Minnesota Inattentive Driving Facts

- In 2016–2020 in Minnesota, inattentive or distracted driving was a contributing factor in 147 fatal crashes resulting in 157 deaths.

- During the same period, fatalities resulting from inattentive-related crashes cost Minnesota over $250 million.

- Driver inattention or distraction is a leading contributing factor in fatal crashes. In 2020, 31 people were killed in inattention-related crashes.

- In 2016–2020, inattention or distraction was cited in 5 percent of all alcohol-related fatal crashes.

- Over the five-year period, 2016–2020, 58 percent of the inattention-related fatal crashes occurred in rural areas (less than 5,000 population).

- In 2016-2020, inattention or distraction accounted for 14 percent of the factors cited in fatal crashes for drivers under age 30, comparable to the 8 percent of the factors cited for drivers age 65 and older.

Sources: MN DPS/OTS;

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