



Agenda Item Summary

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Resolution to Support Hands Free Devices While Driving Legislation

Presenter:

Missy Daniels

Description:

This is a resolution that supports stronger legislation regarding cell phone use in cars to include hands free device use while driving in all circumstances.

Recommended Action:

Approve the resolution

Prior Board Motions:

12/16/2024 Motion to bring back a draft resolution to support legislation requiring hands free device use while driving.

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

At the joint meeting with the City of Gainesville on December 16, 2024, both Commissions were requested to urge the State Legislature to create stronger laws concerning cell phone use while driving to include hands free use in all circumstances. Florida State Statute 316-305 known as the "Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law" relates only to texting. Florida State Statute 316-306 prohibits operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communication device (cell phone, laptop, computer) in a hand-held manner but only within a school crossing, school zone or construction zone. The proposed resolution supports legislation that requires hands free use of wireless communication devices when driving whether texting or making phone calls.