

BRETT SOLOMANO

Hollywood Stunt Driver

is Successful in his World Record Attempt by Reversing a Tractor Trailer Non-Stop as Part of Distracted Driving Awareness Month



On September 30, Hollywood Stunt Driver, motivational speaker, and Australia native Brett Solomano attempted a Guinness World Record by reversing a tractor-trailer, the longest distance ever. He successfully drove backward 54.48 miles (160 laps) around Turner Field - Gold Lot in Atlanta, Georgia.



The event's purpose was to help raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving, which helped to kick-off "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in October. Texting and talking while driving is one of the leading causes of car accidents in the United States, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

More than 700 people are injured in distracted driving crashes on a typical day, states the National Safety Council. Most people are not aware that in 2018, there were 400,000 people injured in motor vehicle crashes, with 2,841 of them fatal due to not paying attention to the road. Among those killed were 1,730 drivers, 605 passengers, 400 pedestrians, and 77 bicyclists—source: NHTSA.

Because of these grim statistics, and in support of this worthwhile cause, Solomano is encouraging drivers to donate to the National Safety Council, the nation's leading non-profit safety advocate, for their work in keeping drivers safe on the road. He wants individuals to "Take The Pledge" to "Just Drive" and not be distracted while getting behind the wheel.

When taking the pledge, you agree that you will not:

- Have a phone conversation either handheld or hands-free or via Bluetooth
- Text or send Snapchats
- Use voice-to-text features in the

vehicle's dashboard system

- Update social media
- Check or send emails
- Take selfies or film videos
- Input destinations into the GPS (while the vehicle is in motion)
- Call or message anyone else when knowing that person is driving

According to Brett, "If somebody's driving near you while using their cell phone, these people are not looking out for your safety, let alone their own. That is one of the biggest reasons why you always need to be extra vigilant while on the road."

The distracted driving event was well received by road safety advocate and crash survivor Jacy Good. In the past, she was on her way home from her college graduation ceremony when a truck crashed into the vehicle she and her parents were driving in. Her mother and father died that night, and Jacy suffered multiple injuries, including a TBI (traumatic brain injury). She had to re-learn how to walk and talk all over again. Her story serves as a heartbreaking reminder of why people shouldn't be pre-occupied while driving.

Jacy now gives talks to schools, communities, and corporate events to remind people about the importance of staying focused on the road while driving so that they don't have to live through the terrible experience she did.

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