**Distracted Diving**

An Internal Interdiction Initiative

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“Driven to Distraction”

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**2008 – 2012**

- Fleet Crashes: 852
- At-Fault Fleet Crashes: 321
- Distracted Driving: 105

**Trends**
- 38% At-Fault
- 33% Distracted Driving
“Employees shall demonstrate appropriate regard for the safety of all persons during the operation of a city vehicle.”

“Employees shall obey state and local laws while operating city vehicles”
“Employees shall limit use of cellular phones and (electronic) devices while driving, taking reasonable care to avoid becoming distracted”

“When there is a hands-free option…it shall be utilized”

“Operation of the vehicle takes priority over operation of the MDC”

“Text messaging, posting blogs or (social media) while operating any department vehicle is strictly prohibited, whether on or off duty”

“Do not call in a report…while operating a motor vehicle”

“The driver of a police vehicle may use the MDC only minimally (such as one-button functions) when the vehicle is moving and only when safe to do so”
“Examples of unauthorized MDC use while driving include, but are not limited too…”

“If the vehicle is operated as a two-person unit, the passenger will serve as the primary MDC operator”

• New recruits received 32 hours of driver training
• Incumbent officers received 4 hours of in-service training focused on distracted driving
• Supervisor-initiated refresher driver training offered

• Streamlined the process to expedite resolution
• Removed driving points
• Maintained peer review
• Discipline followed same process as all other misconduct
• Enhanced supervisors ability to manage driving behavior
Personal Accountability for Others

Undistracted Driving = Officer Safety

Continuous Message Reinforcement:
- Posters
- Shift Briefings
- Positive Recognition
- Weekly Wrap Sheet

Officer Safety is Priority 1

Before you go ...
- Buckle up
- Avoid distractions while driving
- Slow Down

Let’s Continue Making Safety Priority 1!
If warranted, the officer is disciplined

Top to bottom commitment to community safety

“We must set the example”

“We earn the right to police our community”

“Each accident is thoroughly reviewed”

“If warranted, the officer is disciplined”

2013 – 2017 Fleet Crashes

- 641 Fleet Crashes
- 241 At-Fault
- 47 Distracted Driving

Trends

- 38% At-Fault
- 19% Distracted Driving
Fleet Crash Data
60-Month Comparison

- Fleet Crashes – Down 25%
- At-Fault Crashes – Down 25%
- Distracted Driving – Down 55%

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