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Police to Focus on Distracted Drivers in February

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Walla Walla Police will be looking to change the behavior of drivers who choose to talk/text/surf on their mobile devices while driving on City streets. The emphasis will include officers assigned to their normal patrol shifts, and extra officers from area agencies working together during high visibility emphasis patrols geared at targeting distracted drivers. These extra patrols are made possible through grants from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to the Walla Walla County Traffic Safety Task Force.

Distracted drivers contribute to over 25% of all fatal crashes in the State. From 2010-2013, Washington law enforcement agencies investigated 473 fatality crashes, involving the deaths of 506 people, where distracted driving was listed as a contributing factor.

For additional information, view and share this [distracted driving roll call video](#) from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission.

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