

## **Acclaimed Clearwater Injury Attorneys Comment On Recent Study Showing Distracted Drivers Sent U.S. Traffic Fatality Rates Up 14% in 2015**

*The Clearwater injury attorneys at Carlson, Meissner, Hart & Hayslett, P.A. reflect back on the alarming 2015 study showing rising traffic accident fatality rates due to distracted driving*

Clearwater, FL ([PRWEB](#)) January 27, 2016 -- The Clearwater injury attorneys of Carlson, Meissner, Hart & Hayslett, P.A. express their concern regarding the increasing number of car accidents caused by distracted driving. A recent study performed by the National Safety Council counted over [18,000 fatal car crashes](#) from January to June of 2015. Experts say the majority of crashes were caused by distracted driving. The numbers show a 14% increase in crashes caused by distracted driving since the year 2014. Additional factors, including low gas prices have contributed to the increase in the number of drivers on the road. This startling statistic highlights the need for practiced injury attorneys to protect victim's rights.

Research by the U.S Department of Transportation shows that at any given moment across America, approximately [660,000 drivers are using cell phones](#) or operating electronic devices while driving. This number has held steady since 2010. [WTSP 10 Tampa News spoke with local Countryside High School students](#) and school resource officer, Officer Long. Officer Long, as well as students agreed that distractions quickly multiply in the car of a student driver. Young drivers are easily preoccupied by friends, social media, or "showing off" while driving noted two Countryside students.

With young people ages 15-24 accounting for 14% of the U.S. population, there are a large number of inexperienced and often distracted drivers populating the roads. For more than four decades, Tampa Bay's foremost injury law firm of Carlson, Meissner, Hart & Hayslett, P.A. has fervently advocated for victims of automobile, motorcycle, and truck accidents. Dedicated accident attorneys help families put the pieces back together following injuries caused by someone else's negligence or wrongful conduct.

Leading Clearwater injury attorney Edward D. Carlson states, "Our skilled group of personal injury attorneys work tirelessly as a team to fight on behalf of accident victims. Winning maximum compensation for damages, pain and suffering for every injured accident victim is always our priority. Our experience allows us to handle each case with tenacity and compassion, always focusing on obtaining the best possible results."

The long-established law practice invites clients seeking representation or assistance in personal injury, family law, DUI defense, social security, criminal defense, immigration law, or workers' compensation to visit their website at [CarlsonMeissner.com](#) to learn more about the services provided.

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