Distracted Driving in Missouri

- 70% of the motor vehicle accidents in Missouri in 2018 due to texting and driving were in people over the age of 22.
- 9 out of 10 people use their smartphones in some way while driving.
- Missouri is 1 of 3 states that do not explicitly ban texting and driving for ALL drivers.

What is Missouri doing about distracted driving?

- Since 2009, Missouri has had a law banning texting while driving for persons under age 21. Penalty is a $200 fine and 2 points added to license.
- Senate Bill 15 prohibits drivers of all ages from cell phone use. Hands-free devices are accepted. If passed, the bill would take effect August 28, 2019.
- The fine for texting and driving would be $50.00, $100.00 if texting and driving in a school zone.

We urge legislators to make Missouri roads safer by passing laws banning texting while driving for all drivers regardless of age.