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**Enter Month, Day, Year**

Enter First Name, Last Name, Email, Phone Number

**Enter Number Citations Issued During Distracted Driving Enforcement Operation**

Enter Your City, Calif. – Enter number of drivers cited drivers were cited for violating California’s hands-free cell phone law during a distracted driving enforcement operation on Enter Date.

During the enforcement operation from Enter time a.m. to p.m. or p.m. to p.m., Enter number of drivers cited for texting and driving drivers were cited for texting, Enter number of drivers using phone without hands-free device drivers were cited for using their phone without a hands-free device and Enter number of drivers cited for other distraction or CVC violations were cited for other violations.

“Despite repeated efforts to warn drivers about the dangers of distracted driving, some drivers continue to use their phones when they are behind the wheel,” Enter Name of Police/Sheriff’s Department Enter Rank, First Name, Last Name said. “Our ultimate goal is to change behaviors, so that drivers are only focused on the task of driving.”

So far this year, Enter number of people killed in distracted driving related crashes people have been killed and another Enter number of people injured in distracted driving related crashes injured in distracted driving related crashes in Enter your city or county.

California has had distracted driving laws on the books since 2008. Under the hands-free cell phone law, drivers are not allowed to hold their phone or other electronic device while driving. They can only use their phone in a hands-free manner.

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.

In addition to phones, other distractions include eating, putting on makeup, reaching for objects on the floor, changing clothes or using a car’s in-dash touchscreen.

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