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Texting While Driving

Florida's new law which bans texting while driving takes effect on July 1st, 2019. This new law prohibits drivers to text while their vehicle is in motion. While the law takes effect on July 1st, 2019. The West Miami Police Department officers will be issuing warnings until the end of 2019.

Beginning on January 1st, 2020, our officers will commence issuing citations which carry a fine of \$30.00 for the first offense. There are countless vehicle crashes each year caused by drivers who become distracted while using the cell phones when they are driving.

As the Chief of Police with the West Miami Police Department, I applaud the Florida Legislators and the Governor for signing this new law which we anticipate will reduce the number of crashes as motorists pay more attention to their driving and less to their cellphones.

No text is worth losing your life or that of someone else. Put the cellphone down and wait until you get to your destination to reply. With the public's help, we can all make our streets safer; do not become distracted by a cellphone text message, IT CAN WAIT.

Chief Nelson Andreu
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