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PRESS RELEASE

The Hawthorne Police Department Focuses on Distracted Driving Enforcement

Hawthorne, California – On April 26, 2021, the Hawthorne Police Department will have additional officers on patrol looking for drivers that are violating the state’s hands-free cell phone law.

Under the law, drivers are not allowed to hold a phone or electronic communications device while driving. This includes talking, texting or using an app.

“Distracted driving is a serious issue, but one that can be easily solved simply by putting the phone down,” Hawthorne Police Department Chief Michael Ishii said. “That text, phone call, email or social media post can wait.”

A driver cell phone violation is subject to a \$157 fine for the first offense.

Other distractions include eating, grooming, talking to passengers, using GPS, adjusting the radio, taking off a jacket, reaching for an object on the floor or navigating a vehicle’s in-dash touchscreen.

If you have an important phone call or need to program directions, pull over to a safe parking spot. Before driving, either silence your phone or put it somewhere you can’t reach.

The Hawthorne Police Department will hold additional distracted driving enforcement operations from April 27th to April 28th, 2021.

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