

## Check Out the Simulator

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Distracted Driving Simulator is made possible through a grant from the State Farm Insurance Company. The simulator can be reserved for a program at your school or safety fair. When possible, team members from the Passenger Safety Project can present a program and demonstrate the simulator. Arrangements can also be made to loan the simulator to organizations for their use at programming to educate others on the dangers of distracted driving.

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# Distracted Driving Awareness



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# Get the message out—Talk. Text. Crash.

## Distracted Driving Simulator

The Distracted Driving Simulator is designed to give participants a hands-on experience with the dangers of distracted driving, especially texting and driving. Through a realistic simulation, the participant drives on a busy highway while reading and responding to text messages on their cell phone. Most participants quickly become involved in a crash and learn in a safe environment that texting and driving do not mix.

Distracted driving is responsible for up to 22% of crashes in Texas.\* Teens are especially at risk due to their inexperience. The combination of inexperience and distractions leads to fatal crashes. Teens have the highest rate of fatal crashes due to distracted driving.\*

\*Texas Department of Transportation, 2012



### Know the Laws in Texas:

Cellphone use is prohibited under the Graduated Driver's License Law

Cellphone use is prohibited for all drivers under age 18

Cellphone use is banned in school zones when posted.

Driving requires visual, manual and cognitive attention.

**Visual**—Keeping your eyes on the road.

**Manual**—Keeping your hands on the wheel.

**Cognitive**—Keeping your mind on your driving.

**Texting takes away all three at once!**

## The Dangers of Distracted Driving

Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent (at 55 mph) of driving the length of an entire football field, blind.\*

\*Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, Distracted Driving Study, 2009