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"Hands-Free" Legislation Effective January 1, 2014

Effective January 1, 2014, a statewide law restricts the use of hand-held cellular devices while driving a vehicle. As this new law is classified as a "primary offense", police may stop, detain and cite drivers observed utilizing a hand-held cellular device while driving. Drivers in Illinois may still utilize hands-free cell phone technology while driving; usable devices include headsets, ear buds or Bluetooth devices.

The state has made 10 exceptions to the law, which include:

1. A law enforcement officer or operator of an emergency vehicle while performing his or her official duties;
2. A driver using an electronic communication device for the sole purpose of reporting an emergency situation and continued communication with emergency personnel during the emergency situation;
3. A driver using an electronic communication device in hands-free or voice-operated mode, which may include the use of a headset;
4. A driver of a commercial motor vehicle reading a message displayed on a permanently installed device designed for a commercial motor vehicle with a screen that does not exceed 10 inches tall by 10 inches wide in size;
5. A driver using an electronic communication device while parked on the shoulder of a roadway;
6. A driver using an electronic communication device when the vehicle is stopped due to normal traffic being obstructed and the driver has the motor vehicle transmission in neutral or park;
7. A driver using two-way or citizens band radio services;
8. A driver using two-way mobile radio transmitters or receivers for licensees of the Federal Communications Commission in the amateur radio service;
9. A driver using an electronic communication device by pressing a single button to initiate or terminate a voice communication;
10. A driver using an electronic communication device capable of performing multiple functions, other than a hand-held wireless telephone or hand-held personal digital assistant (for example, a fleet management system, dispatching device, citizens band radio, or music player) for a purpose that is not otherwise prohibited.

Fines for violations begin at \$75, with a second offense carrying a fine up to \$150. Violations are also considered moving violations. The accumulation of three moving violations within a 365 day period could result in a driver's license being suspended by the IL Secretary of State.

Event Calendar -

Architectural Board of Review Meeting

Tuesday, January 07, 2014

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Cancelled

Wednesday, January 08, 2014

Distracted drivers who harm other drivers or pedestrians face a Class A misdemeanor which could result in fines up to \$2,500 and up to a year in jail. Distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes could be charged with a Class 4 felony which carries fines up to \$25,000 and up to three years in jail.

The Lake Bluff Police Department reminds its residents to continue practicing safe driving habits and utilize hands-free cell phone technology.

What the IL Concealed Carry Act Means for Lake Bluff

All buildings owned by the Village of Lake Bluff will soon be signed in accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Concealed Carry Act (Act). Applications for concealed carry permits will be available on the Illinois State Police website in January, with permits being issued shortly thereafter. Under the Act, firearms are prohibited at all Village-owned buildings, all public parks and playgrounds, and all public and private schools, even by holders of concealed carry permits. Business and commercial property owners and managers in Lake Bluff with questions about signage options for their property may contact Deputy Chief David Belmonte with questions at dbelmonte@lakebluff.org. Authorized "No Weapons Allowed" window clings are available free of charge at the Lake Bluff Public Safety Building. For more information about the Act, please visit www.ccl4illinois.com.

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