



WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Important Traffic Safety Laws

- **Texting while Driving is unlawful**
- **Talking on cell phone in School Zone or Work Zone is unlawful**

In 2009, the Illinois Legislation passed two public acts to increase traffic safety. These laws are in effect as of January 1st, 2010. The first public act (P.A. 096-0131) amended the Illinois Vehicle Code Wireless Telephones law (Section 5/12-610.1 of Chapter 625) by adding section (e) **A person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone or on a highway in a construction zone.**

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=096-0131>

The second public act (P.A. 096-0130) created the Illinois Vehicle Code Electronic Communication Devices law (Section 5/12-610.2 of Chapter 625). The law states, **A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send, or read an electronic message.** It also defines an electronic communication device as an electronic device, including but not limited to a wireless telephone, personal digital assistant, or a portable or mobile computer.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=096-0130>

The Wilmette Police Department is committed to increasing traffic safety in the Village. We know that we are most effective when working in partnership with the community. Over the next few weeks the police department will be working with representatives from area schools to increase public awareness and compliance of both pieces of legislation. Both of these public acts created exemptions that can be reviewed by going to the above links.