

[Local Teens Join Efforts with Arlington Pediatrics and Palatine Police to Prevent Distracted Driving; Safety Fair Jan. 30 2016](#)

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We live in a world where we are constantly multitasking, which unfortunately includes people using their cell phones while driving. Dr. David Brottman, a practicing pediatrician at Arlington Pediatrics in the northwest suburbs has seen firsthand what distracted driving has done to his own patients and the personal tragedies affecting families.

Because of this, Dr. Brottman founded an organization “Just Hang It Up” and his mission is to curb cell phone use by drivers all together.

Local high school students, under the oversight of Dr. Brottman, have taken the “Just Hang It Up” message to the public in an effort to help prevent distracted driving, particularly with the teenage driving community.

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, texting while driving makes you 23 times more likely to crash and about 6 times more likely to cause an accident than driving intoxicated.

“The use of cell phones and texting while driving is a real problem we see in law enforcement and I am grateful for the efforts of our high school youth and the ‘Just Hang it Up’ program that are trying to educate the public and stop an avoidable tragedy in the future” said Officer Andy Olech of the Palatine Police Traffic Unit.

Just Hang It Up is joining with the staff of Arlington Pediatrics, the Palatine Police Department and other local organizations to hold a Safety Fair on **Saturday, January 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Arlington Pediatrics, 3325 N. Arlington Heights Road, Suite 100A in Arlington Heights.

The Safety Fair will include a driving simulator that helps simulate distracted driving, featured speakers discussing a wide range of topics including gun safety, child proofing homes, car seat installation, fire home safety programs and participation by the Illinois State Police and entertainment for young children as well as food and refreshments.

A fact sheet, data resources, partner opportunities and other information are available on the Just Hang It Up Website