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OCSO & TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE PARTNER FOR DRIVER SAFETY



Sheriff Larry Ashley and Tax Collector Ben Anderson

Niceville H.S. Student Jacquelin Hodskins signs "Just Drive" pledge.

The Okaloosa County Tax Collector's Office and Okaloosa Sheriff's Office are working together to educate the public on the dangers of texting while driving. Every customer at the TCO getting a drivers license learners or permit will now be given a no-texting pledge to sign, a thumb-band reminder, and an educational flyer about the OCSO's "Just Drive" Campaign.

"We know that increasing awareness will prevent accidents," said Sheriff Larry Ashley. "This cooperative effort with the Okaloosa Tax Collector's Office is a great way to get the word out to drivers and boost safety for everyone on the road."

"It certainly makes sense for our office to be involved with this campaign because we are the agency that issues drivers licenses in Okaloosa County. If we can encourage our customers to sign the pledge, then maybe they'll think twice before texting and driving and possibly save a life", said Tax Collector Ben Anderson.

The OCSO used seized funds from drug dealers to purchase 50-thousand thumb bands which will help promote the Just Drive campaign with the assistance of the Tax Collector's Office and Okaloosa School District.

Customers can sign the pledge at any Tax Collector Branch Office or at the Sheriff's Office. A sample is attached. For more information about the JUST DRIVE! campaign, visit www.OkaloosaTax.com or www.sheriff-okaloosa.org.

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OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Just Drive

Text Free Driving Pledge

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because it makes me 23 times more likely to crash.

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because it's like driving after having 4 beers.

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because it's like taking my eyes off the road for an average of 5 seconds. At 55 MPH, it is like driving the length of a football field - completely blind.

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because car crashes kill an average of 11 teens - EVERY DAY.

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because distracted driving injures 330,000 people every year.

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because texting and driving is dangerous and life threatening to me, others in my car and everyone else on the roads.

_____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because texting and driving ends and ruins lives everyday and I will NOT contribute to this growing epidemic.

By signing below, I am making a conscious commitment to not text while driving, always wear my seatbelt and encourage my friends and family to always do the same

Signature

Date