St. Paul Police Distracted Driving Enforcement

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City of St. Paul

52 Square Miles

Population 300,000

• 12 Traffic Officers

6 cars/ 6 motorcycles

Dangerous Combination

• St. Paul's push for pedestrian traffic

The increase of bike lanes

Distracted drivers

Cell Phone Use

St. Paul Issues

Increase in pedestrians struck by MV. /192

Increase in Bicyclists Struck /99

Increase in MV crashes/ 10,845

Increased Case Load for Crash Investigators

Learning Curve

- More Time Spent by Officer to gather elements
- Cell Phone Tricks
- Inter City Streets
- Heavy Traffic
- Squads vs Unmarked SUV, Bus, Truck
- Police Motorcycles
- Driver Admissions/ BWC
- Educating Judges



Motor Officers



- Officers sit higher
- Maneuver through heavy traffic/Split easier
- Intercept violators spotted by U.C.s
- Motors can post inconspicuously
- Ride in a violators blind spot easier

Make it a Campaign!

Local Media/Paper

Schools/SRO's

Pamphlets

MN Safety Council/ Posters/Wristbands

Thank You

Questions?

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