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2018 - 2019 Oregon Impact Distracted Driving Grant for Silverton Police

The Silverton Police Department has been awarded a 2018 - 2019 Distracted Driving Grant through Oregon Impact. To meet the requirements of the grant, enforcement and education will occur throughout the year, but specifically during the month of April 2019 in coordination with the 6th National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The intent of this grant is to reduce distracted driving in Silverton and raise awareness to the dangers of distracted driving. It is our hope this will change driver behavior resulting in less distracted driving crashes, fatalities and injuries. For March 2019, the Silverton Police Department conducted **(19)** traffic stops for **mobile electronic device** use.

The penalties for operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile communication device are as follows:

- **\$265.00 fine** for first conviction.
- **\$440.00 fine** for a person's first conviction, if commission of the offense contributes to a crash.
- **\$440.00 fine** for a person's second conviction if within a 10 years period following the date of the person's first conviction.
- **Class B Misdemeanor Crime (\$2,500 fine and up to 6 months jail time)** if within a 10-year period preceding the date of the person's current conviction.