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Umatilla County Sheriff's Office to have Extra Patrols during Distracted Driving Awareness Month

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Distracted driving is one of the fastest growing safety issues on the roads today. Distracted drivers aren't just a threat to themselves; they are a danger to everyone else on the road. Through extra patrols and enforcement, the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office will aid the national distracted driving effort which focuses on ways to change the behavior of drivers through legislation, enforcement, public awareness, and education.

"Texting and driving is one of the most dangerous forms of distracted driving," says Lt. Josh Roberts. At any given moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using or manipulating electronic devices while driving. In 2018 that behavior led to 2,841 people killed and an estimated 400,000 injured motorists.

For more information on the dangers and consequences of distracted driving, or how to get involved to help end distracted driving, go to www.DistractedDriving.gov.

