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NORTHERN COMMAND
Department of Public Safety
Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol
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Overview

During the month of July 2011, we experienced an increase in our overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of June 2011. Northern Command officers handled 281 crashes in the month of July. An overview of the crashes showed 182 were property damage, 91 were injury, and eight were fatal. When compared to July of last year, fatal crashes increased by four accidents. As compared to July of 2010, our regional commercial vehicle crashes increased from 17, to 24 crashes. In our overall July 2011 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 19 of our total crashes in the Northern Command.

The officers in our command arrested 121 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .15%, almost twice the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 36 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 96 people on various charges over the month of July. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 3,501 speeding citations, 669 hazardous moving citations and 603 seat belt citations.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	July 2011		July 2010	% Change		June 2011	% Change
Total Crashes	281		250	12.4%		241	16.6%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	182		165	10.3%		168	8.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	91		81	12.3%		66	37.9%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	8		4	100.0%		7	14.3%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	19		13	46.2%		20	-5.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	9		5	80.0%		13	-30.8%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts						5	-500.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		1			5	-80.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	5		3	66.7%		1	400.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1			100.0%		1	
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2		1	100.0%		1	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	24		17	41.2%		21	14.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	16		14	14.3%		13	23.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5		3	66.7%		5	
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	3			300.0%		3	

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.8 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.8 %
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 14.3 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 8.5 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 12.4 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 41.2 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 100.0 % as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	9364
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE)	378
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations	29

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

TARFFIC OPPERATIONS	July 2011		July 2010	% Change		June 2011	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	19		13	46.2%		20	-5.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	102		81	25.9%		92	10.9%
Other Arrests	453		459	-1.3%		400	13.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	217		194	11.9%		201	8.0%
Speed violations	3501		3251	7.7%		3086	13.4%
Hazardous moving violations	669		621	7.7%		623	7.4%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	603		450	34.0%		584	3.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	7065		6764	4.5%		6430	9.9%
OMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations, citations/arrests	74		76	-2.6%		40	85.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	46		49	-6.1%		45	2.2%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	736		822	-10.5%		834	-11.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	52		4	1200.0%		4	1200.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	271		460	-41.1%		279	-2.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1858		2326	-20.1%		1812	2.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	84		106	-20.8%		92	-8.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	68		91	-25.3%		52	30.8%
Total school buses inspected	59		117	-49.6%		136	-56.6%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	17		28	-39.3%		15	13.3%
Total trucks weighed	690		1396	-50.6%		66	945.5%
Total overweight citations	14		19	-26.3%		16	-12.5%
Total dyed fuel inspections	336		303	10.9%		249	34.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		8	-87.5%			100.0%

* *Seat belt and child restraint*

Commercial Enforcement Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Cid Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections			41		
Safety Violations Citation			16		
Safety Violations Repair Order			4		
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"			2		
Dyed Fuel Inspections			2		
Dyed Fuel Citations			0		

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.15 %
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 36 years old.
- ✱ 16.28 % of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	July 2011	July 2010	% Change	June 2011	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	x	x		x	
Radio Tx and Receive totals	259100	233469	6.5%	242926	-2.5%
CAD Incidents	19251	18543	-2.6%	19749	-4.9%
Telephone Calls	17210	17676	11.0%	18101	6.7%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	194	324	-40.12%	156	24.36%
Arrest Reports Processed	210	213	-1.41%	226	-7.08%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	9	20	-55.00%	17	-47.00%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Visitors at Counter	243	228	6.58%	219	10.96%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	201	252	-20.24%	190	5.79%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	551	412	33.7%	801	-31.2%
Warrants Entered	638	427	49.4%	638	0.0%
Warrants Cleared	430	445	-3.4%	600	-28.3%
Warrants Validated	2767	3659	-24.4%	5629	-50.8%
Extradition / Transports	21	21	0%	21	0.0%

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 3 Contracts using 101 hours, billed in the amount of \$3,724.47

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft has been out of service for maintenance for the month of July. It is expected to return to service by August 5, 2011. The Chief Pilot was on annual leave from July 16 through 26. The Chief Pilot flew 10 missions in the Central Command aircraft this month and this activity is accounted for in the Central Command Safestat report

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
151	21	52	1	11

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
24	280	3	34	2	32

Community service appearances:

- Several troopers volunteered their time at a fundraiser for Special Olympics Nevada labeled “Tip-A-Cop” which was held at Dave’s Famous Barbeque in Reno
- Troopers in the Fernley area participated in a community safety awareness day and conducted seat belt presentations with the seat belt convincer trailer

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- NDOT and Granite Construction Interstate 80 Aesthetics meeting in Sparks
- Traffic safety presentation delivered at an insurance company in Carson City

PIO Projects:

1. “Drivers Edge” 4-day teen driving event in Reno.
2. Daily traffic reports delivered each weekday morning on KRNV Channel 4 in Reno.
3. Continuing to work closely with NDOT by developing upcoming public service announcements regarding driving while hands free
Troopers Mike Edgell and Dan Lopez filled in and served as the back-up public information officers most of this month while Trooper Chuck Allen was on vacation.

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