

# Crashes Involving Drivers Distracted by Electronic Devices

September 2009

Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office, 3223 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
[www.ohso.ok.gov](http://www.ohso.ok.gov) Phone: 405/523-1570 Fax: 405/523-1586

## Crashes

- ✘ Oklahoma crash reports are completed by law enforcement officers at the scene of a crash and show when a driver is distracted by an electronic device, largely based on self-reporting.
- ✘ The two choices an officer has for indicating distraction by electronic devices are:
  - Electronic Communications Device (Cell Phone, Pager, etc.)
  - Other Electronic Device (Navigation Device, Palm Pilot, etc.)
- ✘ In 2007, there were 10 fatal crashes involving a driver distracted by an electronic device, 693 injury crashes and 912 non-injury crashes.
- ✘ In 2008, there were 13 fatal crashes involving a driver distracted by an electronic device, 661 injury crashes and 1,016 non-injury crashes.

## Drivers

The table below shows the number of drivers distracted by electronic devices in 2007 and 2008 crashes. Drivers age 16-25 were the leading age group for both 2007 and 2008.

Drivers in Crashes Distracted by Electronic Device		
Driver Age	2007	2008
Unknown	17	32
Under 16	7	11
16 - 25	858	832
26 - 35	338	368
36 - 45	228	237
46 - 55	169	195
56 - 65	82	90
66+	37	46
Total Drivers	1,736	1,811