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Give the Phone a “Break”: April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Brea, Calif. - April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the Brea Police Department encourages drivers to give the phone a break and focus on the road.

Throughout the month of April, Brea Police Department will have additional officers on patrol specifically looking for drivers who violate the state’s hands-free cell phone law.

According to the [2020 California Statewide Public Opinion Survey](#), more than 75% of surveyed drivers listed “Distracted Driving because of TEXTING” as their biggest safety concern.

Under current law, drivers are not allowed to hold a phone or other electronic device while behind the wheel. Drivers under 18 are not allowed to use a phone for any reason, including hands-free.

If you need to make a call or send a text, pull over and park at a safe location. Drivers should silence their phones or put the phone out of reach, such as the glove box or trunk.

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