

## **NAPT Statement about Distracted Driving**

Awareness of and action to prevent any form of distracted driving is critical in pupil transportation where there is an especially high public expectation of safety excellence.

Driving a school bus requires focused attention and situational awareness at all times. Distraction of any kind could compromise the safety of passengers, children getting on and off the school bus, and other motorists.

The use of cell phones or other electronic devices to talk or text while driving is particularly distracting.

Many states, school districts and school bus operators already have policies that prohibit cell phone use and texting while driving. NAPT encourages those that do not yet have such policies to mark Distracted Driving Awareness Month by enacting them.

Further, we encourage all NAPT members to support national, state and local efforts to deter distracted driving, and remain focused on providing the safest form of ground transportation in America throughout the year.

The official US Government website for distracted driving is: [www.DistractedDriving.gov](http://www.DistractedDriving.gov)