



Red Bank Police Department Promotes “Hands Free Tennessee” During Distracted Driving Awareness Month

RED BANK, TN, (April 4, 2022) - April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The Red Bank Police Department, in partnership with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, will be increasing education and enforcement in an effort to promote “Hands Free Tennessee.”

“Distracted driving is any act that diverts your focus and attention from the task of driving a motor vehicle,” officials stated.

“Distracted driving is a continual problem in traffic crashes, and accounts for approximately 10 percent of the annual crashes investigated by Red Bank Police,” Sgt. Rusty Aalberg stated.

“Red Bank Police Department is planning daily saturation patrols aimed at reducing distraction related traffic crashes, and altering driving behaviors,” Sgt. Aalberg continued.

“Tennessee Code Annotated 55-8-199” makes it illegal for a driver to:

- (a) hold a cell phone or mobile device with any part of their body,*
- (b) write, send or read any text-based communication,*
- (c) reach for a cell phone or mobile device in a manner that requires the driver to no longer be in a seated driving position or properly restrained by a seat belt,*
- (d) watch a video or movie on a cell phone or mobile device, and*
- (e) record or broadcast video on a cell phone or mobile device.*

If you must use your phone, please pull over to a safe location. Please visit, www.HandsFreeTN.com for additional information.

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