

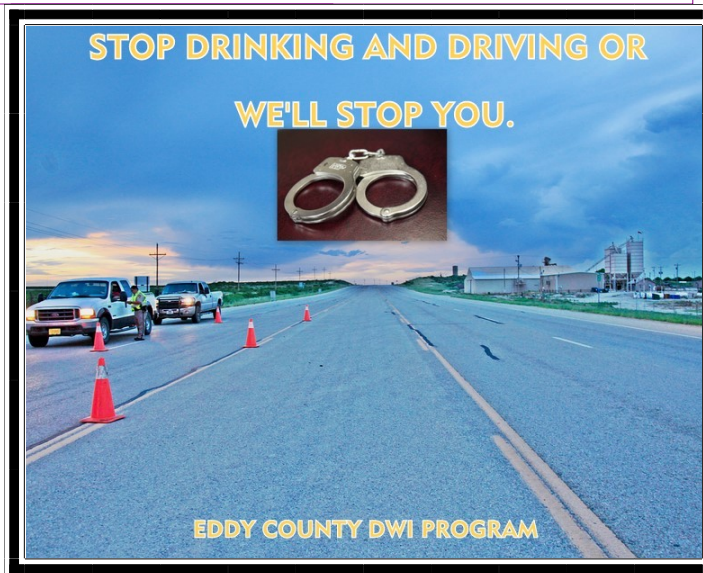
January 2011

Volume 1
Issue 2

Eddy County DWI Newsletter

Eddy County DWI Program

The Eddy County DWI Program strives to reduce the incidents of people driving impaired by alcohol and other drugs. Recently, the rate of crashes and deaths caused by impaired drivers has gone down. This is largely due to aggressive law enforcement efforts by all law enforcement agencies. Public education efforts regarding the dangers of drinking and driving is also a contributing factor to lower crash and fatality rates. An intense "Spot and Report" Impaired Driving Campaign that involves



the public reporting impaired drivers and the changing public opinion and habits regarding DWI is saving lives and reducing inju-

ries. Thank you to all who have joined the effort to STOP DWI!
(continued page 8)

Eddy County DWI
401 S. Main St.

Inside this issue:

Top DWI Arresting Officers	2
Teen Corner	3
Eddy County Sheriff's Department Wins Award	5
Eddy County DWI Statistics	9

If you do not wish to receive our newsletter please send an email to debbiel@co.eddy.nm.us with stop newsletter in the subject line.

Check out the Eddy County DWI web site at stopdwi.info and also <http://www.co.eddy.nm.us/dwiprogram.html>

2010 DWI Enforcement Officers of the Year

On December 11, 2010, the outstanding DWI Law Enforcement Officers in Eddy County were recognized at the annual DWI Advisory Council Christmas luncheon and law enforcement tribute. The two officers with the most DWI arrests from each agency were recognized. These officers excelled in their detection of impaired drivers and recognized the importance of stopping them in order to protect other motorists as well as the impaired driver and passengers. A DWI arrest is very time consuming for the officer but public safety is paramount and Eddy County law enforcement officers are committed to making our roads safer for all of us. The officers with the highest number of DWI arrests from each agency received a plaque noting the accomplishment, a watch with video/audio recording capability and a gift card. The officers with the second highest number of DWI arrests from each agency received a plaque, watch with audio recording capability and a gift card.

Top DWI Arresting Officers for 2010

Top Arresting Officers by Department in Alphabetical Order:

Artesia Police Department:

Terry Colwell II - Officer Colwell was born in Artesia, the son of a retired deputy. A graduate of Artesia High School and former member of the Artesia Bulldogs championship football team and all state football player, he has been a certified officer for one year. Officer Colwell made the most DWI arrests in Eddy County this year. When not out patrolling the streets, he spends time with his wife and two children. He also considers himself to be the biggest Dallas Cowboys fan in the state of New Mexico. We look forward to having Officer Colwell in Eddy County for many years. Congratulations on your accomplishment.

