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CENTRAL COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

There were 74 crashes that occurred in August 2011. This is no change from last month's 74 crashes, and a decrease of 5.1% for crashes investigated in August 2010. Property crashes increased by 12.2% compared to July 2011. Injury crashes also decreased by 13.3% as compared to July 2011. Central Command troopers investigated two fatal crashes during August 2011. These crashes resulted in the death of two persons; two drivers. All the drivers were unrestrained. The two fatal investigations were a decrease of 33.3% or one less accident investigation compared to August 2010 and July 2011. There was one crash involving an impaired driver, which was unchanged compared to last month and 66.7% compared to last year. Of the 74 accidents, 14 or 18.9% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 9 or 64.29%, of these accidents. Eight of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for August 2011 was 2,087 cited violations. This was a decrease of 332 violations or 13.7% as compared to July 2011. Compared to August of 2010, the command showed a decrease of 765 violations or 26.8%. Speed violations decreased by 298 or 20.5%, as compared to July 2011 and 30.3% compared to August 2010. Hazardous moving violations increased 17.3% from the prior month and decreased 10.9%, compared to August 2010. Occupant restraint violations decreased by 8.5% compared to July 2011 and 65.7% compared to August 2010. There were 26 arrests of impaired drivers made in August 2011. Of those 26 arrests, 1 was made during an accident investigation. The total arrests for August 2011 showed an increase of 12 arrests compared to July 2011 and a decrease of 27 compared to August 2010.

Commercial vehicle inspections decrease by 16.6% or 102 inspections as compared to July 2011 and there were 65 fewer safety violations written in August 2011 than in July 2011. Commercial operations showed a decrease of 11.1% or eight (8) fewer citations issued, compared to July 2011 and a decrease of 27 citations or 29.7% compared to August 2010. Officers placed 26 vehicles and 14 drivers, "Out of Service", in August 2011. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 16.1% while drivers decreased by 12.5% compared to July 2011. Vehicles placed out of service declined by 18.8% and drivers placed out of service declined by 33.3%, compared to August 2010. Traffic personnel conducted 273 commercial inspections during August 2011 where traffic personnel issued 62 safety violation citations and 198 safety violations. Additionally, sixteen (16) drivers were placed out of service by traffic personnel during August 2011.

Front office staff processed two (2) fewer accidents for a decrease of 2.4% compared to July 2011. Arrest reports processed increased by 19 or 41.3% compared to July 2011. Processed incident reports increased by 9 compared to July 2011. The Communications Center radio transmissions decreased by 10.99% compared to July 2011. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents also decreased by 20.93%, but telephone calls decreased by 1.43% as compared to July 2011.

Warrant office staff saw increases in warrants received, entered and validated, but saw a decrease of 32.81% in warrants cleared compared to July 2011. Extraditions and transports remained the same at seven compared to last month.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	Current Month August 2011	Same Month prior Year August 2010	% Change	Prior month July 2011	% Change
Total crashes	74	78	-5.1%	74	0.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	46	49	-6.1%	41	12.2%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	26	26	0.0%	30	-13.3%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2	3	-33.3%	3	-33.3%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	1	3	-66.7%	1	0.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	2	3	-33.3%	4	-50.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	0	200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	2	-200.0%	3	-300.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	14	11	27.3%	19	-26.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	7	7	0.0%	10	-30.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	7	2	250.0%	7	0.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	2	-200.0%	2	-200.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.7%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 1.4%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 18.9%
- ✱ Total crashes down 5.1% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are up 27.3% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are down 33.3% as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts 3,376

Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) N/A  
(No ICE Team in Central Command.)

Total Traffic Safety Program Operations 3  
(OTS Joining Forces (1) and MCSAP Strike Force (2)).

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	Current month August 2011	Same month prior year August 2010	% Change	Prior month July 2011	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	1	5	-80.0%	1	0.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	26	22	18.2%	12	116.7%
Other arrests	116	143	-18.9%	104	11.5%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	70	65	7.7%	50	40.0%
Speed violations	1153	1654	-30.3%	1451	-20.5%
Hazardous moving violations	122	137	-10.9%	104	17.3%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	97	283	-65.7%	106	-8.5%
Total violations [above violations included]	2087	2852	-26.8%	2419	-13.7%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	15	43	-85%	23	-26%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	14	8	6%	18	-33.30%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	513	584	-12.2%	615	-16.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	-200%	0	0
Total safety violations -- citation	64	91	-29.7%	72	-11.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	366	615	-40.5%	431	-15.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	26	32	-18.8%	31	-16.1%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	14	21	-33.3%	16	-12.5%
Total school buses inspected	30	75	-37.70%	28	64.70%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	5	8	-60%	2	-33.30%
Total trucks weighed	79	108	-13.80%	1173	523%
Total overweight citations	5	6	50%	6	20%
Total dyed fuel inspections	500	555	-9.9%	517	-3.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Cid Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0	273	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	62	0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0	198	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	16	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	219	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✿ Average BAC .169% on breath tests.
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 33 years old.
- ✿ 46.1% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✿ 14.3% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Current month	Same month prior year	% Change	Prior month	% Change
	Aug-11	Aug-10		Jul-11	
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
Radio Transmissions from Console	49366	65615	-24.76%	55460	-10.99%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	N/A	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	#VALUE!
CAD Incidents	6564	9750	-32.68%	8302	-20.93%
Telephone Calls	7664	7937	-3.44%	7775	-1.43%
Call Box Incidents	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[Las Vegas only]					
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	81	84	-3.57%	83	-2.41%
Arrest Reports Processed	65	58	12.07%	46	41.30%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	22	8	175.00%	13	69.23%
Vehicle Impound Releases	8	N/A	#VALUE!	7	14.29%
Visitors at Counter	104	N/A	#VALUE!	32	225.00%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	73	N/A	#VALUE!	56	30.36%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	204	252	-19.05%	139	46.76%
Warrants Entered	179	245	-26.94%	159	12.58%
Warrants Cleared	86	80	7.50%	128	-32.81%
Warrants Validated	1149	1356	-15.27%	764	50.39%
Extradition / Transports	7	10	-30.00%	7	0.00%

## CONTRACT SERVICES

- Nine (9) Contracts using 781 hours, billed in the amount of \$66,947.42.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
40	6	22	1	2

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
6	31	4	0	1	

### Community service appearances:

- National Night Out

### Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- National Night Out planning meetings
- Attend Joining Forces Planning Meeting in Reno
- Attend post WMD meeting. (On a side note, we, NHP, were evaluated during our participation by the Nevada National Guard, and received high ratings in strategic planning, organization, and management!!!)

### PIO Projects:

- Weapons of Mass Destruction Exercise—Incident started at I-80 MM298. NHP (I) and Elko Fire Dept. were incident commanders for that location
- Attended National PIO Training Conference in Phoenix, AZ (represented State of Nevada-NHP)