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CENTRAL COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were 69 crashes that occurred in September 2011. This is a decrease of 6.8% compared to last month's 74 crashes, and a decrease of 9.2% for crashes investigated in September 2010. Property crashes increased by 13% compared to August 2011. Injury crashes decreased by 34.6% as compared to August 2011. Central Command troopers investigated no fatal crashes during September 2011. There were no fatal accident investigations this month compared to 2 fatal accidents in August 2011 and 3 in September 2010. There were two crashes involving an impaired driver, which was an increase of 1 compared to last month and unchanged compared to last year. Of the 69 accidents, 19 or 27.5% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in six or 31.5%, of these accidents. Nine of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for September 2011 was 2,304 cited violations. This was an increase of 217 violations or 10.4% as compared to August 2011. Compared to September of 2010, the command showed an increase of 332 violations or 16.8%. Speed violations increased by 3 or 0.3%, as compared to August 2011 and 23.5% compared to September 2010. Hazardous moving violations increased 8.2% from the prior month and 9.1%, compared to September 2010. Occupant restraint violations increased by 72.2% compared to August 2011 and decreased 11.6% compared to September 2010. There were 15 arrests of impaired drivers made in September 2011. Of those 15 arrests, 2 were made during an accident investigation. The total arrests for September 2011 showed a decrease of 28 persons arrested compared to August 2011 and a decrease of 21 compared to September 2010.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 50.7% or 260 inspections as compared to August 2011 and there were 122 more safety violations written in September 2011 than in August 2011. Commercial operations showed an increase of 43.8% or 28 more citations issued, compared to August 2011 and an increase of 3 citations or 3.4% compared to September 2010. Officers placed 34 vehicles and 31 drivers, "Out of Service", in September 2011. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 30.8% while drivers increased by 121.4% compared to August 2011. Vehicles placed out of service rose by 6.3% and drivers placed out of service increased by 40.9%, compared to September 2010. Traffic personnel conducted 339 commercial inspections during September 2011 where traffic personnel issued 91 safety violation citations and 244 safety violations. Additionally, 11 drivers were placed out of service by traffic personnel during September 2011.

Front office staff processed 16 fewer accidents for a decrease of 19.75% compared to August 2011. Arrest reports processed decreased by 20 or 30.77% compared to August 2011. Processed incident reports decreased by 22 compared to August 2011. The Communications Center radio transmissions increased by 0.11% compared to August 2011. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents also decreased by 33.35%. Telephone calls decreased by 16.61% as compared to August 2011.

Warrant office staff saw increases in warrants received, entered, validated, and saw an increase in warrants cleared compared to August 2011. Extraditions and transports decreased to four compared to last month's seven.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	September-11	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total crashes	67	76	-11.8%	74	-9.5%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	50	50	0.0%	46	8.7%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	17	23	-26.1%	26	-34.6%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	0	3	-300.0%	2	-200.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	2	2	0.0%	1	100.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	0	4	-400.0%	2	-200.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	2	-200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	2	-200.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	19	13	46.2%	14	35.7%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	16	8	100.0%	7	128.6%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	5	-40.0%	7	-57.1%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 28.4%
- ✱ Total crashes down 11.8% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are up 46.2% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are down 300% as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	4,130
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	N/A
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations (OTS Joining Forces (19) and MCSAP Strike Force (31)).	50

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	September-11	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	2	2	0.0%	1	100.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	15	28	-46.4%	26	-42.3%
Other arrests	85	141	-39.7%	116	-26.7%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	42	63	-33.3%	70	-40.0%
Speed violations	1156	936	23.5%	1153	0.3%
Hazardous moving violations	132	121	9.1%	122	8.2%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	167	189	-11.6%	97	72.2%
Total violations [above violations included]	2304	1972	16.8%	2087	10.4%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	15	29	-85%	15	-26%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	16	32	6%	14	-33.30%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	773	689	12.2%	513	50.7%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	-200%	0	0
Total safety violations -- citation	92	89	3.4%	64	43.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	488	637	-23.4%	366	33.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	34	32	6.3%	26	30.8%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	31	22	40.9%	14	121.4%
Total school buses inspected	1	0	-37.70%	30	64.70%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	0	-60%	5	-33.30%
Total trucks weighed	298	146	-13.80%	79	523%
Total overweight citations	0	2	50%	5	20%
Total dyed fuel inspections	698	620	12.6%	500	39.6%
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	339	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	91	0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0	244	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	11	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	257	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC .090% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 35 years old.
- ✱ 78.6% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✱ 7.1% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Current month Sept - 11	Same month prior year Sept - 10	% Change	Prior month Aug -11	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	49418	55472	-10.91%	49366	0.11%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	N/A	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	#VALUE!
CAD Incidents	4375	7846	-44.24%	6564	-33.35%
Telephone Calls	6391	6560	-2.58%	7664	-16.61%
Call Box Incidents	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
[Las Vegas only]					
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	65	84	-22.62%	81	-19.75%
Arrest Reports Processed	45	58	-22.41%	65	-30.77%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	0	8	-800.00%	22	-2200.00%
Vehicle Impound Releases	4	N/A	#VALUE!	8	-50.00%
Visitors at Counter	106	N/A	#VALUE!	104	1.92%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	76	N/A	#VALUE!	73	4.11%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	230	155	48.39%	204	12.75%
Warrants Entered	214	180	18.89%	179	19.55%
Warrants Cleared	126	126	0.00%	86	46.51%
Warrants Validated	1340	1521	-11.90%	1149	16.62%
Extradition / Transports	4	6	-33.33%	7	-42.86%

CONTRACT SERVICES

- Six (6) Contracts using 516.75 hours, billed in the amount of \$45,062.73.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
40	3	16	3	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
10	45	4	7	3	

Community service appearances:

- Attended an Education Chapter luncheon (represented the NHP)
- Distracted Driving presentation to NDOT WMCA supervisors (100)

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Received SHSP award for education on rural highway safety issues
- 511 planning meeting
- National Weather Service meeting
- Attend Joining Forces Conference

PIO Projects:

- Numerous interviews and discussions with media and public on upcoming cell phone/texting laws throughout the month
- Press release on new law
- Schedule/reserve booths for career fair week in Nov (Elko, Bat Mtn, WMCA, Ely, etc)