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**New Mexico State Police and Motor
Transportation Police Officers Recognized**

Santa Fe—More than a dozen law enforcement program officers were recognized today for their effort in targeting DWI and education in New Mexico. The ceremony occurred at noon today, at the Isleta Hotel and Casino.

The recipients included:

New Mexico State Police Major Richard Williams, Sgt. Charles Devine, Officers: George Bernal, Diego Herrera, Andres Munoz and Raul Robles, for their DWI Enforcement Unit.

The DWI Enforcement Unit was nominated for the 2009 New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) Safety Awards program held at the 2009 Traffic Safety Awards Program, by Sergeant Charles Devine. They received an award for enforcement efforts that resulted in increased DWI arrests in District Four – Las Cruces which encompasses Donna Anna, Otero and Sierra Counties from 2002 to 2008. The unit saw an increase from 255 arrests in 2002 to 550 in 2008.

Officer James Jenkins was presented with an award relating to the 152 DWI Arrests he made in 2008 District Six - Gallup which encompasses Otero and parts of McKinley Counties. Jenkins was nominated to the 2009 NMDOT Safety Awards program, by Captain Darren Soland.

Motor Transportation Police Division (MTPD) Captain Chris Mayrant, David Abeita, Brigit Ramirez, Jesus Avila, Alejandro Chavez, and Carlos Perea were recognized for their initiatives in education of officers within their section, on motor carrier rules and regulation. They were nominated to the 2009 NMDOT Safety Awards program, by Louis Tafoya

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