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NORTHERN COMMAND  
Department of Public Safety  
Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

During the month of August 2011, we experienced no changes in our overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of July 2011. Northern Command officers handled 281 crashes in the month of August. An overview of the crashes showed 186 were property damage and 95 were injury. The Northern Command did not have any fatal traffic crashes during the month. As compared to August of 2010, our regional commercial vehicle crashes decreased from 29, to 18 crashes. In our overall August 2011 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 20 of our total crashes in the Northern Command.

The officers in our command arrested 102 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .16%, twice the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 32 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 90 people on various charges over the month of August. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 4,006 speeding citations, 674 hazardous moving citations and 542 seat belt citations.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

|  | August<br>2011 | August<br>2010 | % Change | July<br>2011 | % Change |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Total crashes                                    | 281            | 313            | -10.2%   | 281          |          |
| Property crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 186            | 199            | -6.5%    | 182          | 2.2%     |
| Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]   | 95             | 109            | -12.8%   | 91           | 4.4%     |
| Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]    |                | 5              | -500.0%  | 8            | -800.0%  |
| DUI crashes [DUI charged]                        | 20             | 13             | 53.8%    | 19           | 5.3%     |
| Total persons killed in fatal crashes            |                | 5              | -500.0%  | 9            | -900.0%  |
| Total drivers killed without seatbelts           |                | 3              | -300.0%  |              |          |
| Total passengers killed without seatbelts        |                |                |          | 1            | -100.0%  |
| Total drivers killed with seatbelts              |                | 1              | -100.0%  | 5            | -500.0%  |
| Total passengers killed with seatbelts           |                |                |          | 1            | -100.0%  |
| Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable  |                | 1              | -100.0%  | 2            | -200.0%  |
| Total number of commercial vehicle crashes       | 18             | 29             | -37.9%   | 24           | -25.0%   |
| Property crashes involving commercial vehicle    | 13             | 26             | -50.0%   | 16           | -18.8%   |
| Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle      | 5              | 3              | 66.7%    | 5            |          |
| Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle       |                |                |          | 3            | -300.0%  |

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.0 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 7.1 %
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0.0 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 6.4 %
- ✱ Total crashes down -10.2 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 37.8 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 500.0 % as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Total Contacts                          | 10034 |
| Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE)       | 588   |
| Total Traffic Safety Program Operations | 15    |

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

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

|  | August<br>2011 | August<br>2010 | % Change | July<br>2011 | % Change |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| <b>TRAFFIC OPERATIONS</b>                        |                |                |          |              |          |
| DUI arrests from crashes ##                      | 20             | 13             | 53.8%    | 19           | 5.3%     |
| DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##           | 82             | 79             | 3.8%     | 102          | -19.6%   |
| Other arrests                                    | 409            | 363            | 12.7%    | 453          | -9.7%    |
| Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##         | 192            | 181            | 6.1%     | 217          | -11.5%   |
| Speed violations                                 | 4006           | 3352           | 19.5%    | 3501         | 14.4%    |
| Hazardous moving violations                      | 674            | 724            | -6.9%    | 669          | 0.7%     |
| Occupant restraint violations * ##               | 542            | 416            | 30.3%    | 603          | -10.1%   |
| Total violations [above violations included]     | 7709           | 7007           | 10.0%    | 7065         | 9.1%     |
| <b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>                     |                |                |          |              |          |
| Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests  | 45             | 41             | 9.8%     | 74           | -39.2%   |
| Other traffic violations - citations/arrests     | 29             | 28             | 3.6%     | 46           | -37.0%   |
| Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6] | 430            | 719            | -40.2%   | 736          | -41.6%   |
| Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only           | 21             | 24             | -12.5%   | 52           | -59.6%   |
| Total safety violations -- citation              | 160            | 305            | -47.5%   | 271          | -41.0%   |
| Total safety violations -- repair order          | 1102           | 1946           | -43.4%   | 1858         | -40.7%   |
| Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"           | 47             | 85             | -44.7%   | 84           | -44.0%   |
| Total drivers placed "Out of Service"            | 34             | 81             | -58.0%   | 68           | -50.0%   |
| Total school buses inspected                     | 68             | 198            | -65.7%   | 59           | 15.3%    |
| Total school buses placed "Out of Service"       | 27             | 40             | -32.5%   | 17           | 58.8%    |
| Total trucks weighed                             | 21             | 568            | -96.3%   | 690          | -97.0%   |
| Total overweight citations                       | 9              | 7              | 28.6%    | 14           | -35.7%   |
| Total dyed fuel inspections                      | 108            | 271            | -60.1%   | 336          | -67.9%   |
| Total dyed fuel citations                        |                | 1              | -100.0%  | 1            | -100.0%  |

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

| <b>COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]</b> | Cid Ops | Rural Ops | Task Force |
|---|---------|-----------|------------|
| Level 2/3 Inspections                               |         | 10        |            |
| Safety Violations Citation                          |         | 20        |            |
| Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>               |         | 31        |            |
| Drivers Placed "Out of Service"                     |         | 3         |            |
| Dyed Fuel Inspections                               |         | 14        |            |
| Dyed Fuel Citations                                 |         | 0         |            |

