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April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Bloomington, IL – The Bloomington Police Department (BPD) is committed to improving roadway safety in our community. The Bloomington Police Department is reminding drivers about the dangers and consequences of distracted driving.

With the focus on distracted driving amplified during the month of April, Bloomington Police officers have been and will continue to conduct daily traffic details identifying distracted drivers. The BPD urges drivers to put their phone away when behind the wheel. If you are expecting a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location before you view, reply, and/or send a text. Ask your passenger to be your designated texter. Do not engage in social media scrolling while driving. Activate your cell phone's "Do not disturb" function to eliminate distractions.

Chief Simington stated, "*With the evolution of smart phones and other devices in society, distracted driving has become more concerning for traffic safety. Intentional focus on the highway with no distractions will result in safer roadways, therefore allowing motorists to reach their destinations safely. Throughout the month of April, the Bloomington Police Department will be ramping up enforcement of distracted driving violations. For the users of the highway system, please tuck away your devices while driving and assist us with reaching a shared goal of reducing crashes by 10% in 2022!*"

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