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Mothers Against Drunk Driving & Attorney General Balderas Urge New Mexicans to Plan Ahead for 4th of July; Use Safe Ride Services

Albuquerque, NM – New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas and Mothers Against Drunk Driving New Mexico (MADDNM) are teaming up to urge New Mexicans to plan ahead for 4th of July celebrations and not drive after drinking.

“As tens of thousands of New Mexicans head out to celebrate the 4th of July holiday this weekend, I am asking all New Mexicans to plan ahead and not drive after drinking,” said Attorney General Hector Balderas. “Plan ahead by finding a designated driver, scheduling a taxi or car, or using Safe Ride Home services in your area. Don’t put lives in danger or risk getting stopped by local or State Police. It’s just not worth it.”

“Every Fourth of July, nearly 200 people are killed in drunk driving crashes. This doesn’t reflect injuries, court costs, or regret.” commented MADD New Mexico State Director, Aisha Smith. “There are many options available to all of us. Options that are life-saving. The life you save could be your own, it could be a family member, or a friend. Please take a pledge to designate a non-drinking driver and keep New Mexicans safe.”

New Mexicans are also encouraged to download the ENDWI app for android and iPhones, which has all of the Safe Ride Home phone numbers available in New Mexico, or visit <http://www.endwi.com/programs/>. You can also find more information about services available on the 4th of July weekend by visiting the MADDNM website: <http://www.madd.org/drun-driving/>

Please see below for a list of Safe Ride Home services available around New Mexico that has been compiled by the New Mexico Department of Transportation:

BERNALILLO COUNTY

(505) 999-1400

Pick Me Up-Take Me Out Program

10:00pm – 2:00am (call for reservations)

Tavern Taxi Program

10:00pm – 2:00am

DONA ANA COUNTY

(575) 524-TAXI (8294)

Safe Ride Program

5:30pm – 3:00am

COST:

\$5/one or two persons

\$10/three or four persons

GRANT COUNTY

(575) 388-1813

Corre Cantinas

Covers Silver City, Tyrone, Bayard,

Santa Clara, Hurley and Pinos Altos

5:00pm – 1:00am

COST:

\$3.50 each ride

LEA COUNTY

(575) 391-2982

Tipsy Taxi

9:30pm – 2:30am

LUNA COUNTY

(575) 388-3180

Corre Cantinas Safe Ride Program

6:00pm – 1:00am

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

(575) 429-0336

Safe-Ride-Home Service

8:00pm – 2:30am

SANTA FE COUNTY

(505) 438-0000

Chauffer and Designated Driver Program (CADDy)

5:30pm – 2:30am

COST:

\$5/one or two persons

\$10/three or four persons (*anything over \$25 fare is riders' responsibility)

TORRANCE COUNTY

(505) 705-0332

Smart Choice Ride

8:00pm – 2:00am

Covers greater Moriarty area

COST: \$5 average

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