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Hands Free Law

A pair of new traffic laws will be taking effect on August 1st. This week, we'll highlight the new Hands Free law:

What can I do under the new law? The new law allows a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but only by voice commands or single-touch activation without holding the phone. Remember, hands-free is not necessarily distraction-free.

What can't I do with my phone under the new law? You may not hold your phone in your hand. Also, a driver may not use their phone at any time for video calling, video live-streaming, Snapchat, gaming, looking at video or photos stored on the phone, using non-navigation apps, reading texts and scrolling or typing on the phone.

Can I ever hold my phone? Yes. Hand-held phone use is

allowed to obtain emergency assistance, if there is an immediate threat to life and safety, or when in an authorized emergency vehicle while performing official duties.

Can I use a GPS navigation device? Yes. GPS and other systems that can only be used for navigation are exempt from the Hands-Free law. In-car screens and systems are also exempt. In both cases, most of these systems lock when the vehicle is moving.

Is it against the new law to hold a phone in a hijab or other type of headscarf or wrap? Having a cell phone tucked into a headscarf or head wrap is not against the hands-free cell phone law. The phone must be securely situated to remain hands-free and must not block the driver's vision in any way. What would be against the new law is if the driver removed the phone and held it in their hand while they were a part of traffic. At no time may a

driver hold the phone in their hand unless it's to obtain emergency assistance, if there is an immediate threat to life and safety, or when in an authorized emergency vehicle while performing official duties. The new law does allow a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but only by voice commands or single-touch activation without holding the phone.

If my teen is under 18 years old and has a driver's permit or provisional driver's license, can they use their phone in hands-free mode? The new hands-free law does not change anything for teens under 18 with a driver's permit or provisional driver's license: They cannot make or answer calls while driving (hand-held or hands-free).

Are there penalties? Yes. The first ticket is \$50 plus court fees and the second and later tickets are \$275 plus court fees.

Night to Unite

Night to Unite is just under one month away. Be sure to register your block party with us! Contact **CSO Supervisor Doug Delesha** at 334-0955 or stop in to our lobby to pick up an informational packet. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, August 6th!



Our thoughts and prayers go to **RCSO Correctional Deputy Cayla Potter** on the tragic loss of her husband, William.

Monthly Activity

June CSO Activity: (May activity in parenthesis)

Animal Complaints: 112 (98)
 Animals Impounded: 23 (12)
 - Dogs: 23
 - Cats: 0
 Ordinance Violations: 180 (135)
 Parking Tickets: 54 (28)
 Citations Issued: 63 (50)
 Park Patrol Checks: 350 (11)

June Patrol Activity: (May activity in parenthesis)

Calls For Service: 2925 (2317)
 97.5 calls/day
 2670 - June 2018
 Reports Written: 548 (502)
 Traffic Stops: 303 (264)
 Citations Issued: 233 (220)
 Traffic Crashes: 48 (40)
 - Property Damage: 43
 - Personal Injury: 5
 DWI Arrests: 6 (1)

Congratulations to the following employees with July anniversary dates:

Officer Kara Christensen
13 years

Sergeant Brandon Gliem
18 years

Detective Matt Kolling
12 years

Officer Tony Kuchinka
22 years

“If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?”

Milton Berle

Born July 12, 1908

Questions?
Comments?

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Our Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) speed enforcement wave is underway. Officers, deputies, and troopers statewide are conducting enhanced enforcement directed toward speed violations. They are also on the lookout for other unsafe driving behaviors. The wave continues through July 21.



Due to the reconstruction of 4th Street, public parking is available on 1st Avenue NW. This section of 4th Street is planned to be closed through mid-July.

Construction details are available at www.faribault.org/DocumentCenter/View/1944 and updates will be posted on the city website.



Domestic Assault Arrest

On Thursday, July 11th, **Officer Scott Duncan** and **Sergeant Eric Sammon** responded to a reported domestic assault. The victim reported she was looking at a rental residence when her boyfriend became upset, threatened and assaulted her. She further reported past abusive behavior. Ofc. Duncan could see bruises on the victim which she stated were from a previous assault. A witness to the assault stepped



in to stop the suspect. The suspect, Alex Olson, 30, denied any assault and accused the victim of lying. Olson was arrested and jailed. He was cited for Domestic Assault, and his bail was set at \$1,000 with conditions.