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NORTHERN COMMAND  
Department of Public Safety  
Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*  
Major Brian Sanchez

## Overview

During the month of November 2011, we experienced a decrease in our overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of October 2011. Northern Command officers handled 257 crashes in the month of November. An overview of the crashes showed 174 were property damage, 80 were injury, and three were fatal. When compared to November of last year, fatal crashes increased by one. As compared to November of 2010, our regional commercial vehicle crashes increased from 22, to 23 crashes. In our overall November 2011 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 21 of our total crashes in the Northern Command.

The officers in our command arrested 65 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .16%, twice the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 38 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 84 people on various charges over the month of November. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,793 speeding citations, 627 hazardous moving citations and 365 seat belt citations.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	November 2011	November 2010	% Change	October 2011	% Change
Total crashes	257	355	-27.6%	265	-3.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	174	255	-31.8%	179	-2.8%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	80	98	-18.4%	82	-2.4%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	2	50.0%	4	-25.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	21	14	50.0%	17	23.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3	2	50.0%	5	-40.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts		1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		100.0%	1	
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	1	100.0%	3	-33.3%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts					
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable					
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	23	22	4.5%	9	155.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	17	19	-10.5%	8	112.5%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	6	3	100.0%	1	500.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle					

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.2 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 8.2 %
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 33.3 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 8.9 %
- ✱ Total crashes down 27.6 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 4.5 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 50.0 % as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	11,881
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE)	343
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]

	November 2011	November 2010	% Change	October 2011	% Change
<b>TRAFFIC OPERATIONS</b>					
DUI arrests from crashes ##	21	14	50.0%	17	23.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	44	82	-46.3%	64	-31.3%
Other arrests	324	448	-27.7%	401	-19.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	149	192	-22.4%	154	-3.2%
Speed violations	2793	2126	31.4%	2981	-6.3%
Hazardous moving violations	627	554	13.2%	603	4.0%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	365	438	-16.7%	350	4.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	5954	5636	5.6%	6360	-6.4%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	99	45	120.0%	47	110.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	65	44	47.7%	42	54.8%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	825	624	32.2%	842	-2.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	5	1	400.0%	1	400.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	229	208	10.1%	234	-2.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1501	1254	19.7%	1790	-16.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	76	56	35.7%	66	15.2%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	92	48	91.7%	73	26.0%
Total school buses inspected	269	73	268.5%	205	31.2%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	28	17	64.7%	50	-44.0%
Total trucks weighed	35	67	-47.8%	4417	-99.2%
Total overweight citations	7	6	16.7%	4	75.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	194	189	2.6%	252	-23.0%
Total dyed fuel citations	4	1	300.0%	1	300.0%

\*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		54	
Safety Violations Citation		54	
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>		35	
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"		48	
Dyed Fuel Inspections		4	
Dyed Fuel Citations		4	

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✿ Average BAC 0.16 %
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 38 years old.
- ✿ 2.36 % of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	November 2011	November 2010	% Change	October 2011	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
Radio Tx and Receive totals	305156	144536	111.1%	43623	-30.0%
CAD Incidents	11484	18919	-39.3%	11847	-3.1%
Telephone Calls	12698	10221	24.2%	14168	-10.4%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	257	303	-15.18%	306	-16.01%
Arrest Reports Processed	212	252	-15.87%	103	105.83%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	13	13	0.00%	14	-7.14%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Visitors at Counter	254	216	17.59%	209	21.53%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	155	176	-11.93%	182	-14.84%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	667	678	-1.6%	798	-16.4%
Warrants Entered	244	471	-48.2%	467	-47.8%
Warrants Cleared	322	378	-14.8%	289	11.4%
Warrants Validated	1345	2956	-54.5%	2734	-50.8%
Extradition / Transports	21	22	-4.5%	25	-16.0%

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- ✿ 3 Contracts using 161.5 hours, billed in the amount of \$18,683.60

## FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft flew 15 missions during the month of November for a total of 38.9 flight hours. The following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	Flight Time %	Description
10	32.6	84	Speed Enforcement
2	3.5	9	Personnel Transport
2	2.0	5	Property Transport
1	.8	2	Patrol

On November 7, the Northern Command Deputy Chief was transported from Carson City to Elko to conduct meetings.

On November 15 through 17 and 21 through 23, the Northern Command aircraft participated in Nevada's Ticketing of Aggressive Cars and Trucks Program known as "Badge On Board". The aircraft spent 17.1 hours over the enforcement area and the activity was as follows: 141 enforcement actions for speeding, 17 for hazardous moving violations, 13 for non-hazardous violations and 1 for not using seat belts. Although hampered by bad weather, this operation proved to be very productive averaging more than 10 vehicle stops per hour or 1 stop every 6 minutes. The Northern Command aircraft developed mechanical problems on November 22 and the Central Command aircraft was utilized to complete "Badge on Board" missions that day. This flight and activity is recorded in the Central Command Safestat Report. Twenty-two motorists were assisted during the operation.

Thirteen speed enforcement missions were scheduled this month and 10 were flown. Two were canceled due to bad weather and one was canceled due to aircraft maintenance. A total of 197 enforcement actions were taken, below is a breakdown of activity.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	160
Hazardous Moving	18
Non-Hazardous	16
Seat Belts	3

During the course of speed enforcement and line patrol, 25 motorists were assisted. The high speed for the month was a white Dodge sedan clocked at 109 mph in a 75 mph zone near Wells.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
249	6	39	1	3

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
37	316	9	47	6	41

Community service appearances:

- Trooper Oppie Roberson attended the annual career day at the Coral Academy in Reno on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>
- Trooper Allen attended the annual career day at Dayton High School on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>
- Trooper Allen coordinated the third annual fundraiser for the Nevada Humane Society at the Claim Jumper restaurant in Reno on November 10<sup>th</sup> labeled "*Tips for Pets*". Several troopers, media personalities and Airmen from the Nevada Air National Guard participated as honorary waiters and waitresses and collected 1,900 dollars in tips and over 800 pounds of pet food.
- Troopers Larson and Allen volunteered one day of time during the two-day annual bowling tournament in Reno for the athletes in the Special Olympics Nevada program

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Trooper Allen attended the annual awards ceremony for the Sierra chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) and present Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong with the Mark Twain Award for community service
- The Nevada Highway Patrol participated in the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Reno
- Trooper Allen participated in several radio and television media interviews for the "Badge on Board" traffic safety initiative
- Trooper Allen also assisted the public information officers from the City of Reno and the County of Washoe during the large Caughlin Fire in Reno
- Trooper Allen attended a military leadership conference as a guardsman with the Nevada Air National Guard held in Nashville, Tennessee

PIO Projects:

- Trooper Allen continues to provide live traffic reports each weekday on KRNV, Channel 4 in Reno
- Trooper Allen coordinated to have two Nevada Highway Patrol vehicles on display for a two-day law enforcement conference held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno
- Trooper Allen is mentoring a few students in one of the local Charter High Schools who are creating a public service announcement of the dangers of texting while driving

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