



State of New Mexico
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Memorial Day 2010 Holiday Weekend

Santa Fe – State Police Officers working through the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend (5/28–5/31), were encountering speeders too DWI arrests. On each holiday, every State Police agency in the country will participate in C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) projects concentrating resources in problem traffic areas in an effort to reduce accidents.

New Mexico State Police are actively assisting in educating drivers on the importance of proper use of seat belt restraints, the importance of monitoring and abiding posted speed limits and combating DWI's.

Operation C.A.R.E. is about State Law Enforcement Agencies who have joined together in the endeavor of reducing human suffering on our highways, particularly during the holidays. Launched in 1977 by Sergeant Gary Ernst of the Michigan State Police and first Sergeant Gene Neff of the Indiana State Police, these two men dedicated their careers to the preservation of life through highway safety measures, operation C.A.R.E. was formed as a multi-jurisdictional program of patrol, enforcement, and planning activities committed to the goal of accident reduction

The following are the tallied numbers submitted by every State Police District Office in the state.

Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes: 1

Motor Vehicle Crashes: 66

DWI Arrests: 106

Speeding Citations: 2234

Safety Belt and Child Restraint Citations: 603

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