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## Join Oro Valley for a community conversation on distracted driving

**Oro Valley, Arizona (September 16, 2016)** – On Thursday, September 22 at 6 p.m., the Town of Oro Valley will host a Community Conversation on Distracted Driving at the Hilton El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort, 10000 N. Oracle Road. Town officials and representatives from the Oro Valley Police Department will share information and statistics on the dangers of distracted driving. This will provide an opportunity for attendees to discuss their concerns and ideas to help raise awareness and improve the overall safety of drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists in our community.

*What is “distracted driving” and why do we need to be talking about it?*

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger and bystander safety. While text messaging is considered to be the most dangerous distraction while driving, it is not the only one. It also includes reading email, scrolling through social media or viewing photographs.

In 2014, 3,179 people were killed and 431,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers. Arizona and Montana are the only two states without state texting/cell phone use laws.



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