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SOUTHERN COMMAND  
Department of Public Safety  
Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*  
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## Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1054 crashes in March 2011. Of these, 747 were property damage, 304 were injury, and 3 were fatal. The total crashes increased by 7% compared to last year. When compared to last year, fatalities remained the same. 38 of these crashes involved commercial vehicles 8 resulted in injuries, 30 were property damage, and 0 resulted in fatalities. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 3.6% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.36% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	Mar 11		Mar 10	% Change		Feb 11	% Change
Total crashes	1054		985	7.0%		1118	-5.7%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	747		742	0.7%		797	-6.3%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	304		240	26.7%		317	-4.1%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3		3	0		3	0
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	46		44	4.5%		34	35.3%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3		3	0		3	0
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		2	0		0	200%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0		3	-300.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	38		25	52.0%		44	-13.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	30		19	57.9%		36	-16.7%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	8		5	60.0%		8	0.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .28%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.36%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 66.6%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 3.6 %
- ◆ Total crashes increased 7% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes increased 52 % from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes were the same as the same time as last year.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

<b>TRAFFIC OPERATIONS</b>	Mar 11	Mar 10	% Change	Feb 11	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	46	44	4.5%	34	35.3%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	148	139	6.5%	171	-13.5%
Other arrests	980	770	27.3%	1011	-3.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	452	347	30.3%	422	7.1%
Speed violations	4365	13	33476.9%	3891	12.2%
Hazardous moving violations	2338	1983	17.9%	2123	10.1%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	563	553	1.8%	385	46.2%
Total violations [above violations included]	12665	11083	14.3%	10647	19.0%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	10	159	-93.7%	26	-61.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	46	329	-86.0%	104	-55.8%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	645	632	2.1%	678	-4.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	112	301	-62.8%	259	-56.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	754	1745	-56.8%	1518	-50.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	26	73	-64.4%	58	-55.2%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	27	73	-63.0%	51	-47.1%
Total school buses inspected	390	381	2.4%	305	27.9%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	61	82	-25.6%	59	3.4%
Total trucks weighed	35	592	-94.1%	2004	-98.3%
Total overweight citations	1	4	-75.0%	10	-90.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	155	415	-62.7%	431	-64.0%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

<b>COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]</b>	Urban Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections		27	
Safety Violations Citation		9	
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>		61	
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"		2	
Dyed Fuel Inspections		15	
Dyed Fuel Citations		0	

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✿ Average BAC .14 %
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 31.9 years old.
- ✿ None of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✿ 3 drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	Mar 11		Mar 10	% Change		Feb 11	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions Consoles From	379,059		329,290	15.1%		309,429	22.5%
Radio Transmissions & Receptions	2,414,048		1,121,242	115.3%		1,878,570	28.5%
CAD Incidents	24,668		26,593	-7.2%		24,006	2.8%
Telephone Calls	29,473		30,525	-3.4%		27,517	7.1%
Call Box Incidents (Las Vegas only)	broken		20			13	
<b>ACCIDENT REPORTS</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	1,507		1,214	24.1%		918	64.2%
Arrest Reports Processed	373		397	-6.0%		372	0.3%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	26		14	85.7%		16	62.5%
Vehicle Impound Releases	95		111	-14.4%		88	8.0%
Visitors at Counter	842		821	2.6%		633	33.0%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	2,145		2,761	-22.3%		1,080	98.6%
<b>WARRANTS</b>							
Warrants Received	792		690	14.8%		654	21.1%
Warrants Entered	654		472	38.6%		538	21.6%
Warrants Cleared	161		434	-62.9%		284	-43.3%
Warrants Validated	3,248		3,076	5.6%		2,542	27.8%
Extradition / Transports	16		25	-36.0%		13	23.1%
<b>NEW CASES</b>							
New Cases Submitted	187		52	259.6%		196	-4.6%
New Items Submitted	294		101	191.1%		321	-8.4%
Items Disposed	13		8	62.5%		28	-53.6%
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>							
Number of Contracts	11		5	120.0%		5	120.0%
Hours Worked	1259.53		188.83	567.0%		180.5	597.8%
Amount Billed	\$91,114.76		\$14,086.32	546.8%		\$12,911.87	605.7%

<b>OTHER ANALYSIS</b>							
<b>EVIDENCE</b>	Mar 11		Mar 10	% Change		Feb 11	% Change
Cases submitted by the Nevada Highway Patrol:	94.65%		90.4%	4.7%		91.33%	3.6%
Cases submitted by Parole and Probation:	4.28%		5.8%	-25.8%		8.16%	-47.5%
Cases submitted by Division of Investigation:			3.9%	-3.9%		0.51%	-0.5%
Cases submitted by Fire Marshall:	0.53%						0.5%
Cases submitted by OPR:	0.53%			0.5%			0.5%
<b>OPERATIONS ANALYSIS</b>							
Average BAC	.14		.15	-6.7%		.139	0.7%
Average age of DUI arrests:	32.06		33	-2.8%		31.9	0.5%
DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance:	UNK		0			UNK	
DUI drivers arrested that had prior DUI convictions:	7		9	-50.0%		3	133.3%

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- 11 Contracts using 1259.53 hrs, billed in the amount of \$14,086.32

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
278	3	5	1	

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
610	259	8	19	1	13

- PIO Projects:
- Nascar
  - Instructing DT's
  - Nellis Air Force Base FTAC.
  - Rifle Class Instructor
  - Pace Judging
  - Driver's Edge
  - Joining Forces
  - Touch a Truck
  - Shadow Ridge HS drivers ed
  - Safestat
  - Tip a Cop

## PATROL FLIGHT OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

The Southern Command Aircraft flew 10 missions during the month of January for a total of 41.4 flight hours. Below is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	Flight Time %	Description
3	12.8	37	Speed Enforcement
1	5.8	17	Prisoner Transports
3	4.9	14	Line Patrol
1	4.6	13	Personnel Transport
1	4.3	12	Wendover- Search
1	2.4	7	Training

Our Southern Command Aircraft, Civil Air Patrol's 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 posted on their webpage "West Wendover man arrested for girls death" stated detectives 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 abandon and the others were occupied.

5 enforcement missions were scheduled for the month, 3 were flown. 1 mission was cancelled due to manpower and the other due to maintenance issues. Our top speed for the month was 97 mph, a burgundy Buick traveling near Searchlight on US 95.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	53
Hazardous Moving	1
Non-Hazardous Moving	8
Seatbelts	1