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New Mexico State Police Statistics **for 2008 "Labor day Weekend"**

Santa Fe – State Police Officers working through the Labor Day weekend, were actively patrolling in all corners of our state, encountering motorists assists to DWI arrests. The following are the tallied numbers submitted by every State Police District Office in the state.

Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes: 1 Motor Vehicle Crashes: 49 DWI Arrests: 62

Speeding Citations: 1241 Safety Belt Citations: 241 Child Restraint Citations: 74

Motorist Assists: 158

The summer months are typically the deadliest time on New Mexico roadways. Last year, traffic crashes claimed 141 lives during the summer months, June, July, August and September. Of those fatalities, 57 had alcohol as a contributing factor. While these statistics are sobering, they are an improvement over the previous year.

Preliminary DWI numbers this year to date show a decrease of more than 40% over last year. This is the fourth year in a row showing a significant reduction in alcohol related fatalities.

The decrease in alcohol related fatalities last summer is due, at least in part, to the increased number of checkpoints and increased public awareness about anti-drunk driving enforcement.

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