



# State of New Mexico

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### **Sobriety Checkpoint set for Santa Fe Area** **100 Days and Night of Summer**

Santa Fe—State Police will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint on Saturday evening September 5<sup>th</sup> in the Santa Fe area.

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 throughout the state.

The summer months are typically the deadliest time on New Mexico roadways. Last year, traffic crashes claimed 94 lives during the summer months, June, July, and August. Alcohol played a role in 45 of those fatalities. While these statistics are sobering, we are making progress in reducing these senseless deaths.

Our efforts continue to show a significant reduction in alcohol related fatalities. Media attention, intensive advertising, and these checkpoints are all helping to change society's attitude about drunk driving. People are choosing to not drink and drive. This is the biggest step in keeping impaired drivers from crashing into our friends and families.

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 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 when they did drive drunk and were arrested.

The 100 Days and Nights of Summer began June 1<sup>st</sup> and ends September 8<sup>th</sup>

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