

September 2011

NORTHERN COMMAND  
Department of Public Safety  
Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*  
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## Overview

During the month of September 2011, we experienced a slight increase in our overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of August 2011. Northern Command officers handled 284 crashes in the month of September. An overview of the crashes showed 182 were property damage, 98 were injury, and four were fatal. As compared to September of 2010, our regional commercial vehicle crashes increased from 17, to 36 crashes. In our overall September 2011 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 13 of our total crashes in the Northern Command.

The officers in our command arrested 74 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 34 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 55 people on various charges over the month of September. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 3,206 speeding citations, 611 hazardous moving citations and 407 seat belt citations.

**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	September 2011	September 2010	% Change	August 2011	% Change
Total Crashes	284	286	-0.7%	281	1.1%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	182	194	-6.2%	186	-2.2%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	98	88	11.4%	95	3.2%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4	4			400.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	13	18	-27.8%	20	-35.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4	4			400.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		100.0%		100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts		1	-100.0%		
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		200.0%		200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts					
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	3	-66.7%		100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	36	17	111.8%	18	100.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	28	13	115.4%	13	115.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	6	3	100.0%	5	20.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	1	100.0%		200.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.5 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.6 %
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 33.3 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 12.7 %
- ✱ Total crashes down -0.7 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes UP 111.8 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes equal to last year at four.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	8709
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE)	204
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations	22

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

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

	September 2011	September 2010	% Change	August 2011	% Change
<b>TRAFFIC OPERATIONS</b>					
DUI arrests from crashes ##	13	18	-27.8%	20	-35.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	61	111	-45.0%	82	-25.6%
Other arrests	266	456	-41.7%	409	-35.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	129	210	-38.6%	192	-32.8%
Speed violations	3206	2759	16.2%	4006	-20.0%
Hazardous moving violations	611	625	-2.2%	674	-9.3%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	407	464	-12.3%	542	-24.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	6235	6251	-0.3%	7709	-19.1%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	39	45	-13.3%	45	-13.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	24	19	26.3%	29	-17.2%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	1497	1147	30.5%	430	248.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	2	3	-33.3%	21	-90.5%
Total safety violations -- citation	247	276	-10.5%	160	54.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2532	1857	36.3%	1102	129.8%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	115	65	76.9%	47	144.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	80	82	-2.4%	34	135.3%
Total school buses inspected	42	171	-75.4%	68	-38.2%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	14	20	-30.0%	27	-48.1%
Total trucks weighed	2847	564	404.8%	21	13457.1%
Total overweight citations	8	4	100.0%	9	-11.1%
Total dyed fuel inspections	461	360	28.1%	108	326.9%
Total dyed fuel citations					

\*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		40	
Safety Violations Citation		17	
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>		35	
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"		5	
Dyed Fuel Inspections		19	
Dyed Fuel Citations		0	

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC: 0.15%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 34 years old
- ✱ 6.98% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	September 2011	September 2010	% Change	August 2011	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
CAD Incidents	14035	19415	-26.3%	21831	-34.5%
Telephone Calls	21258	16182	31.4%	18168	17.0%
Radio Transmissions	1258553	230524	446.0%	684521	83.9%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	290	274	5.84%	282	2.84%
Arrest Reports Processed	132	200	-34%	173	-23.70%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	8	23	-65.22%	34	-76.47%
Vehicle Impounds Released	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Visitors at the Counter	228	175	30.29%	168	35.71%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	243	255	-4.71%	186	30.65%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	649	582	11.5%	269	141.3%
Warrants Entered	224	340	-34.1%	555	-59.6%
Warrants Cleared	350	438	-20.1%	366	-4.4%
Warrants Validated	2914	1742	67.3%	1355	115.1%
Extraditions/Transports	20	15	33.3%	22	-9.1%

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- ✱ 12 Contracts requiring 1464.15 hours, billing \$96,131.37

### **Northern Command Aircraft**

The Northern Command Aircraft flew 17 missions during the month of September for a total of 24.7 flight hours. The following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	Flight Time %	Description
3	9.2	37	Speed Enforcement
7	8.9	36	Personnel Transport
3	2.5	10	Property Transport
2	2.5	10	Patrol
2	1.6	7	Other

On September 1, the Northern Command Deputy Chief was transported to Elko to conduct a staff meeting.

On September 15 through 17, the Northern Command aircraft and a vintage Nevada Highway Patrol unit were on static display at the Reno National Championship Air Races. Prior to the tragic events that occurred on September 16, this was a great opportunity to interact with the citizens we serve in a positive atmosphere. Many positive comments were received concerning the Department, its mission, and the people who make up the DPS.

On September 20, Department K-9 officers were transported to Carson City for meetings.

Three speed enforcement missions were scheduled and flown this month. A total of 73 enforcement actions were taken. The following is a breakdown of enforcement activities.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	54
Hazardous Moving	14
Non-Hazardous	4
Seat Belts	1

During the course of speed enforcement and line patrol, 3 motorists were assisted.

The high speed for the month was a grey Honda sedan clocked at 92 mph in a 75 mph zone near Fernley.

## ***PUBLIC INFORMATION***

### PIO Projects:

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
245	9	47	1	4

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
32	249	6	35	18	17

### Community service appearances:

- Trooper Allen attended a safety awareness day and carnival at Kids R Kids School in Reno
- Trooper Allen completed numerous radio, television and print media interviews regarding the recent cell phone law that was enacted
- Several Northern Command staff members attended the quarterly meeting the Churchill County DUI Coalition in Fallon
- Trooper Allen attended the Northern Nevada Boys and Girls Club annual safety day at the Sparks Marina
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### Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Trooper Allen provided interviews to three University of Nevada journalism students regarding the new cell phone law and distracted driving
- Trooper Allen attended the annual Office of Traffic Safety recognition and training conference in Mesquite
- Trooper Allen assisted Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong with media-related duties after the IHOP shootings on Sept 6.
- The Nevada Highway Patrol was present at the large press conference with Governor Brian Sandoval on September 29, in Carson City, to preview the new cell phone law

### PIO Projects:

- Trooper Allen met with the public relations personnel of the Reno Bighorns basketball team to plan a law enforcement night next February at one of the home games
- Trooper Allen continues to provide live traffic reports each weekday on KRNV, Channel 4 in Reno
- The Nevada Highway Patrol is registered to participate in the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City on October 29 and the Veterans Day Parade in Reno on November 11

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