



# Tulare Police Department

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## **WORKING TOGETHER TO STOP DISTRACTED DRIVING**

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**Tulare, Ca:** The month of April has been designated as Distracted Driving Awareness Month and every year in the U.S., almost a half million people are injured or killed in traffic accidents attributed to the combination of texting and driving. The unfortunate truth is distracted driving collisions are 100 percent preventable, because distracted driving is a choice. It is important for drivers to understand that their chances of being involved in a vehicle collision increase exponentially when they choose to drive distracted. Once that decision is made, distracted drivers place everyone on the road in danger. Some of the most common types of distracted driving include: texting, talking on a cell phone, eating, grooming, talking to passengers, operating a navigation system, and adjusting the radio. To combat this issue the Tulare Police Department is teaming up with the Visalia Police Department, Dinuba Police Department, Exeter Police Department, and the California Highway Patrol to conduct traffic enforcement in the city of Tulare. In addition to conducting traffic enforcement in the city of Tulare, Traffic Officers from all the listed agencies will be conducting additional traffic enforcement in each agencies city during the week of April 24<sup>th</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup> as part of the Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

Officers will be looking for distracted drivers and enforcing traffic related laws.

For further safety information regarding distracted driving please refer to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA.Gov) for tips.

Should you have traffic related questions, please contact Tulare Police Department traffic supervisor, Corporal Lonzo Anderson at (559) 684-4296.

- During business hours at (559) 684-4290;
- During non-business hours or on weekends at (559) 685-3454;
- Anonymously 24-hours a day (559) 685-2300 Ext: 4290
- Online at <https://www.tipsubmit.com/webtipstart.aspx>

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