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# News Release

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## ***Louisiana Back to School Distracted Driving Campaign***

The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office will be participating, with other agencies in Louisiana, in the "Back to School Distracted Driving Enforcement Campaign" which will span from September 5 until September 9, 2022. This campaign will target drivers using cell phones while operating vehicles in school zones where "hands-free" signage is present in an effort to bring awareness and reduce distracted driving in our region.

In 2019, 8.7% of all fatal crashes were distraction-related resulting in 3,142 lives lost, an increase of 9.9% from 2018 when 2,858 lives were lost due to distracted driving. (Information taken from NHTSA.GOV)

Remember – It is illegal to hold a phone while driving in a school zone. Make the smart decision when you are in the driver's seat.

**ONE TEXT OR CALL COULD**  
**WRECK**  
**IT ALL**