

Memorial Day C.A.R.E. Operation hands out over 1800 citations

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Statewide, NM — During the Memorial Day holiday, the New Mexico State Police participated in the Combined Accident Reduction Effort operation across all roadways within the state. The goal of the traffic initiative is to increase motorist safety and reduce the number of crashes through a strong law enforcement presence.

Because of the increased volume of traffic during the holiday, NMSP increased its patrol presence during this initiative on roadways throughout all State Police districts on the busiest travel days of the Memorial Day weekend, specifically May 29, through May 31.

The operation resulted in State Police officers issuing over 1,800 traffic citations (116 citations were for lack of seat belt usage) and arresting 18 drunk drivers statewide. Officers handled a total of 37 crashes, with none being fatal, and made 10 arrests due to drug-related crimes. The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau issued approximately 120 commercial vehicle citations and conducted over 300 commercial vehicle inspections.

The safety of motorists is a top priority of the New Mexico State Police and officers will continue holiday travel operations throughout the year. We encourage the public to drive safely and obey all laws while traveling the motorways of New Mexico.