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UPDATE: Traffic Project Targeting Distracted Driving

On Wednesday, April 24, 2024, the Ames Police Department, in partnership with the Iowa State University Police Department, with support from the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau and CyRide, will be conducting a traffic education project focusing on texting while driving.

Officers will be out enforcing all traffic violations but will focus on texting while driving.

In Iowa, a total of 1,438 citations were issued for illegal use of an electronic device while driving in 2023, compared to about 1,357 citations in 2022.

UPDATE: The Ames Police Department and Iowa State University Police Department issued 17 citations and 37 written warnings during the traffic project on Wednesday.

- Citations included: no seat belt (5), use of electronic communication device (11), and operating non-registered vehicle (1)
- Written warnings included: failure to yield to emergency vehicle (1), operating non-registered vehicle (1), use of electronic communication device (17), speed (1), registration violations (4), failure to provide security against liability (10), equipment violation (1), failure to obey traffic control device (1), and driver's license violation (1)

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