

HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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**DISTRACTED DRIVING**

With summer here and many people beginning to travel our roads and highways on vacation, the Harlingen Police Department would like to remind drivers of the dangers of texting while driving and other driving distractions. According to TxDOT, nearly one in five crashes involves driver distraction. Last year, there were 468 people who were killed in a distracted driver-related crash. While the use of a cell phone is the most recognizable driving distraction, any type of behavior that draws a motorist's attention away from driving is dangerous and could even be fatal. The Harlingen Police Department urges driver's to refrain from:

- Texting
- Checking e-mail
- Eating & drinking
- Grooming
- Reading
- Programming a navigation system
- Adjusting music or other audio device.

As a friendly reminder, the City of Harlingen has an Ordinance (11-51) prohibiting the use of a hand-held wireless device to view, read, write or send a text-based communication. (<http://www.myharlingen.us/default.aspx?name=ord.2011>)



The Harlingen Police Department wishes everyone a great and SAFE summer!

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