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GLENDALE POLICE PROPOSE ORDINANCE PROHIBITING TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On Sept. 7, 2010 in a Glendale City Council Workshop, the Glendale Police Department spoke to council members about submitting a draft ordinance later this year that would prohibit persons operating motor vehicles from sending text messages on cell phones and other electronic devices while driving. The proposed ordinance is expected to reduce dangers on the roadway caused by text messaging while driving. Statistics show one out of four drivers involved in collisions within Glendale were distracted while driving.

This proposal would mirror an ordinance currently in place within the City of Phoenix since 2007. The proposed ordinance will unite Glendale with Phoenix, avoiding confusion to motorists traveling between the two cities.

The ordinance would not apply to the following: public safety personnel, drivers of authorized emergency vehicles, public transit personnel, commercial drivers, and hospital or health officials, who are in the performance of their assigned duties or attempting to mitigate emergency situations.

The Glendale Police Department anticipates providing a draft of this proposed ordinance to the City Council this fall. For more information contact the Glendale Police Department's Public Information Office at 602-590-5733.

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