



# State of New Mexico

## *Department of Public Safety*

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### **Valencia County DWI Operations**

Santa Fe—The State Police will be checking for drunk drivers this long holiday weekend. In addition to the regular patrols, State Police will check for intoxicated drivers with a checkpoint in the evening on Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Valencia County.

These operations are part of the 100 Days and Nights of Summer which is an intensive effort to reduce drunk driving and alcohol related traffic crashes. Sobriety checkpoints are one of the powerful weapons in the battle to reduce drunken driving fatalities. These checkpoints not only help to get drunks 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 1<sup>st</sup> and ends September 8<sup>th</sup>.

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For media wishing to attend the checkpoint contact Sgt Jeff Rey at 841-9273.

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