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AG Rapadas Enforces PL 31-194 Amongst OAG Staff Calls for Agencies, Businesses to Join Him in His Effort to Curb Distracted Driving

September 17, 2013- Tamuning, Guam- Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas has taken additional steps in his effort to curb distracted driving.

Last week, he issued a memorandum to all staff of the Office of the Attorney General, prohibiting the use of mobile phones when operating government vehicles and when using an agency-issued mobile phone while operating a personal vehicle. He further stated that noncompliance could result in disciplinary and/or criminal action.

“A priority for me as attorney general is not to only to protect the interests of the people of Guam, but to include a safe working environment for all my staff. That is why we are instituting this policy immediately; we need to continue to protect ourselves when we ‘hit the road,’” said AG Rapadas.

PL 31-194, which essentially prohibits any and all uses of cell phones while operating a vehicle, was amended over a year ago; even holding a cell phone in your hand while driving is enough for a citation.

This is the beginning of what AG Rapadas hopes will become an island-wide movement for the people of Guam to become more attentive drivers. This is also the beginning of a distracted driving campaign he intends to pursue in the coming months.

AG Rapadas encourages all government agencies, business entities and organizations to implement a similar policy.

“I humbly ask the directors of other agencies to follow suit for the safety of their employees and for all of Guam’s drivers.”

“It has been public law for a while now, but having it as policy for the office will go a long way towards keeping us safe as we travel to and from our destinations,” he said.

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