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BAN ON TEXTING WHILE DRIVING POLICY

Approved by Full ARC on March 28, 2013

Scope

This policy applies to a ban on texting while driving for all Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) staff and contractors.

Definition

“Texting” or “Text Messaging” means reading from or entering data into any handheld or other electronic device, including for the purpose of SMS texting, emailing, instant messaging, obtaining navigational information, or engaging in any other form of electronic data retrieval or electronic data communication.

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the ARC to comply with Presidential Documents: Executive Order 13513 of October 1, 2009, “Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving” (<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-24203.pdf>). Consistent with this Executive Order, ARC staff and contractors shall not engage in text messaging while driving any vehicle, including personally-owned vehicles, when performing work for the ARC, including work under a federal grant or contract that requires compliance with this Executive Order.

Reason for Policy

Federal Leadership On Reducing Text Messaging While Driving, was signed by President Barack Obama on October 1, 2009 (ref.: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-24203.pdf>). This Executive Order requires granting and contracting agencies to encourage award recipients and contractors of the Federal Government to adopt and enforce policies that prohibit the use of text messaging while driving federally or institutionally-owned vehicles, or while driving personally-owned vehicles when performing any work for or on behalf of the government. Agencies have begun to require the adoption and enforcement of such policies as a condition of receiving federal contracts and grants. This policy is intended to comply with those portions of the Executive Order that reflect the appropriate scope of Executive Branch authority, namely, the ban on texting while driving federally-owned vehicles or any vehicle when performing work for or on behalf of the government.

Procedures

The ARC will disseminate this policy by posting it on the ARC website (www.allianceofrougecommunities.com) . The ARC Executive Director will be responsible for ensuring that ARC staff and contractors working on ARC business, including work under federal grants or contracts are aware of the requirements of this policy.

Sanctions

ARC staff and contractors that are found to be in violation of this policy will be personally subject to sanctions relating to their participation in ARC work, including that under federal grants or contracts as determined by the ARC Executive Committee.

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Related Information

This policy applies to ARC activities, including any federally-funded grants and contracts awarded to the ARC, whether awarded by the federal government directly to the ARC or awarded to another entity and “passed-through” to the ARC.