



# **State of New Mexico**

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### 86 Days and 93 Checkpoints of Summer

Santa Fe—With just 2 weeks of the 100 Days and Nights of Summer anti-DWI program left the results for the Department of Public Safety are promising. During the first 86 days of the campaign the State Police, Motor Transportation and Special Investigations Divisions have conducted 93 checkpoints, 128 saturation patrols and arrested 910 drunk drivers.

The good news is that the preliminary results of this intense effort show we have seen a 20% reduction in total fatalities and a 32% reduction in alcohol involved fatal accidents compared to last summer.

“While we still have a couple of weeks, as well as the Labor Day weekend to go, it appears the project is having a significant impact, particularly on alcohol involved fatalities. I believe this can be largely attributed to the work being done by all of our officers, State Police, MTD and SID. We are on track to conduct 116 checkpoints this summer.” Said Adjutant Chief Rich Newman.

The DrunkBuster’s hotline has also been very busy. Since June 1<sup>st</sup>, the beginning of the 100 Days and Nights of Summer, 4971 people have called. Police have arrested 49 drunk drivers as a result of these calls.

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



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