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Officers Remind Residents One Text or Call Could Wreck It All Law Enforcement Statewide focus on Distracted Drivers

Las Vegas, NV – Law enforcement agencies statewide will be *Joining Forces* and focusing on Distracted Drivers July 22 – August 8, 2016. The Nevada Highway Patrol will be working diligently to urge motorists to keep your eyes on the road and put away cell phones or other items that cause distractions. Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 55mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) during 2014 in the United States, 3,179 people were killed, and 431,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers. Please remember that the phone call or text can wait until you have arrived at your destination safely.

Don't go into distracted mode. Distracted driving has been on the rise since social media and other technologies are right at our finger tips. Focus on the road and don't let that text, post, phone call, or Pokémon be your last. It can wait, arrive alive!

For resources about distracted driving, please visit: http://www.distraction.gov/stats-research-laws/facts-and-statistics.html

For more information on *Joining Forces* and other statewide traffic safety programs, please visit http://www.zerofatalitiesnv.com. Follow Zero Fatalities Nevada on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and @ZeroFatalitiesNV.

