DISTRACTED DRIVING IN OREGON

- “Distracted Driving” is a dangerous behavior for drivers, passengers, and non-occupants alike. Distraction is a specific type of inattention that occurs when drivers divert their attention from the driving task to focus on some other activity instead (per NHTSA).

- From 2015-2019 There were 23,783 crashes resulting in 158 fatalities and 23,403 injuries caused by crashes involving a distracted driver in Oregon (all ages).

- 2015-2019 There were 1,920 fatal and injury crashes involving a driver (all ages) reported to have been using a cell phone at the time of the crash: 20 fatalities and 1,880 people injured.

- 2015-2019 There were 151 crashes involving a driver age 16-18 reported to have been using a cell phone at the time of the crash: 0 fatalities and 191 people injured.

- 2015-2019 There were 64,083 convictions for this offense.

**Convictions for using a mobile electronic device 2015-2019**

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>15,264</td>
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- 2015-2019 There were 44 crashes involving, but not limited to a Pedestrian, using a cell phone: 4 fatalities and 40 injuries.

- 2015-2019 There were 9 crashes involving, but not limited to a Pedal-cyclist, using a cell phone: 0 fatalities and 9 people injured.
What is distracted driving?
Distraction occurs when a driver voluntarily diverts attention to something not related to driving that uses the driver's eyes, ears, or hands. There are four types of driver distraction:

- Visual -- looking at something other than the road
- Auditory -- hearing something not related to driving
- Manual -- manipulating something other than the wheel
- Cognitive -- thinking about something other than driving

Most distractions involve more than one of these types, with both a sensory -- eyes, ears, or touch -- and a mental component.

Additional Distracted Driving Campaign Information/Resources:
https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/Pages/SafeandCourteousDriving.aspx
ODOT Oregon Distracted Driving Videos:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6mL7JnVXhphVM3RyS1YTZa6ky4LJZs6B
NHTSA’s Distracted Driving Website:
https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/distracted-driving#nhtsa-action
Connect to Disconnect Information: