

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol Flight Operations*

**Pilot / Sgt. Wes Brown**

## Overview



Statewide flight operations flew a total of 32 missions during the month of April for a total of 82.8 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	Flight Time %	Description
15	45.8	55	Speed Enforcement
8	18.6	22	Line Patrol
4	7.1	9	Personnel Transport
2	5.3	6	Prisoner Transports
2	3.0	4	Search and Rescue
1	3.0	4	Pilot Training

Thirteen speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month and 15 were flown. Two were cancelled due to bad weather and one was cancelled due to a lack of manpower. Four missions were added spontaneously.

A total of 317 enforcement actions were taken. Following is a breakdown of enforcement activities.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	281
Hazardous Moving	10
Non-Hazardous Moving	21
Seatbelts	5

During the course of line patrol and speed enforcement, 6 motorists were assisted, 1 arrest was made, and one vehicle was impounded.

The high speed for the month was a white Honda that was cited near Hidden Valley for 95mph.

Of regional significance:

### **Central Command**

The Central Command Aircraft is in the process of having a factory remanufactured engine and propeller installed and as a result did not fly during the month of April.

The Central Command pilot flew speed enforcement, personnel transport, prisoner transport, and search and rescue missions using the Northern Command aircraft this month. This activity is captured in the Northern Command Safestat narrative to avoid duplication. The Central Command pilot also accomplished the required flight review of the Northern Command pilot in accordance with FAR 61.56.

All annual POST recertification training was accomplished this month.

### **Southern Command**

The Southern Command aircraft assisted the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office in searching for a missing person, who was traveling from Ohio to Reno. His vehicle was found 20 miles east of Winnemucca in good condition. In response, the aircraft patrolled along I-80 between Independence Valley and Lovelock. The subject who has been missing since April 13 has not been located.

Line patrol operations were flown over the month. The aircraft covered several state routes and highways looking for stranded motorists along the way. Several vehicles were spotted. One driver stopped in the travel lane to take pictures along SR 164 near the town of Nipton. One was assisted along US95 near Searchlight. A semi truck was located near Gold Field. In addition, the aircraft came upon a vehicle rollover on US95 south of SR 267.

Our aircraft was on public display at the North Las Vegas Airport on April 9<sup>th</sup> for an annual open house.

### **Northern Command**

On April 5, DPS evidence technicians were transported to Ely for computer upgrades.

Prisoner transports from Reno to Winnemucca and from Wendover to Reno were accomplished on April 6 and 14.

The Chief was flown to Elko on April 14 for meetings.

On April 22, the pilot accomplished his 6 month instrument currency requirements.

A truck driver on IR 80 near Battle Mountain reported seeing a body out in the desert. The area was searched with negative results.

