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## **Governor Bill Richardson Announces 100 Days and Nights of Summer Kickoff**

*The effort includes more checkpoints and increased patrols*

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced the kick off of the second annual 100 Days and Nights of Summer anti-DWI campaign. The highly successful program kicks off on Saturday, May 31, 2008. 100 Days and Nights of Summer is an intensive summer-long effort to make New Mexicans safer by taking drunk and reckless drivers off the road.

“100 Days and Nights of Summer was a huge success last year,” said Governor Richardson. “Last Summer State Police conducted more than 100 checkpoints across the state and I have directed State Police to conduct even more this year.”

The start of this summer’s enforcement will be a large sobriety checkpoint on the evening of Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. New Mexico State Police and other law enforcement agencies will be checking for drunk drivers on I-25 at the Algodones exit.

Holidays and summer months have historically been the deadliest on New Mexico roadways. Preliminary DWI numbers year to date show a decrease of 47% over last year as well as a decrease in alcohol related fatalities this past Memorial Day Weekend. This is the fourth year in a row showing a significant reduction in alcohol related fatalities.

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

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