



Toni Donato-Bolis

On June 1, 2011 Toni Donato-Bolis happily married mother of a two year old little girl couldn't wait to meet the newest member of her family. Toni was headed east on Ptiman Downer Road, a mile from home, when a distracted driver coming in the opposite direction, crossed lanes and crashed head on into Toni's vehicle; both she and baby RJ were killed.



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**WAS THAT TEXT MESSAGE
THAT IMPORTANT?**

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2,899 TEXT MESSAGES PER MONTH!

- According to a Nielsen study, "The average U.S teen sends or receives an average of 2,899 text messages per month."

4.6 seconds...

- Texting took a driver's focus away from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds-enough time... to travel the length of a football field at 55 miles per hr. (reported by CNET)
- A 2007 simulator study by Clemson University found that txt messaging and using iPods caused drivers to leave their lanes 10% more often.
- Using a cell phone while driving, whether it's hand held or hands free, delays a driver's reaction as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit. (Source: University of Utah)
- Nearly 80% of collisions involve some sort of driver inattention.



- August 27, 2011 a young woman was texting as she drove on I-65 in Alabama. She lost control of her car and killed herself, and her 10 month old baby. She was pronounced dead on the scene. Her baby was taken to the hospital where they tried to revive him, but he was basically dead upon arrival. An investigation showed she was texting while driving. (al.com- The Birmingham News- Carol Robinson)
- Bailey, 17, was killed along with four of her fellow cheerleaders when she swerved into oncoming traffic, hit a tractor trailer, and her SUV burst into flames. Five days earlier the five teenagers had graduated from high school. 2 minutes before the crash was reported, her phone was used to send a text message to a friend. (momlogic.com)
- 17 year old Patrick was replying to a txt message when he drifted into the bicycle lane and struck and killed a cyclist. He was charged with careless driving resulting in death.(momlogic.com)

NEARLY 6,000 PEOPLE DIED IN 2008 IN CRASHES INVOLVING A DISTRACTED DRIVER, AND MORE THAN HALF A MILLION WERE INJURED. (NHTSA)

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- WWW.CDC.GOV/NCIPC/FACTSHEETS/TEEN.MVH.HTM
- WWW.ALLSTATE.COM/FOUNDATION/TEEN-DRIVING/TEEN-SAFEDRIVING-FACTS.ASPX
- [HTTP://WWW.DISTRACTION.GOV/INDEX.HTML](http://WWW.DISTRACTION.GOV/INDEX.HTML)
- [HTTP://WWW.INTOMOBILE.COM/2010/05/18/HEY-STUPID-STOP-TEXTING-AND-DRIVING-THIS-IS-WHAT-COULD-HAPPEN-GRAPHIC-VIDEO/](http://WWW.INTOMOBILE.COM/2010/05/18/HEY-STUPID-STOP-TEXTING-AND-DRIVING-THIS-IS-WHAT-COULD-HAPPEN-GRAPHIC-VIDEO/)
- [HTTP://WWW.DOSOMETHING.ORG/TIPSANDTOOLS/11-FACTS-ABOUT-TEEN-DRIVING](http://WWW.DOSOMETHING.ORG/TIPSANDTOOLS/11-FACTS-ABOUT-TEEN-DRIVING)
- [HHTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?v=DEBHWd6LJZS](http://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?v=DEBHWd6LJZS)
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