SAFETY TAKES YOU HOME

Toolbox Talk

Week of 2/28/2017

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Distracted Driving

Distracted drivers are seen, texting, eating, reading newspapers, putting on makeup, shaving, writing on notepads, etc. It goes without saying that this kind of behavior is inexcusable. However, many other distractions are widely accepted socially, even though they may be just as dangerous. Become cognizant of the most common driving distractions. Doing so may help you protect yourself and others from harm.

- Train yourself to be constantly aware of what's happening around you on the road. You want to be cognizant of the road conditions and the drivers around you 100% of the time you're behind the wheel.
- Texting while driving is now seen as dangerous as intoxicated driving
- Global positioning devices can be very distracting. Be sure not to take your eyes off the road to look at the systems map or route while you are driving. It won't take you very long to pull off the road for a couple of minutes to get your bearings.
- Reading while driving is distracting is distracting and extremely dangerous. Even looking at maps while the vehicle is in motion temporarily takes your concentration away from the road.
- Using cell phones while driving, even with a Bluetooth is distracting. Your cognitive skills are negatively affected by your conversation. Try to keep it short.
- Vehicle media centers can be and are distracting. With all the media options that some vehicles have, this is truer now than ever.
- Trying to retrieve a dropped or fallen object while you are driving is distracting and extremely dangerous. Wait until you have parked the vehicle to find whatever it is that you dropped.

Regardless of the situation, keep your eyes on the road and your attention on driving safely. If driving a company vehicle, there is no excuse for you to be doing anything other than following the rules of the road.

Unfortunately, this issue has affected many of us on a personal level. Please put the phone away and drive.

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