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APRIL IS DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

To recognize Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Tigard Police officers will be conducting proactive distracted driving enforcements throughout the month of April.

Distracted driving is *anything* that takes your attention away from driving. The most common is when a driver uses a cell phone, especially to text or scroll through information.

From 2017-2021, there were 26,264 crashes in Oregon involving distracted driving, resulting in 194 deaths and 24,264 injuries. During the same time frame, there were 2,005 crashes in Oregon caused by drivers reported to have been using a cell phone at the time of the crash, resulting in 15 deaths and 1,775 injuries.

Please park your phone and focus on the road when you're behind the wheel for your safety and the safety of those around you.

Enforcements like these are made possible thanks to federally-funded overtime hours from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Impact.

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