2025 FIRST QUARTER TRAFFIC UPDATE

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AGGRESSIVE DRIVING



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2025 FIRST QUARTER FATAL TRAFFIC STATS PERMIAN BASIN *DPS INVESTIGATED CRASHES ONLY*

- FATAL CRASH STATS ARE FOR THE FOLLOWING 17 COUNTIES: ANDREWS, BORDEN, CRANE, DAWSON, ECTOR, GAINES, GLASSCOCK, HOWARD, LOVING, MARTIN, MIDLAND, PECOS, REEVES, TERRELL, UPTON, WARD AND WINKLER
- TOTAL FATAL TRAFFIC CRASHES JANUARY MARCH: 36
 - AVERAGE FATAL CRASH EVERY 2.5 DAYS
- TOTAL DEATHS: 39
 - AVERAGE AGE OF THE DECEASED <u>40 YEARS</u>
 - DECEASED GENDER: 30 MALES
- **DEADLIEST MONTH**
 - MARCH: 16 FATAL CRASHES

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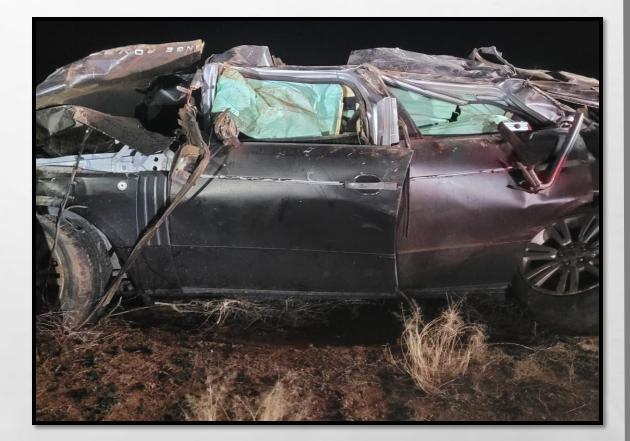
- PEEK FATAL CRASH TIME WINDOWS:
 - 5A TO 9A 10 FATAL CRASHES
 - 4P TO 8P 12 FATAL CRASHES

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• 22 OF THE 36 FATAL CRASHES OCCURRED IN AN 8-HOUR TIME BLOCK

LET'S BREAK DOWN THE FATAL CRASHES FOR JANUARY - MARCH

- NO SEATBELT DEATHS: 12
- GROUPS NOT USING SEATBELTS
 - 18 25
 - OVER 55
 - ENERGY SECTOR EMPLOYEES



- INTERSECTION FATAL CRASHES: 12
- CAUSES:
 - FAIL TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY
 - DISREGARD STOP SIGN



• FAIL TO DRIVE IN SINGLE LANE - FATAL CRASHES: 4

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- CAUSES
 - DISTRACTED DRIVING
 - OVER-CORRECTING
 - FATIGUE
 - INTOXICATION



- WRONG SIDE OF THE ROADWAY -FATAL CRASHES: 9
- CAUSES
 - AGGRESSIVE DRIVING
 - PASSING IN NO PASSING ZONE
 - FATIGUE
 - INTOXICATION



