

## **Police plan to collaborate on DWI busts this summer**

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State Police will be conducting Sobriety Checkpoints, Saturation Patrols, and Registration, Insurance and Drivers' License Checkpoints in all New Mexico counties during the month of May 2017.

And they won't be alone.

Throughout the months of May through September, McKinley County Sheriff's Office DWI Task Force Supervisor Tammy Houghtaling stated in a news release that the McKinley County DWI Task Force will join forces with NMSP and Gallup Police Department to conduct DWI Checkpoints and Saturation Patrols within McKinley County.

"We are bringing awareness to this, in an effort to reduce alcohol related fatalities, through continued media attention and intensive advertising," NMSP Sgt. Chad Pierce said. "These checkpoints are helping to change society's attitude about drinking and driving."

Pierce reiterated that hundreds of lives could be saved each year if every driver had the courage to make the right decision.

"People are choosing to not drink and drive," Pierce said. "This is the biggest step in keeping impaired drivers from crashing into our friends and families."