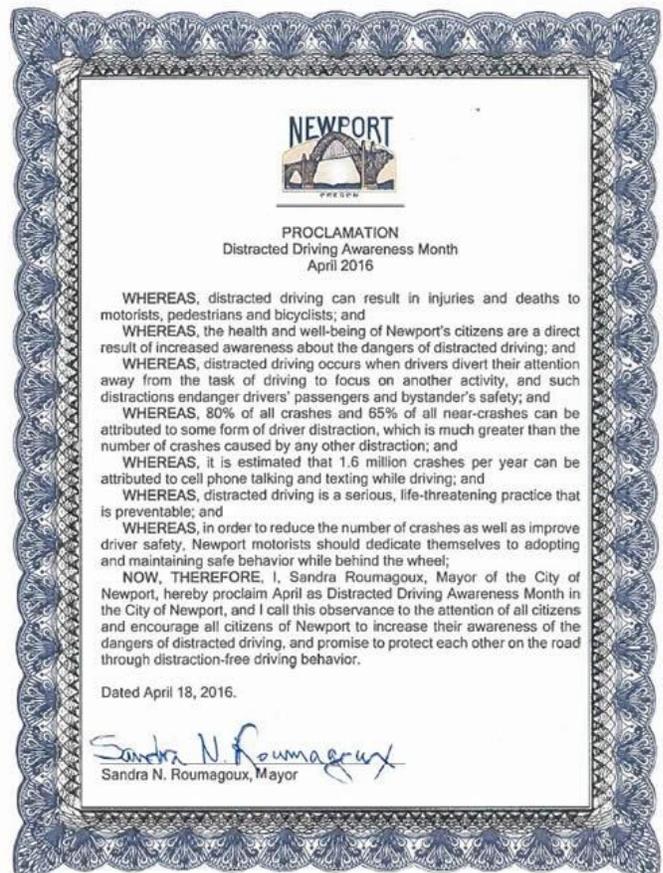


Mayor Sandra Roumagoux proclaimed April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in Newport at the City Council meeting on April 18, 2016. Officer Brad Purdom spoke to the council members and the audience on the dangers of distracted driving.



APRIL TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. According to www.distraction.gov:

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety. These types of distractions include:

- Texting
- Using a cell phone or smartphone
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading, including maps
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video



- Adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player

Nationally in 2013, 3,154 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver and an additional 424,000 were injured.

The Newport Police Department would like to remind you that officers will be paying special attention this month to distracted driving related behaviors.

U Text. U Drive. U Pay.

#JustDrive!

Any distraction puts the driver, passengers, and all roadway users at risk.

Save Lives. Don't Drive Distracted.

The Big 3's Distracting You

Manual **Visual** **Cognitive**

texts for dinner
iPod

Keep your hands on the wheel Keep your eyes on the road Keep yourself focused on the road

POTENTIAL DISTRACTIONS

electronic devices eating reading grooming talking to other passengers texting

Just Drive

NJ Distracted & Impaired Driving Community of Practice Coalition (NJ-DIDCOP)
Sources: http://www.cdc.gov/MotorVehiclsafety/Distracted_Driving/