• FAIL TO CONTROL SPEED - FATAL CRASHES: 6

• STRIKING ANOTHER VEHICLE FROM THE REAR

• CAUSES

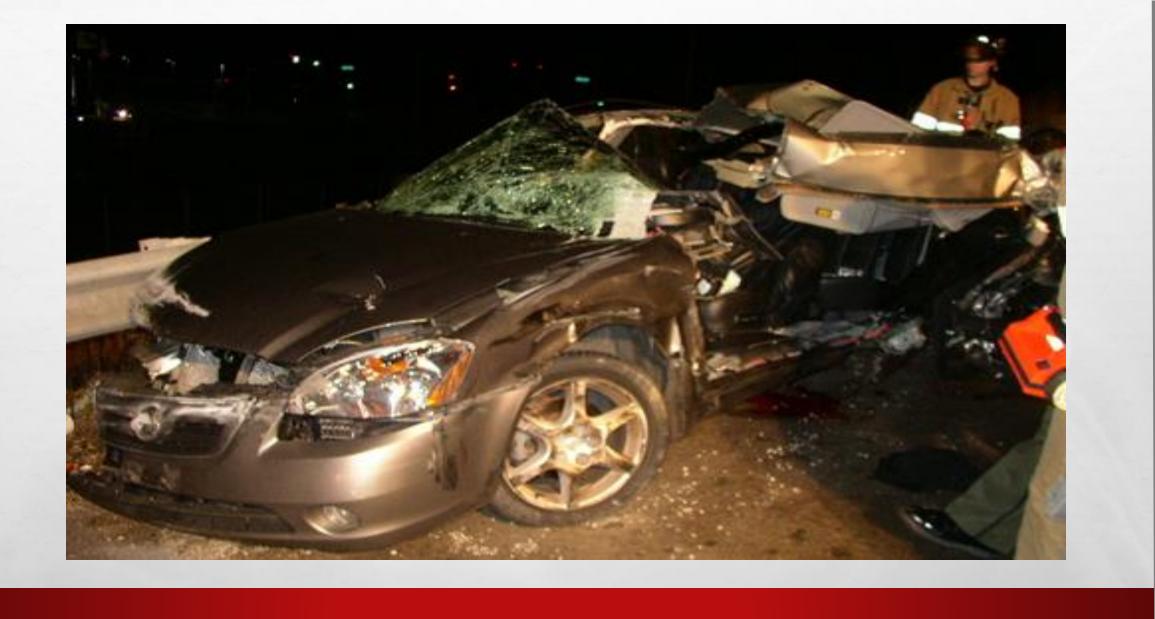
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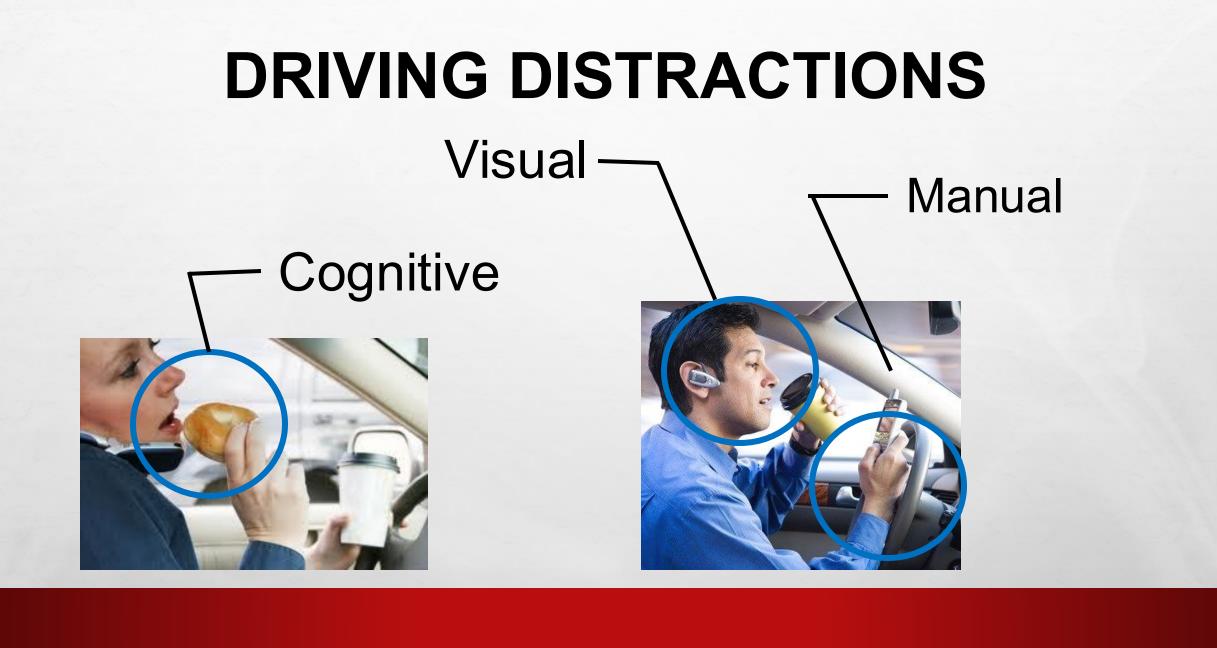
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DISTRACTED DRIVING



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OTHER DISTRACTIONS

- EATING OR DRINKING
- DAY DREAMING
- PERSONAL GROOMING PUTTING ON MAKEUP OR SHAVING
- PETS
- READING
- ADJUSTING RADIO
- USE OF GPS
- CARING FOR / DISCIPLINING CHILDREN IN REAR SEATS

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DANGERS OF DISTRACTED DRIVING

- DISTRACTED DRIVING IS DANGEROUS, CLAIMING 3,308 LIVES IN 2022 ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.
- DRIVERS TALKING ON THE PHONE ARE 4X MORE LIKELY TO CRASH.
- DRIVER'S TEXTING ARE 23X MORE LIKELY TO CRASH.
- THE #1 CAUSE OF TEXAS TEEN DEATHS AGES 15-19 IS VEHICLE RELATED CRASHES. DISTRACTED DRIVING IS THE CAUSE IN 68% OF THOSE CRASHES.

IN CLOSING LET'S MAKE GOOD CHOICES OUT THERE

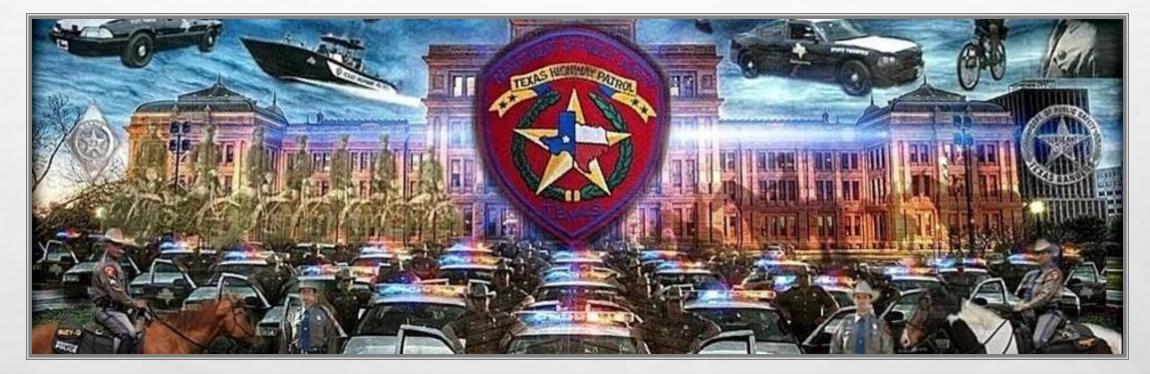


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I will NOT speed Today! I will NOT drive tired Today! I will NOT drive distracted **Today**! I will NOT put my life or other lives in danger Today!



"THAT'S ALL FOLKS"

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