

## **Darien Police Among Departments Conducting Distracted Driving Campaign for Month of April**

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During the month of April, the Darien Police Department along with departments across the entire state, will be conducting a "Distracted Driving - High Visibility Enforcement Campaign."

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*— an announcement from Darien Police*

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As a reminder, hand-held cell phones or mobile electronic devices may not be used while operating a motor vehicle in Connecticut:

### **Hand-held Ban**

The state of Connecticut has prohibited all drivers from using hand-held cell phones. This is a primary law, which makes it illegal for all drivers to text or talk on a hand-held cell phone. Drivers are allowed to use

hands-free cell phones.

### **Novice Drivers**

Drivers under the age of 18 are not allowed to text or talk on a hand-held cell phone. Unlike adult drivers, novice drivers can't use hands-free cell phones. In addition, novice drivers are prohibited from using any other electronic device while behind the wheel. This is also a primary law.

### **Text Messaging**

Texting while driving is one of the leading causes of car accidents, which is why there is a primary law that makes this activity illegal. All drivers, including adult, novice and school bus drivers, are prohibited from texting while driving.

### **School Bus Drivers**

School bus drivers are prohibited from using both hand-held and hands-free devices, except in emergencies. This is a primary law, as well.