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CENTRAL COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were 86 crashes that occurred in October 2011. This is an increase of 24.6% compared to last month's 69 crashes, and an increase of 14.7% for crashes investigated in October 2010. Property crashes increased by 38.5% compared to September 2011. Injury crashes decreased by 23.5% as compared to September 2011. Central Command troopers investigated one fatal crash during October 2011. This crash resulted in the death of three persons; one unrestrained driver, one unrestrained passenger, and one pedestrian. There was one fatal accident investigation this month compared to zero fatal accidents in September 2011 and 3 in October 2010. There were two crashes involving an impaired driver, which was unchanged compared to last month and unchanged compared to last year. Of the 86 accidents, 20 or 23.3% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 12 or 60%, of these accidents. Eleven of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for October 2011 was 1987 cited violations. This was a decrease of 47 violations or 13.8% as compared to September 2011. Compared to October of 2010, the command showed an increase of 171 violations or 9.4%. Speed violations decreased by 245 or 21.2%, as compared to September 2011 and 0.8% compared to October 2010. Hazardous moving violations decreased 28.8% from the prior month and an increase of 11.9%, compared to October 2010. Occupant restraint violations increased by 21.6% compared to September 2011 and were unchanged compared to October 2010. There were 27 arrests of impaired drivers made in October 2011. Of those 27 arrests, 2 were made during an accident investigation. The total arrests for October 2011 showed an increase of 9 persons arrested compared to September 2011 and an increase of 6 compared to October 2010.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 31.4% or 243 inspections as compared to September 2011 and there were 188 fewer safety violations written in October 2011 than in September 2011. Commercial operations showed a decrease of 51.1% or 47 fewer citations issued, compared to September 2011 and a decrease of 1 citation or 2.2% compared to October 2010. Officers placed 23 vehicles and 15 drivers, "Out of Service", in October 2011. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 32.4% while drivers decreased by 51.6% compared to September 2011. Vehicles placed out of service rose by 9.5% and drivers placed out of service increased by 15.4%, compared to October 2010. The decrease in number of inspections between September and October 2011 is primarily due to 200 hours of commercial Strike Force overtime being used in September 2011. Traffic personnel conducted 235 commercial inspections during October 2011 where traffic personnel issued 64 safety violation citations and 172 safety violations. Additionally, 9 drivers were placed out of service by traffic personnel during October 2011.

Front office staff processed 16 more accidents for an increase of 24.62% compared to September 2011. Arrest reports processed decreased by 4 or 8.9% compared to September 2011. Processed incident reports increased by 6 compared to September 2011. The Communications Center radio transmissions decreased by 33.1% compared to September 2011. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents also decreased by 55.67%. Telephone calls decreased by 17.9% as compared to September 2011.

Warrant office staff saw decreases in warrants received, entered, validated, and in warrants cleared compared to September 2011. Extraditions and transports remained unchanged at four compared to last months.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	October-11	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total crashes	86	75	14.7%	69	24.6%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	72	52	38.5%	52	38.5%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	13	20	-35.0%	17	-23.5%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	3	-66.7%	0	100.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	2	2	0.0%	2	0.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3	3	0.0%	0	300.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	20	17	17.6%	19	5.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	14	12	16.7%	16	-12.5%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5	5	0.0%	3	66.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.2%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 2.3%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 23.3%
- ✱ Total crashes UP 14.7% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are up 17.6% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are down 66.7% as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts 3,065

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

Total Traffic Safety Program Operations 1
(OTS Joining Forces (1 shift) and MCSAP Strike Force (0 shifts).

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	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	2	2	0.0%	2	0.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	25	14	78.6%	15	66.7%
Other arrests	85	97	-12.4%	85	0.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	51	45	13.3%	42	21.4%
Speed violations	911	918	-0.8%	1156	-21.2%
Hazardous moving violations	94	84	11.9%	132	-28.8%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	203	203	0.0%	167	21.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	1987	1816	9.4%	2304	-13.8%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	16	18	-11.1%	15	6.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	4	8	-50.0%	16	-75.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	530	471	12.5%	773	-31.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	45	46	-2.2%	92	-51.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	300	390	-23.1%	488	-38.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	23	21	9.5%	34	-32.4%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	15	13	15.4%	31	-51.6%
Total school buses inspected	50	28	78.6%	1	4900.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	2	0	200.0%	0	200.0%
Total trucks weighed	647	2182	-70.3%	298	117.1%
Total overweight citations	4	0	400.0%	0	400.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	512	462	10.8%	698	-26.6%
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	235	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	64	0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0	172	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	9	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	168	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✿ Average BAC .136% on breath tests.
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 37 years old.
- ✿ 35% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✿ 15% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Current month Oct - 11	Same month prior year Oct - 10	% Change	Prior month Sept -11	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	45314	52964	-14.44%	49418	-8.30%
Radio TX and Receive totals	N/A	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	#VALUE!
CAD Incidents	4087	7584	-46.11%	4375	-6.58%
Telephone Calls	6600	7567	-12.78%	6391	3.27%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	81	68	19.12%	65	24.62%
Arrest Reports Processed	41	46	-10.87%	45	-8.89%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	6	12	-50.00%	0	600.00%
Vehicle Impound Releases	2	N/A	#VALUE!	4	-50.00%
Visitors at Counter	97	N/A	#VALUE!	106	-8.49%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	64	N/A	#VALUE!	76	-15.79%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	129	235	-45.11%	230	-43.91%
Warrants Entered	162	212	-23.58%	214	-24.30%
Warrants Cleared	124	412	-69.90%	126	-1.59%
Warrants Validated	937	752	24.60%	1340	-30.07%
Extradition / Transports	4	2	100.00%	4	0.00%

CONTRACT SERVICES

- Three (3) Contracts using 423 hours, billed in the amount of \$36,246.53.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
35	1	4	2	2

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
5	35	4	0	0	0

Community service appearances:

- Elko High School distracted driving presentations (all day sophomores/juniors; 150 students)
- Elko Head Start School safety presentation (seatbelts, pedestrian crossing, 911, etc.; 35 students)

PIO Projects:

- Schedule distracted driving presentations for D.O.T in LV.
- Schedule bus driving safety and awareness presentation for Coach American (mine bus drivers)
- Complete seatbelt convincer survey for manufacturer on NHP usage & maintenance.