

October 2011

NORTHERN COMMAND
Department of Public Safety
Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol
Major Brian Sanchez

Overview

During the month of October 2011, we experienced a decrease in our overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of September 2011. Northern Command officers handled 265 crashes in the month of October. An overview of the crashes showed 179 were property damage, 82 were injury, and four were fatal. When compared to October of last year, fatal crashes remained the same. As compared to October of 2010, our regional commercial vehicle crashes decreased from 20, to 9 crashes. In our overall October 2011 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 17 of our total crashes in the Northern Command.

The officers in our command arrested 81 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .13%, well above the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 35 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 73 people on various charges over the month of October. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,981 speeding citations, 603 hazardous moving citations and 350 seat belt citations.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	October-11	October-10	% Change	September-11	% Change
Total crashes	265	284	-6.7%	284	-6.7%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	179	185	-3.2%	182	-1.6%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	82	95	-13.7%	98	-16.3%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4	4		4	
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	17	14	21.4%	13	30.8%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	5	4	25.0%	4	25.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	1		1	
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		100.0%		100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	3		300.0%	2	50.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts					
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable		3	-300.0%	1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	9	20	-55.0%	36	-75.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	8	11	-27.3%	28	-71.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	9	-88.9%	6	-83.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle				2	-200.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.5 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.4 %
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 40.0 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 3.4 %
- ✱ Total crashes down 6.7 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 55.0 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes even at four compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	10,427
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE)	147
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations	16

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	October-11	October-10	% Change	September-11	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	17	14	21.4%	13	30.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	64	85	-24.7%	61	4.9%
Other arrests	401	404	-0.7%	266	50.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	154	191	-19.4%	129	19.4%
Speed violations	2981	2461	21.1%	3206	-7.0%
Hazardous moving violations	603	563	7.1%	611	-1.3%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	350	307	14.0%	407	-14.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	6360	5616	13.2%	6235	2.0%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	47	33	42.4%	39	20.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	42	17	147.1%	24	75.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	842	663	27.0%	1497	-43.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1	1		2	-50.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	234	201	16.4%	247	-5.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1790	1409	27.0%	2532	-29.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	66	64	3.1%	115	-42.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	73	71	2.8%	80	-8.8%
Total school buses inspected	205	81	153.1%	42	388.1%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	50	23	117.4%	14	257.1%
Total trucks weighed	4417	61	7141.0%	2847	55.1%
Total overweight citations	4	3	33.3%	8	-50.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	252	268	-6.0%	461	-45.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		100.0%		100.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Cid Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections		57	
Safety Violations Citation		24	
Safety Violations Repair Order		78	
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"		9	
Dyed Fuel Inspections		5	
Dyed Fuel Citations			

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.13 %
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 35 years old.
- ✱ 9.1 % of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	October 2011		October 2010	% Change		September 2011	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
CAD Incidents	11847		17821	-33.5		14035	-17.2%
Telephone Calls	14168		16558	-14.4%		21258	-33.4%
Radio Transmissions	436232		251729	73.3%		1258553	-65.3%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	306		291	5.15%		290	5.52%
Arrest Reports Processed	103		134	-23.13%		132	-21.97%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	14		24	-41.67%		8	75%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0		1	-100%		0	0.00%
Visitors at Counter	209		223	-6.28%		228	-8.33%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	182		198	-8.08%		243	-25.10%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	798		357	123.5%		649	23.0%
Warrants Entered	467		594	-21.4%		224	108.5%
Warrants Cleared	289		526	-45.1%		350	-17.4%
Warrants Validated	2734		2048	18.6%		2914	-16.6%
Extradition / Transports	25		17	47.1%		20	25.0%

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 3 Contracts using 42 hours, billed in the amount of \$2,616.62.

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft flew 4 missions during the month of October for a total of 6.0 flight hours. The following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	Flight Time %	Description
1	1.7	28	Speed Enforcement
1	2.0	33	Personnel Transport
1	1.0	17	Patrol
1	1.3	22	Maintenance

The Chief Pilot was on leave from October 1 through 5 and October 21 through 31. He assisted the FAA and NTSB with an aircraft crash investigation on October 6.

On October 11, an individual was transported from Ely to Elko to attend a Coroner's Inquest.

After completing a speed enforcement and patrol flight near Winnemucca, the Northern Command aircraft was dropped off at Carson City for maintenance. The Central Command aircraft was utilized for the remainder of the month and those flights are recorded in the Central Command Safestat Report.

One speed enforcement mission was scheduled and flown this month. Due to a lack of manpower, only one ground unit was available. A total of 5 enforcement actions were taken before the aircraft was delivered to Carson City for maintenance.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	5
Hazardous Moving	0
Non-Hazardous	0
Seat Belts	0

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

The high speed for the month was a grey Dodge van clocked at 94 mph in a 75 mph zone near Winnemucca.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
234	12	44	1	6

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
42	367	9	39	4	35

Community service appearances:

- Trooper Mike Edgell attended the annual Home Depot safety fair at the Damonte Ranch Parkway store on November 15th
- Trooper Allen attended a safety awareness day for kids on October 22 labeled “Touch-a-Truck” held in Somersett near town square
- Trooper Allen attended the benefit dinner for the Trauma Intervention Program held at the El Dorado in Reno where several individuals were honored with awards including NHP Trooper Salvador Navarro
- The Nevada Highway Patrol participated in the annual Nevada Day Parade in Carson City
- Trooper Dan Lopez and the crash dummies participated in annual trick or treating festivities at the Governor’s Mansion on Oct 31st

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Trooper Allen and DPS Director Chris Perry filmed two public service announcements in the Reno area regarding the new cell phone law
- Trooper Allen lectured at two drivers education classes covering traffic safety topics to include seat belts, common causing accident contributing factors, vehicle safety, DUI awareness and traffic laws
- Trooper Allen participated in a public service announcement funded by the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety focused on alcohol awareness and drunk driving

PIO Projects:

- 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 annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Reno

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