



# **SAFETY NEWS**

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## **Stop honking, I'm on the phone!!**

Sounds kind of funny if it were not for the almost 3000 people who are killed every year due to distracted driving.

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system — anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.

You wouldn't walk down a busy sidewalk, or drive down a busy road your eyes closed, you might cause an accident, injure or kill someone...or yourself.

However, texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the **length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.**

### **THE LAW**

**Arizona** - It is **illegal** in Arizona to talk or text on a cellphone while driving unless the device is in a hands-free mode.

Penalty:

1. First violation: \$75 - \$149 fine
2. Second or subsequent violation: \$150 - \$250 fine

Let's not forget liability if you injure someone....that gets real expensive. Not to mention the shame of hurting or injuring someone

Fort Huachuca- Same as Arizona state law, and you will have a mandatory court appearance on post. You could face UCMJ charges and lose driving privileges on post.

Slow down and put it down. If it's an emergency...pull over, otherwise it can wait. Get where you are going...safely. Before you pick up that phone...

### ***Pick your destination?***

