

TO: ALL LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS

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RE: Cell Phone Usage while Driving

PUBLIC INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Alexandria Police Department has begun and will continue heightened enforcement of all traffic laws relating to cellular telephone usage while operating a motor vehicle. Although the use of these devices has become second nature, the use while driving is indisputably poses a significant hazard on our roadways. As you know, the Legislature has enacted:

32:300.5 – Which in pertinent part provides:

“[N]o person shall operate any motor vehicle . . . while using a wireless telecommunications devise to write, send, or read a text-based communication.”

32:300.6 – Which in pertinent part provides:

“[N]o person who holds a Class “E” learner’s or intermediate license shall operate a motor vehicle . . . while using any wireless telecommunications devise to engage in a call, unless . . . a hands-free wireless telephone.”

32:300.7 – Which in pertinent part provides:

“[N]o person who is seventeen years of age or younger shall operate a motor vehicle . . . while using any wireless telecommunications device.”

The fines and penalties for these offenses vary and range from \$100-\$500, with some having double penalties when accidents are involved. We are urging all who use our roadways to abide by the law and remain safe.

Alexandria Police Department