

## **New cell phone restrictions for drivers with Temporary or Probationary Licenses**

On November 1, 2012 a new law took effect which specifically prohibits the use of cellular (or otherwise wireless) telephones by all operators who are driving a vehicle on a temporary or probationary driver's license.

The intent of this law is to ensure that newer, inexperienced drivers are not distracted through the use of these devices when their attention should be focused on the operation of their vehicles.

Operators who are cited under this statute will be subject to a fine of \$187.90 for the first offense and \$263.50 for second and subsequent offenses within a year.

The actual amendment can be found here:

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2011/related/acts/164>

If anyone has any questions about this new law, please contact the Evansville Police Department at 882-2299.