

ROADWATCH

Tuesday October 8th, 2019

Location: _____

(Cross Streets, City & County)

Date: _____ Time: _____

Distractions	Personal Vehicles: Adult driver w/ young passenger(s)	Personal Vehicles: All other drivers	Work Vehicles
Use of Hand-held Device			
Use of Hands-free Device			
Passengers			
Eating or Drinking			
Personal Grooming			
Animals			
Loud music			
Reaching for an item			
Reading			
Other:			
Other:			



DISTRACTIONS EXPLAINED

For all categories, the main goal is to identify distracted drivers who's attention is pulled away from the task of driving.

Use of Hand-held Device	<i>The driver is clearly holding any type of device in one or more hands. This could include anything from a phone or media player to a camera or laptop. Also include any drivers that adjust their car stereo.</i>
Use of Hands-free Device	<i>The driver is noticeably talking on a phone, but is not holding an actual device. A clear example would be a driver, alone in the car, talking/having an animated conversation while both hands are free or on the steering wheel. This could also include the use of headphones to talk on the phone or listen to music.</i>
Passengers	<i>Specifically look for cars that have a large number of passengers or passengers that seem to be causing a distraction to the driver. While it is not illegal to have passengers in your car, studies show that a driver's risk of crashing increases in direct correlation to the number of passengers in their car.</i>
Eating or Drinking	<i>The driver is eating food or drinking a beverage. Breakfast on-the-go!</i>
Personal Grooming	<i>The driver is shaving their face, putting on make-up, fixing their hair, looking in the mirror, or adjusting their appearance in any way.</i>
Animals	<i>There is an unrestrained animal in the car or specifically on the driver's lap. Unrestrained animals can be a major distraction to a driver, even if they aren't in their lap.</i>
Loud music	<i>If you can hear music coming from a car while you're outside of the car, it's probably too loud for the driver to hear what's happening outside the car and can be very distracting to a driver, especially if it's a song that makes you want to dance!</i>
Reaching for an item	<i>The driver is leaning across the front seat or into the back of the car to reach something.</i>
Reading	<i>The driver has a printed document, book or screen nearby and is looking at it. During the morning commute, you may even see a driver reading the newspaper!</i>
Other	<i>For other, identify a type of distraction that is not already included on the tally sheet, write it under "Other" on the tally sheet, and count the number of times that one type of distraction is observed.</i>

Narrative Questions Based on ROADWATCH Observations:

The below questions can be answered by any ROADWATCH participant(s). These responses may be used as direct quotes in resulting media correspondence so please include full names and ages or grade level. If a participant wishes to not be quoted in media, please specify.

1) General comments about your 2019 ROADWATCH experience:

2) List the top 3 most extreme distracted driving behaviors observed:

I.

II.

III.