Pete Quinones - There is a saying that the apple does not fall far from the tree and it must be true because Officer Quinones was the field training officer for Terry Colwell. It appears that he is an excellent training officer. In addition to being an excellent training officer, Officer Quinones is also an expert at arresting DWI offenders. He had the second highest arrest record for the 2010 year for the Artesia Police Department. This is the second time that Office Quinones has been honored as one of the top DWI law enforcement officers of the year. Born and raised in Artesia, he has been a law enforcement officer with the Artesia Police Department for five years. He says he found his niche in law enforcement in the detection and apprehension of impaired drivers. DWI enforcement became his passion after the death of his best friend D. Robert Harvey who was hit by a drunk driver while on duty with the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department.

*Don't drink
and drive
these officers
will find you.*

Teen Corner

The good news is that teen crashes are on the decrease. In 2004 there were 337 crashes involving teens. In 2009 there were 257 crashes. Alcohol involved teen crashes declined from 11 in 2004 to 3 in 2009. That is the good news. The bad news is that there were 3 crashes involving alcohol in 2009. Did you ever stop to wonder why we call them crashes and not accidents? An accident is something that is unpredictable and unpreventable. DWI is no accident, DWI is always preventable. A person under 21 is legally intoxicated at .02, but can be impaired at a lower limit. With the first drink your body starts to respond differently. Your reflexes are slowed. Your reaction time is down and you are not as aware of your surroundings. This is dangerous in even the most experienced driver but for the new driver it presents an even more dangerous situation. As a new driver you do not have the experience to react quickly in an emergency situation. If you are slowed in your reaction due to alcohol you are increasing the risk to yourself, your passengers, other motorists and pedestrians. Do you want to carry the guilt and legal complications of a drunk driving crash with you for the rest of your life? If you drink do not drive no matter what your age.

One drink equals: 12 ounces beer, 5 ounces of wine (this is only about 1/2 to 3/4 full wine glass) or an ounce of hard liquor.



Terry Colwell II
Artesia Police Department



Pete Quinones
Artesia Police Department



Jose Nunez
Carlsbad Police Department



Sean Poole
Carlsbad Police Department



Eddie Duarte
Carlsbad Police Department



Manuel Avila
Carlsbad Police Department

Excellence in DWI Enforcement**Carlsbad Police Department:**

Officer Jose Nunez - Officer Nunez is the Top DWI Law Enforcement Officer for the Carlsbad Police Department for 2010. A native of El Paso, he has seen the results of drunk driving crashes from a different perspective. He worked for six years in emergency medical services and responded to many alcohol related crashes. He has experienced first hand what it is like to try and save the victims of such a crash. Now he works to stop these crashes from occurring. His father also serves as a police officer. Officer Nunez is married with three children.

Three officers with the Carlsbad Police Department tied for second highest number of DWI arrests.

Officer Manuel Avila - Officer Avila is a native New Mexican who began his law enforcement career as a Correctional Officer at the New Mexico Boys School in Springer, New Mexico. He served there for six years before joining the Raton Police Department in 2002. For the last two years, Officer Avila has been with the Carlsbad Police Department. He has one daughter.

Eddie Duarte - Officer Duarte was born and raised in Carlsbad. For the last four and one half years he has been with the Carlsbad Police Department and is now a Corporal. He stated that he always wanted to be a police officer and has a passion for arresting DWI Offenders because they share the road with him and others he loves. He wants to stop them before they kill or injure themselves or someone else. This is the second time. Corporal Duarte has been honored as one of the top DWI Law Enforcement Officers of the year. In his spare time, he enjoys weightlifting and sports.

Sean Poole - Officer Poole is a navy veteran. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Arkansas State University. He joined the Carlsbad Police Department in 2009. Since the age of five, Officer Poole knew he wanted to be a police officer. In addition to his police work, he is married and the father of five children. He enjoys working out and playing with his children.

