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100 Days and Nights of Summer Sobriety Checkpoint

Grants--A sobriety checkpoint will be conducted in Grants Friday evening, June 13th.

The 100 Days and Nights of Summer anti-DWI project is intensely targeting drunk drivers this summer. State Police will conduct more than 230 sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and other special traffic safety operations.

The summer months are typically the deadliest time on New Mexico roadways. Last year, traffic crashes claimed 141 lives during the summer months, June, July, August and September. Of those fatalities, 57 had alcohol as a contributing factor. While these statistics are sobering, they are an improvement over the previous year.

Preliminary DWI numbers this year to date show a decrease of more than 40% over last year. This is the fourth year in a row showing a significant reduction in alcohol related fatalities.

The decrease in alcohol related fatalities last summer is due, at least in part, to the increased number of checkpoints and increased public awareness about anti-drunk driving enforcement.

The 100 Days and Nights of Summer program is designed to reduce traffic and alcohol related fatalities. Sobriety checkpoints are one of the powerful weapons in the battle to reduce drunken driving fatalities. These checkpoints not only help to get drunk off the road but are an important educational tool. Drivers do not soon forget the experience of a checkpoint. Sober drivers remember to not drink and drive. Drunk drivers spend their time in jail contemplating the poor choice they made to drive drunk.

The 100 Days of Summer began June 1st and ends September 8th.

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The media is invited to cover this event. For information on location and time, contact Sgt. Richard Doty at the State Police District office at (505) 287-4377.

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