

# Washoe deputies don't hesitate to write tickets

In the first four months of the year, Washoe County sheriff's deputies have issued 449 citations to drivers talking or texting on their handheld cell phone device.

Nevada prohibits the use of any handheld cell phone while driving. It is punishable by fines of up to \$250.

The department supports the state's traffic safety goal of zero fatalities on Nevada roadways.

"My office will continue enforcing traffic laws because I want Nevada roadways and highways to be as safe as they possibly can be, however, I urge those who continue to risk their lives and the lives of others to consider the most devastating consequences," Sheriff Mike Haley said in a statement. "Maybe then, drivers will understand that the consequence outweighs the importance of using a phone and change their driving behavior."