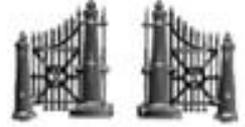




Directorate of Emergency Services Launches Campaign Against Texting and Driving

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The President of the United States recently signed an Executive Order for the Federal Government to demonstrate leadership in reducing text messaging while driving. As noted in the order, there is a growing danger on our roadways caused by drivers who are distracted by text messaging while they operate a motor vehicle. Ultimately, they endanger the lives of themselves and others by taking their eyes off road and using at least one hand to steer while sending or reading text messages. The Departments of Defense and the Army are currently reviewing the requirements for implementing this order. In the meantime, the Directorate of Emergency Services reminds you that (except in an emergency) it is against the law in the State of New Jersey to engage in text messaging or sending an e-mail while operating a motor vehicle. Picatinny Arsenal Police Officers may issue citations for violations of this law. However, our goals are to educate the public on the law, seek voluntary compliance, maintain safe and efficient roadways, and to ultimately save lives. For more information, contact Community Policing at 973.724.3817.