



#### **Distractions**

- Anything that takes your attention away from the task at hand
  - In this case the task is driving



## Who's Driving?

 If you allow distractions to take your attention away from driving, you are not driving.



#### **But I'm a Good Driver**

- Keep telling yourself that
- You're playing the odds
- The odds will catch up to you



## Busy, Busy, Busy

- Fast-paced society
- Work, school, family
- Distractions change our focus



### **Cell Phones**

- Most noted distraction
  - Talking or texting
  - Hands-free or hand held
  - Like driving while drunk



#### **Decisions**

- Approximately 400 observations every two miles
- One mistake every 40 decisions based on those observations



# What Can Happen in Two Seconds?

- Short amount of time
- A lot can happen
- Highway driving
- Residential areas
- City driving



#### You are Not Alone

- Think about your distractions
- Multiply that by the number of vehicles around you



# **Group Talk**

- What distracts you when driving?
- How can we avoid distractions?



## **Try This for One Day**

- Turn your cell phone off when you get in your vehicle
- Don't look at your passengers to have a conversation
- Don't read the newspaper, book or map while driving
- Have your music loaded before you go
- Do your grooming before you drive



If doing this didn't hurt you, try it every day

Drive smart, drive safe