

Distracted Driving Action Team 2019 Accomplishments

Operation Ghost Rider distracted driving enforcement initiative (M-59, between I-75 and I-94) are as follows:

22 officers (state, county, and local) stopped 300 vehicles, issued 295 citations, and made 5 arrests in 12 hours.

Participating agencies included:

- Michigan State Police
- Macomb County Sheriff's Office
- Auburn Hills Police Department
- Chesterfield Township Police Department
- Clinton Township Police Department
- Shelby Township Police Department
- Sterling Heights Police Department
- Utica Police Department

The Transportation Improvement Association (TIA) provided two spotter vehicles. During a total of 18 hours of enforcement, law enforcement officers conducted more than 907 traffic stops resulting in 726 citations and 34 arrests. In 2018, officers stopped 530 vehicles, issued 440 citations, and made 9 arrests in a 6-hour period.

Members of the committee also assisted in education efforts within the business communities supplying educational materials (Hands free literature, Kelseys law handouts) and attending press events supporting new legislation efforts for hands free driving laws. Our representative from the Secretary of State made arraignments or have an informational video on the dangers of Distracted Driving played in all 131 Secretary of State branch offices waiting room during the month of April.

Our committee is working to have a PowerPoint program we can pass out for educating the public on the dangers and different ideas for combating the problem by the end of 2019.