



Susana Martinez
Governor

Tom Church
Cabinet Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 5, 2017

MEDIA CONTACT:

Emilee Cantrell
(505) 469-8243 or Emilee.cantrell2@state.nm.us

Governor Susana Martinez Announces Statewide DWI Crackdown through Cinco de Mayo Weekend

Santa Fe, NM – Today, Governor Susana Martinez announced that law enforcement across the state will be out in full force to crack down on drunk driving through Cinco de Mayo weekend. This weekend’s crackdown will continue through May 7.

“If you choose to drink and drive, you put everyone else in danger,” Governor Martinez said. “I was a prosecutor for 25 years – I saw the devastation of DWI firsthand. There is no excuse. Call a cab, a ride share, or a sober friend or family member. DWI is 100 percent preventable.”

So far in 2017, there have been more than 3,650 DWI arrests in New Mexico – with more than 40 DWI-related fatalities.

“Our law enforcement officers all over the state are on the lookout for drunk drivers,” said State Police Chief Pete Kassetas. “We’re going to make sure justice is served to the fullest extent of the law – and guess what – if you drink and drive, we will arrest you and it will follow you the rest of your life.”

The Governor has made fighting DWI a top priority. Last year, the Governor enacted legislation that increased penalties against drunk drivers to some of the toughest in the region. She also launched a series of executive initiatives to fight DWI, including: targeting repeat offenders and the establishments that over-serve them and a court monitoring program that placed citizens inside courtrooms in six counties to shed light on how DWI cases are handled.

“DWI is wreaking havoc on our roads and highways. It must stop,” said NMDOT Cabinet Secretary Tom Church. “When you drink and drive you put everyone’s life in danger. So please, do everyone a favor by planning ahead this weekend.”

###