

Distracted Driving

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Texas Peace Officers are expected to follow the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of their respective departments.

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So Many Distractions:

In a typical police car, the following all distract from our attention:

- ✓ Mobile data computer
- ✓ Cell phone(s)
- ✓ Police radio
- ✓ Good times radio
- ✓ Training a recruit
- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Possibility of an ambush
- ✓ Paperwork

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Links:



Video 1:

Officer Hits Man Crossing the Street

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVY1vDGN5B8>

Video 2:

Police Drive Distracted Cause Wrecks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Im2T0E21JOc>

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Texas-Different:



- While on patrol, always be aware of your surroundings and location.
- Listen to music or podcast at a reasonable volume.
- Roll windows down a bit while patrolling, so that you can hear cues from outside of the vehicle.
- Head on a swivel. When checking houses and businesses, look at them don't just go through the motions.

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Reinforce Good Tactics:



- If you are working on paperwork, be mindful of your surroundings. Do not be hyper-focused on the computer.
- Avoid tunnel vision or zoning out.
- No social media while vehicle is in motion.
- If possible, close laptop while in motion.
- We are not as good of multitaskers as we think we are!

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5 Cornerstones



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