HEADS UP, STAY SAFE!
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COVER SHEET

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Driving can be dangerous if you have a little too much fun Texting.
TEXT IT LATER!

Being a person that loves to text is fine but when it comes to driving it can definitely wait.

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Have you ever been in a situation where you’re driving then you get a text from a friend. Most people might pick it up and answer but, that’s not a good thing because if you aren’t paying attention then you just might wreck or worse.

There is an estimated 500 citation that have been written just in the city of Thomasville just for the use of Cellphones or other electronic devices while driving.

DRIVE NOW. TEXT LATER
Some people think it’s best to answer texts later while driving. While some people think that it is better to answer texts right away. Answering texts isn’t so important because your life is more important. Texting while driving distracts you from looking at the road, and could cause a car accident.

If your driving down the highway or simply just going to the store and your Mom, Dad, or your Brother or Sister start texting or calling tell them to put the phone down and do it later cause you have only one life.
NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING
A driver may not send or read any text-based communication unless using voice-based communication that automatically converts message to a written text or is being used for navigation or GPS.

NO HANDS-ON TALKING WHILE DRIVING
Drivers cannot have a phone in their hand or use any part of their body to support their phone. Drivers can only use their phones to make or receive phone calls by using speakerphone, earpiece, wireless headphone, phone is connected to vehicle or an electronic watch. GPS navigation devices are allowed.

NO WATCHING OR RECORDING VIDEOS
A driver may not watch a video unless it is for navigation. A driver may not record a video (continuously running dash cams are exempt).

NO BROWSING THE WEB
A driver may not send or read any e-mails, social media or other internet content.

EXCEPTIONS
1. Reporting a traffic crash, medical emergency, fire, criminal activity or hazardous road conditions.
2. An employee or contractor of a utility service provider acting within the scope of his/her employment while responding to a utility emergency.
3. A first responder (law enforcement, fire, EMS) during the performance of his/her official duties.
4. When in a lawfully parked vehicle—that DOES NOT include vehicles stopped for traffic signals and stop signs on the public roadway.

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS
1. Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators can only use one button to begin or end a phone call.
2. Cannot reach for a wireless telecommunication device or stand-alone electronic device so that it no longer requires the driver to be in a seated position or properly restrained by a safety belt.