

## Deaths from DWI hit new low

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From listening to the rhetoric during this year's legislative session, you might think that DWI deaths and crashes were up dramatically in recent years.

However today, Gov. Susana Martinez announced that deaths from DWI hit a record low.

In 2015, 122 deaths were attributed to DWI; that's a new low since New Mexico started tracking DWI fatalities in 2016.

"DWI has been a major problem in our state for a long time. I'm encouraged by this progress. A 36-year low in DWI deaths is a big deal. But our greatest challenge remains: ending drunk driving for good and getting that number to zero," Martinez said in a statement. "We still have a lot of work to do. Every one of those 122 deaths was a terrible tragedy for mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, families, and friends all across our state. One death due to DWI is one too many."

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