

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol Flight Operations
Chief Pilot / Lt. Onorato

Overview



Statewide flight operations flew a total of 29 missions during the month of February for a total of 88.6 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	Flight Time %	Description
9	34.4	38	Speed Enforcement
7	15.2	17	Prisoner Transport
5	1.38	16	Line Patrol
3	13.0	15	Pilot Training
5	12.3	14	Personnel Transport

17 speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month, 9 were flown. 4 missions were cancelled due to bad weather and 5 were cancelled because of a lack of manpower. One mission was added spontaneously.

A total of 238 enforcement actions were taken. Following is a breakdown of enforcement activities.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	191
Hazardous Moving	10
Non-Hazardous Moving	35
Seatbelts	2

During the course of line patrol and speed enforcement, 21 motorists were assisted.

The high speed for the month was in the Central Command: a gray Toyota sedan was cited on IR 80 near Battle Mountain for 102 mph.

Of regional significance:

Central Command

On February 9 and 21, training flights were conducted with Troopers who desire to become backup pilots. Their training is progressing well.

On February 12 and 13, the Central Command pilot attended and successfully completed Aviation Seminars flight instructor refresher course. Completing this course renews his flight instructor certificate for another twenty-four months.

On February 17, the Southern Command backup pilot was successfully checked out in the Central Command aircraft, giving the Division greater flexibility with manpower and equipment.

Southern Command

The majority of flight time was concentrated on patrolling Nevada's rural roads. From Tonopah southward, the aircraft spotted a total of 7 vehicles either left abandoned or requiring assistance along the highway. A semi was located near Coyote Springs on US 93; a vehicle occupied by a couple was spotted stopping numerous times in the travel lane on US 6, east of Tonopah. An approaching vehicle traveling west around a curve had to brake heavily to avoid an accident with this vehicle. It was determined that this couple was involved with GEO cashing. They would stop every 200 feet in the travel lane, exit and place souvenirs/cash off the road's edge for others to find.

Sgt. Sabino and Trooper Slayton completed their night currency training this month. Trooper Slayton also meet with Sgt. Brown in Elko for a Cessna 172RG checkout.

With the Central Command Pilot sick, the Southern Command pilot was asked to fly a prisoner to Eureka from Tonopah. The subject had a No-bail warrant. Coordination was made between regions and the prisoner was flown that day.

A scheduled 50 hour maintenance check was performed on February 25 by Lone Mountain Aviation. Sunrise Mountain Avionics also recertified our aircraft's altimeter and transponder equipment. This is done every 2 years to meet FAA standards. Leaks were found and corrected.

Northern Command

Prisoner transports between Las Vegas, Hawthorne, Tonopah and Beatty were conducted on February 1, 7 & 10.

The Chief was flown to Las Vegas on February first and third to attend meetings.

On February 23, the Chief, Deputy Chief and Elko Captain were flown throughout the Central Command to meet with region troopers.

