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BURNSVILLE POLICE SAY 'IT CAN WAIT'

Added Enforcement of Distracted Driving to Take Place Dec. 10

Distracted driving is an increasing danger, and is quickly becoming America's leading driving epidemic. In an effort to raise awareness and educate drivers about the dangers of distracted driving, ***the Burnsville Police Department will have extra patrols on the streets Thursday, Dec. 10*** on the lookout for distracted drivers. The goal of this "It Can Wait" enforcement is to educate drivers and make roadways safer from distracted driving for all those who travel in Burnsville.

While texting and driving is the most commonly thought of form of distracted driving, it actually includes ANY activity (such as eating, messing with the radio, applying make-up, etc.) that diverts a person's attention away from the road. Because text messaging requires so much attention, it is by far one of the most disturbing distractions. Recent studies show that regardless of age, drivers are 23 times more likely to be in an accident if they are texting while driving.

What Does the Law Say?

Minnesota law states that no driver can use a wireless device to write, read or send a message while driving or while stopped at a stop sign or stop light. This includes texting, scanning social media and searching or viewing pages on the internet.

Distracted driving can lead to:

- Fines
- Serious injury to yourself or others
- Fatalities

The Burnsville Police Department is asking drivers to pledge that "It Can Wait," and help spread the word about the dangers of distracted driving.

For more information on the Burnsville Police Department visit www.burnsville.org/police. For more information on distracted driving visit <http://dps.mn.gov> and search: Distracted Driving.

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