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## PRESS RELEASE

The Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Police Department recently received a traffic enforcement grant from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, as part of this enforcement grant Cornwall-on-Hudson PD will be participating in the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's, ***Distracted Driving Initiative***, between October 08, 2020 thru October 12, 2020. Cornwall-on-Hudson PD officers will be on assigned patrols looking for violators who are utilizing their cell phone while operating a motor- vehicle.

### **What is Distracted Driving?**

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system — anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.

Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.


You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing.

### **Consequences of Distracted Driving?**

Using a cell phone while driving creates enormous potential for deaths and injuries on U.S. roads. In 2018 alone, 2,841 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers. Among those killed were: 1,730 drivers, 605 passengers, 400 pedestrians and 77 bicyclists.

***"Please Stay Safe and Healthy!!"***

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