

# NHP going after distracted drivers

Law enforcement agencies throughout Nevada will be joining forces and focusing on distracted drivers through May 14.

The Nevada Highway Patrol will be working to urge motorists to keep drivers' eyes on the road and put away cell phones or other items that cause distractions.

According to the NHP, 5 seconds is the average time eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 55 mph, that is enough time to cover the length of a football field.

The following are safety precautions to minimize distractions while driving:

- Put your cell phone down and focus on the road;
- When using electronic devices for directions, set the destination prior to driving;
- Speak up when you're a passenger and your driver uses an electronic device while driving. Offer to call or text for the driver, so his or her full attention stays on the driving task;
- Always wear your seat belt. Seat belts are the best defense against other unsafe drivers.