

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol Flight Operations

Chief Pilot / Lt. Onorato

Overview



Statewide flight operations flew a total of 32 missions during the month of March for a total of 105.4 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	Flight Time %	Description
11	43.9	42	Speed Enforcement
7	30.6	29	Prisoner Transport
7	13.7	13	Personnel Transport
5	10.5	10	Line Patrol
1	4.3	4	Search
1	2.4	2	Pilot Training

19 speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month, 11 were flown. 5 were cancelled due to bad weather, 2 because of a lack of manpower, 2 for maintenance issues and one for a personnel transport. 2 missions were added spontaneously.

A total of 321 enforcement actions were taken. Following is a breakdown of enforcement activities.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	278
Hazardous Moving	11
Non-Hazardous Moving	30
Seatbelts	2

During the course of line patrol and speed enforcement, 10 motorists were assisted, 2 arrests were made and one vehicle was impounded. One of the arrests was a \$25,000 felony burglary warrant.

The high speed for the month was a tie between the Central and Southern Commands: a black Nissan pickup was cited near Jackpot for 97 mph as was a burgundy Buick clocked near Searchlight.

Of regional significance:

Central Command

On March 8, a prisoner was transported from Ely to Reno where he will face charges of driving under the influence of alcohol.

On March 9, a prisoner was transported from Tonopah to Battle Mountain where she will face various misdemeanor charges.

On March 11 and 17, department personnel were transported from Elko to Carson City.

From March 18 through 31, the aircraft was down for routine maintenance and the installation of a new engine which should provide another four years of service.

Southern Command

Our Southern Command Aircraft, Civil Air Patrol aircraft, and hundreds of volunteers were called upon this month to assist the Wendover Police Department in search of Micaela Costanzo, 16, who was reported missing after she did not return home from the West Wendover Junior/Senior High School. The Elko Daily Press later posted on their webpage, "West Wendover man arrested for girl's death" and stated detectives had arrested Kody Cree Patten, 18, for open homicide. The investigation is ongoing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families.

Two prisoners were transported on March 1. One was dropped off in Reno and the other was picked up from Ely and flown back to Las Vegas.

March 17, the Southern Command Major was flown to Carson City for meetings.

Trooper Becker completed his instrument and night currency with Sgt. Sabino acting as his safety pilot.

Line Patrol flights were conducted on March 4th, 9th, and 15th. State routes patrolled were 156, 159, 373, and 374 in addition to US 93, 95, and I-15. Four vehicles were checked upon. Two were left abandoned and the others were occupied.

Northern Command

The pilot was on leave March 5-13.

Prisoners were transported between Carson City, Elko, Las Vegas and Fallon on the 17th, 22nd and 31st.

On March 29th, The DPS Director, P&P Chief and NHP Chief were flown to Elko to attend meetings.