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.16 %
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years old.
- ✱ 3.03% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>       | August 2011 | August 2010 | % Change | July 2011 | % Change |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| <b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>          |             |             |          |           |          |
| CAD Incidents                        | 21831       | 18525       | 17.8%    | 19251     | 13.4%    |
| Telephone Calls                      | 18168       | 7725        | 135.2%   | 17210     | 5.6%     |
| Radio Transmissions                  | 684521      | 64481       | 961.6%   | 259100    | 164.2%   |
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| Telephone Calls                      | 18168       | 7725        | 135.2%   | 17210     | 5.6%     |
| <b>FRONT OFFICE</b>                  |             |             |          |           |          |
| Accident Reports Processed           | 282         | 320         | -11.88%  | 194       | 45.36%   |
| Arrest Reports Processed             | 173         | 203         | -14.78%  | 210       | -17.62%  |
| Incident / Officer Reports Processed | 34          | 28          | 21.43%   | 9         | 82.01%   |
| Vehicle Impound Releases             | 0           | 0           | 0.00%    | 0         | 0.00%    |
| Visitors at Counter                  | 168         | 240         | -30%     | 243       | -30.86%  |
| Crash Reports Mailed Out             | 186         | 240         | -22.50%  | 201       | -7.46%   |
| <b>COURT / WARRANT</b>               |             |             |          |           |          |
| Warrants Received                    | 269         | 649         | -58.6%   | 551       | -51.2%   |
| Warrants Entered                     | 555         | 616         | -9.9%    | 638       | -13.0%   |
| Warrants Cleared                     | 366         | 495         | -26.1%   | 430       | -14.9%   |
| Warrants Validated                   | 1355        | 3563        | -62.0%   | 2767      | -51.8%   |
| Extradition / Transports             | 22          | 27          | 0%       | 21        | 0.0%     |
|                                      |             |             |          |           |          |
|                                      |             |             |          |           |          |
|                                      |             |             |          |           |          |
|                                      |             |             |          |           |          |

## CONTRACT SERVICES

- 7 Contracts requiring 466 hours, billing \$17,236.51.

### ***Northern Command Aircraft***

The Northern Command Aircraft flew 20 missions during the month of August for a total of 36.7 flight hours. The following is a breakdown of activities.

| Total Missions | Flight Hours | Flight Time % | Description         |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 7              | 17.8         | 49            | Personnel Transport |
| 3              | 7.8          | 21            | Prisoner Transports |
| 4              | 3.8          | 10            | Property Transport  |
| 2              | 2.6          | 7             | Other               |
| 1              | 2.2          | 6             | Speed Enforcement   |
| 2              | 1.5          | 4             | Patrol              |
| 1              | 1.0          | 3             | Maintenance         |

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.

Only one speed enforcement mission was flown this month in order to accommodate various personnel transports and that one was cut short due to a traffic accident and interdiction stop.

A total of 5 enforcement actions were taken. The following is a breakdown of enforcement activities.

| Type of Violation | Enforcement Actions |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Speed             | 4                   |
| Hazardous Moving  | 1                   |

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.

## ***PUBLIC INFORMATION***

### PIO Projects:

| Phone Activity | Press Releases | Media Interview/TV | PIO Meetings | Accident Response |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 289            | 3              | 23                 | 1            | 5                 |

| Website E-Mail Traffic | E-Mail Responses | Public Relations Projects | News Articles Total | Proactive News Articles | Reactive News Articles |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 29                     | 299              | 3                         | 18                  | 4                       | 14                     |

### Community service appearances:

- Trooper Allen represented NHP at the Hot August Nights car auction event with other law enforcement agency personnel and several kids from the Boys and Girls Club by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
- Trooper Allen represented NHP and selected the "Nevada Highway Patrol's Choice" award vehicle at the Hot August Nights event at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno
- Trooper Allen delivered two 60-minute traffic safety presentations to approximately 65 personnel of Nevada Energy
- Trooper Allen and Trooper McGrath taped several public service announcements with other law enforcement agencies at the Fox television studios in Reno for the upcoming hands free cell phone law which goes into effect on October 1st
- Trooper Allen coordinated the media coverage for the advanced motorcycle collision and investigation training held at the Public Safety Training Center in Reno
- Sgt Patty Kinard represented the Nevada Highway Patrol at the Nevada Humane Society's annual fundraiser in downtown Reno labeled the "Duck Race".

### Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Trooper Allen delivered a 15-minute safety talk to approximately 30 pre-school aged children at the Kids R Kids school in Reno
- Trooper Allen provided a 30-minute interview focused on the Labor Day holiday weekend at AM 1270 in Reno
- Trooper Allen taped a 20-minute radio interview on 106.9 FM in Reno focused on the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" alcohol awareness and enforcement campaign
- Trooper Allen participated in the annual safety day event in Carson City sponsored by the Washoe Tribe Police Department. He provided seat belt demonstrations with the Seat Belt Convincer trailer.
- Trooper Allen attended a fundraiser for a young child with a life-threatening illness labeled "Hope for Charleston" along with several public and volunteer fire departments at the Circus-Circus Casino. Trooper Allen utilized the Seat Belt Convincer at this event.

- Trooper Allen gave a 10-minute radio interview on 96.5 FM in Reno focused on the *“Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”* alcohol awareness and enforcement campaign

PIO Projects:

- Trooper Allen continues to deliver daily traffic reports, Monday – Friday, on KRNV Channel 4 in Reno
- Trooper Allen attended the annual National Information Officers Association conference in Phoenix, Arizona. As the group’s elected vice-president last year, Trooper Allen assumes the role of president through August 2012.
- Trooper Allen wrote an article for the National Information Officers Association newsletter

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