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## *Put the phone away or pay* *Law enforcement steps up April distracted driving enforcement*

Bloomington, IL - In recognition of Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the Bloomington Police Department is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies across Illinois to step up enforcement efforts throughout April. Motorists can expect increased patrols looking for texting, social media use, video viewing and other distracted driving violations.

"Distracted driving puts everyone at risk, and even a quick glance at a phone can have devastating consequences," said Chief Jamal Simington "During April, officers will be looking for distracted driving violations and reminding motorists to put the phone away and focus on the road."

If you need to send a message, check directions or return a call, pull over and park safely first. Whatever the solution, do not drive distracted.

In Illinois, manually using an electronic communication device while driving is not only dangerous, but also illegal. Put the phone away or pay.

The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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### Crime Tips

If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email [CIAU@cityblm.org](mailto:CIAU@cityblm.org). You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

### Career Opportunities

The Bloomington Police Department is currently hiring for the entry-level officer position. Individuals interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement are encouraged to apply and join our team in serving and protecting the community. Applications are due on 4/26/26. For more information, visit [join-bpd.com](http://join-bpd.com), email [knowers@cityblm.org](mailto:knowers@cityblm.org), or call 309-261-6018.

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