

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol Flight Operations

Chief Pilot / Lt. Onorato

Overview



Statewide flight operations flew a total of 49 missions during the month of January for a total of 129.5 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	Flight Time %	Description
18	61.8	48	Speed Enforcement
8	27.0	21	Prisoner Transport
10	21.7	16	Pilot Training
7	11.1	9	Line Patrol
4	7.2	5	Personnel Transport
2	.7	1	Maintenance

21 speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month; 18 were flown. 2 each were cancelled due to weather and manpower, 1 was cancelled for a personnel transport. 2 missions were added spontaneously.

A total of 415 enforcement actions were taken. Following is a breakdown of enforcement activities.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	346
Hazardous Moving	13
Non-Hazardous Moving	47
Seatbelts	9

During the course of line patrol and speed enforcement, 24 motorists were assisted. 3 arrests were made, one of which was for DUI. One vehicle was impounded.

The high speed for the month goes to the Southern Command- a gray BMW was clocked on IR 15 near Sloan at 110 mph.

Of regional significance:

Southern Command

In order to better serve flight operations Sgt. Sabino acquired an additional rating to flight instructor's certificate. He is now qualified to teach both in power and glider aircraft.

One prisoner was transported from Elko to Alamo for outstanding traffic warrants.

3 line patrol missions were flown. Areas patrolled were US 95, SR 163, SR164, and I-15. One motorist was assisted on US 95 near Clark County mile marker 12. Two others were assisted while conducting speed enforcement.

6 enforcement missions were scheduled for the month, 5 were flown. The cancelled mission was due to high winds forecast for the area.

Central Command

On January 11, while on a patrol flight, dispatch advised of a commercial tanker vehicle fire on I-80 near mile marker 222. The aircraft located the vehicle within two minutes of the time the announcement was put out and was able to advise that there was no visible fire only some smoke from one of the wheels that appeared to be damaged and coming off of the vehicle. Troopers arrived on the scene within fifteen minutes and handled the accident.

On January 18, a prisoner was transported from Winnemucca to Elko where he will face charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to appear at court.

On the evening of January 18, night currency was maintained by the Central Command pilot at the Elko airport.

On January 20, while en route to a speed enforcement mission in Winnemucca, dispatch advised the aircraft to attempt to locate a white and blue Chevrolet pickup that was traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of I-80 near mile marker 145. The aircraft responded to the area, however, ground units stopped the vehicle without assistance from the aircraft at mile marker 158.

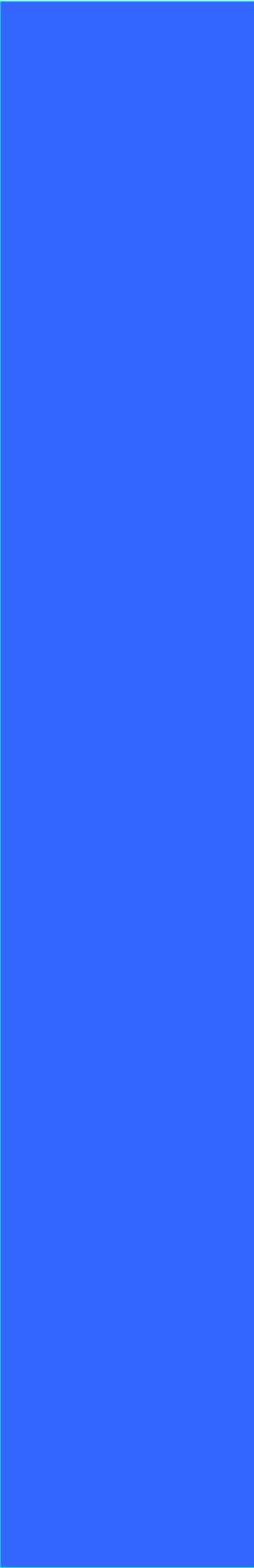
On January 26, the aircraft was utilized in the speed enforcement of the 55 mph construction zone near the Osino exit of I-80 where the interstate is reduced to one lane.

This proved to be very productive averaging approximately one traffic stop every seven minutes. The Nevada Department of Transportation was appreciative of our presence, stating that our efforts greatly improved the safety of the workers in the construction zone.

On January 27, a prisoner was transported from Las Vegas to Ely where he will face criminal charges.

Northern Command

Prisoner transports were conducted on January 4, 12, and 20.



The Northern Command Deputy Chief was transported to Elko for meetings on January 11.

The Chief and the Information Technology Chief were transported to Elko on January 12, also for meetings.

On January 19, the pilot satisfied his night currency requirements.

The plane was taken to Chaparral Avionics on January 25 to repair an inoperative PTT switch.