

NC Ranks 7th for Bad Drivers - Is Texting & Driving the Problem?

New survey findings say North Carolina has the 7th worst drivers in the nation. Law Offices of James Scott Farrin attorney James S. Farrin believes distracted driving is the problem.

Raleigh, NC (<u>PRWEB</u>) January 17, 2014 -- Each year, the website <u>CarInsuranceComparison.com</u> releases a "States with the Worst Drivers" list. This year, North Carolina tied for 7th worst in the country. Last year, we ranked 12th worst.

The results are based on data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), National Motorists Association, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

In response, North Carolina car accident attorney James S. Farrin of the Law Offices of James Scott Farrin said that he is confident that cutting down on texting and driving is a key to reducing accidents across NC.

"While this is certainly not good news for anyone who uses our roads, we hope that the findings of this survey will serve as a wake-up call for North Carolina drivers," Farrin said.

"Careless driving was cited as a significant factor in determining our state's ranking. As personal injury lawyers, we have seen firsthand the devastating impact of car accidents caused by careless, distracted drivers. It's extremely important that North Carolina drivers realize how dangerous texting while driving can be."

State Police officials told The Daily News in Jacksonville that despite a texting and driving ban in 2009, distracted driving – behaviors ranging from texting and driving to programming a GPS system or radio –remain a major concern across the state ("North Carolina ranked 7th in nation in bad driving," December 18, 2013).

"We are not that surprised to read the findings of the survey," Farrin said. "Accidents caused by careless driving, be it from speeding, texting and driving, or even talking on a phone, are not uncommon. But we believe North Carolinians can be better. Driving is a significant responsibility. All it takes is one moment of carelessness to turn your life, and the lives' of others, upside-down."

Farrin said that through their work, attorneys can not only help victims who have been injured, or families who have lost loved ones, but also send a message that negligent behavior should not, and will not, be tolerated on North Carolina roads.

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