Eddy County Sheriff's Department

Kelly Calicoat - Deputy Calicoat has served the citizens of Southeast New Mexico as a law enforcement officer for more than twenty years. He began his career as a dispatcher with the Carlsbad Police Department transferring fifteen months later to patrol. In 1997, he joined the Tatum Police Department for one year. He then joined the Ruidoso Downs Police Department for one year before serving four years as an undercover narcotics agent with the Lincoln County Narcotics Unit. Following a death in the family, he returned to Carlsbad in 2001 and joined the Eddy County Sheriff's Department in 2002. He serves as the Lead Field Training Officer and is a DARE Officer. As New Mexico DARE President, he coordinates the efforts of the New Mexico DARE Program in addition to his regular duties with the Sheriff's Department. He is also the key operator for the IR8000 Intoxilyzer. This is the second time he is being honored as the top DWI law enforcement officer of the year for the Sheriff's Department.

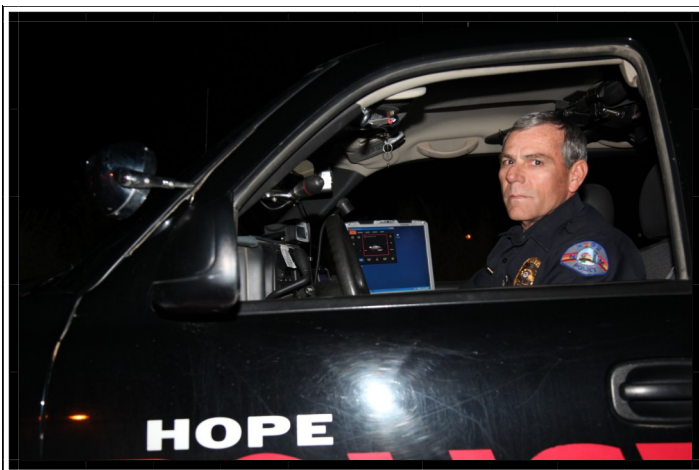
Ruben Castro - Officer Castro started his career with the Loving Police Department in 2001 after serving as a reserve officer five years. Prior to this he worked for the Carlsbad Public Works Department for seven years. In 2003, he joined the Eddy County Sheriff's Department. He excels in DWI enforcement because he wants to prevent harm and injury. While working with the Loving Police Department, his first DWI arrest was a family member. He is married to a wonderful woman and is the father of four awesome children. He enjoys spending time with his family. He intends to continue his focus on DWI enforcement. This is the second time he is being honored as an Eddy County Sheriff's Department DWI Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.



Kelly Calicoat
Eddy County Sherriff 's
Department



Ruben Castro
Eddy County Sherriff 's Department



Chief Shane Baker
Hope Police Department

Top DWI Arresting Officers for 2010**Hope Police Department:**

Shane Baker - Chief Baker has served the citizens of Eddy County with the Artesia and Hope Police Departments. He has been in law enforcement for 32 years beginning with the Hobbs Police Department in 1978 where he served for two years. He joined the Artesia Police Department in 1980 and served twenty-six years rising to the rank of Patrol Lieutenant, a post he held for thirteen years. He has served as the Village of Hope's Police Chief since 1982, a post he still holds. He serves as the Outbound Patrol Deputy with Chaves County Sheriff's Office and has worked for them for almost five years. His passion has always been traffic enforcement and accident investigation. His son Josh is a Sergeant with the Lovington Police Department.

Loving Police Department:

Tyler Knight - Officer Knight joined the Loving Police Department three years ago. He said he always knew a career in law enforcement was his calling. He serves as the key operator of the IR8000 Intoxilyzer for the Loving Police Department. This is the third time he is being honored as a top DWI Law Enforcement Officer.

Michael Bird - Chief Bird joined the Carlsbad Police Department at the age of twenty-six and served for eleven and one half years. He worked for the Roswell Police Department for a short time before joining the Loving Police Department three years ago. Chief Bird followed in his father's footsteps, the late Robert D. Bird, when he chose a career in law enforcement. Chief Bird is the father of three boys. This is the second time he is being honored as a top DWI Law Enforcement Officer of the year.

