

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol Flight Operations
Chief Pilot / Lt. Wes Brown

Overview



Statewide flight operations flew a total of 30 missions during the month of August for a total of 72.8 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	Flight Time %	Description
5	20.3	28	Prisoner Transports
7	17.8	24	Personnel Transports
5	14.5	20	Speed Enforcement
4	7.5	10	Patrol
4	3.8	5	Property Transports
2	3.6	5	Maintenance
1	2.7	4	Training
2	2.6	4	Other

Eleven speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month and 5 were flown. Six were cancelled due to interdepartmental training in Southern Command.

A total of 54 enforcement actions were taken. Following is a breakdown of enforcement activities.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	45
Hazardous Moving	2
Non-Hazardous Moving	6
Seatbelts	1

During the course of line patrol and speed enforcement, 12 motorists were assisted.

The high speed for the month was a maroon Mazda sedan that was cited on I-15 near Hidden Valley for 101 mph.

Of regional significance:

Central Command

The Central Command Aircraft has been down for maintenance since August 5 and is expected to be back in service by the middle of next month.

Southern Command

With an alarming increase in fatal accidents along US 395 from the California stateline to Reno, troopers from both the Reno and Minden districts have stepped up with specialized patrols. On August 23, the southern command aircraft assisted in this endeavor. Two enforcement missions were carried out. One was conducted just south of Carson City along US 395, and the other to the north. The majority of vehicle stops were in excess of 10 mph above the posted limit. One driver was stopped for going 90 mph through Washoe Valley. That driver also received additional citations for following too close and driving without a driver's license. Subsequently, immigration officers were later called and placed the driver and passenger under arrest on immigration charges. The vehicle was towed.

The aircraft was also utilized for two prisoner transports during the month. One prisoner was flown from Fallon to Ely and the other from Las Vegas to Reno. Their charges combined were for DUI- alcohol, no insurance, no driver's license and for failure to maintain a travel lane.

Northern Command

On August 9, Northern Command personnel were transported to Coeur D'Alene Idaho to take possession of new motorcycle units to be used in the Reno area.

On August 10, a prisoner was transported from Yerington to Elko where she will face felony charges.

On August 18, two prisoners were transported; one from Carson City to Battle Mountain and one from Carson City to Elko.

On August 19, the NHP Chief and the NDI Chief were transported to Boise, Idaho to attend the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety graduation ceremony.

On August 26 and 27, the Northern Command aircraft and a vintage Nevada Highway Patrol unit were on static display at the Lake in the Sky Air Show at South Lake Tahoe. This was a great opportunity to interact with the citizens we serve in a non threatening atmosphere. Many positive comments were received concerning the Department, its mission, and the people who make up the DPS.

During the course of speed enforcement and line patrol, 10 motorists were assisted. The high speed for the month was a red Mazda sedan clocked at 97 mph in a 75 mph zone near Winnemucca.