New Mexico State Police:

Harold Taylor - Officer Taylor is a member of the Uniformed Division of the New Mexico State Police. Officer Taylor moved to New Mexico from Texas. He is the father of one child. A former fitness trainer, staying in tip-top shape is important to him. He has a keen sense for detecting impaired drivers.

David Peterson - Officer Peterson moved to New Mexico from Oregon. He has been a member of the Uniformed Division of the New Mexico State Police for five years. He is married to a wonderful woman and is the father of two children. He is skilled in electronics and formerly worked in the computer industry. He is ever watchful for the impaired driver and this is the second time he is being honored as a top DWI Law Enforcement Officer of the year.



Tyler Knight
Loving Police Department



Chief Mike Bird
Loving Police Department

Eddy County DWI Program cont. page I

In 2004, there were 370 DWI arrests in Eddy County compared to 355 in 2009. (latest available statistics) Repeat offender arrest rates dropped from 165 in 2004 to 144 in 2009. Those who choose to drink and drive are learning that there are costly and long term consequences for this behavior. As we start a new year we encourage everyone who chooses to consume alcohol to plan ahead, designate a driver or call for a safe ride home. Impaired driving puts everyone at risk, encourage others not to drink and drive.

Eddy County Sheriff's Department Earns DWI Award

Sheriff Ernest Mendoza and the Eddy County Sheriff's Department recently received an award from former Governor Richardson recognizing their work in the medium agency division for DWI Prevention. The awards were based on all agencies participation in Superblitz Activities. The awards were given to the top performers in each of the three categories: large, medium and small agencies. They were evaluated on their contributions to reducing DWI fatalities. Each agency received a grant of \$10,000 to purchase DWI related equipment. In addition, the departments will receive funding to attend the National Lifesaver's Conference.

We congratulate the Eddy County Sheriff's Department for their hard work and accomplishments in the area of DWI enforcement during 2010.



Harold Taylor
New Mexico State Police



David Peterson
New Mexico State Police

DWI Statistics for 2004 - 2009

UNM Division of Government Research

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total DWI Arrests NM	20244	18575	18426	19854	19600	18760
Total DWI Arrests Eddy	370	323	283	392	362	355
First DWI Arrests NM	11582	10791	10790	11721	11415	10782
First DWI Arrests Eddy	205	193	173	235	218	213
Repeat DWI Arrests NM	8662	7784	7636	8133	8185	7982
Repeat DWI Arrests Eddy	165	130	110	157	144	142
Screenings NM	10276	10478	10577	11089	10696	11091
Screenings Eddy	207	223	205	253	254	266
Convictions NM	13270	12638	12883	13027	11763	10895
Convictions Eddy	296	261	237	319	233	228
All crashes NM	52288	49023	49318	49104	46441	46156
All crashes Eddy	1266	1228	1203	1138	1367	1208
Alcohol involved crashes NM	3336	2633	2698	2471	2599	2698
Alcohol involved crashes Eddy	66	71	55	46	81	66
Teen- all crashes NM	11397	10480	10145	9714	8565	8693
Teen- all crashes Eddy	337	284	273	268	249	257
Teen- alcohol involved crashes NM	389	297	286	261	234	249
Teen- alcohol involved crashes Eddy	11	13	10	6	4	3
Alcohol involved fatalities NM	219	191	189	178	143	152
Alcohol involved fatalities Eddy	1	8	5	1	6	6
Serious Alcohol Involved Injures NM	1382	1071	994	932	870	987
Serious Alcohol Involved Injures Eddy	28	38	23	21	33	39
Fatalities in crashes involving teens and alcohol NM	37	23	27	26	22	27
Fatalities in crashes involving teens and alcohol Eddy	0	1	1	0	0	0
Serious injuries in crashes involving alcohol and teen drivers NM	258	206	163	155	120	144
Serious injuries in crashes involving alcohol and teen drivers in Eddy County	10	7	2	6	1	6