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CENTRAL COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

There were 105 crashes that occurred in November 2011. This is an increase of 22.1% compared to last month's 86 crashes, and a decrease of 36.7% for crashes investigated in November 2010. Property crashes decreased by 4.2% compared to October 2011. Injury crashes increased by 153.85% as compared to October 2011. Central Command troopers investigated three fatal crashes during November 2011. These crashes resulted in the deaths of three persons; one unrestrained driver, one unrestrained passenger, and one restrained passenger. There were three fatal accident investigations this month compared to one fatal accident in October 2011 and one in November 2010. There was one crash involving an impaired driver, which was one less compared to last month and unchanged compared to last year. Of the 105 accidents, 16 or 15.2% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 10 or 62.5%, of these accidents. Eleven of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for November 2011 was 2292 cited violations. This was an increase of 307 violations or 15.3% as compared to October 2011. Compared to November of 2010, the command showed an increase of 1010 violations or 78.8%. Speed violations increased by 326 or 35.8%, as compared to October 2011 and 97.3% compared to November 2010. Hazardous moving violations decreased 4.3% from the prior month and decreased of 38.8%, compared to November 2010. Occupant restraint violations decreased by 5.4% compared to October 2011 and they increased by 86.4% compared to November 2010. There were 15 arrests of impaired drivers made in November 2011. Of those 15 arrests, one was made during an accident investigation. The total arrests for November 2011 showed a decrease of 15 persons arrested compared to October 2011 and a decrease of four compared to November 2010.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 19.6% or 104 inspections as compared to October 2011 and there were 47 more safety violations written in November 2011 than in October 2011. Commercial operations showed an increase of 28.9% or 13 more citations issued, compared to October 2011 and an increase of 9 citation or 18.4% compared to November 2010. Officers placed 17 vehicles and 17 drivers, "Out of Service", in November 2011. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 26.1% while drivers increased by 13.3% compared to October 2011. Vehicles placed out of service fell by 5.6% and drivers placed out of service increased by 54.5%, compared to November 2010. Traffic personnel conducted 239 commercial inspections during November 2011 and issued 57 safety violation citations and 150 safety violations. Additionally, 6 drivers and 7 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during November 2011.

Front office staff processed 10 more accidents for an increase of 12.35% compared to October 2011. Arrest reports processed increased by 1 or 2.44% compared to October 2011. Processed incident reports increased by 2 compared to October 2011. The Communications Center radio transmissions increased by 7.9% compared to October 2011. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents also increased by 1.05%. Telephone calls decreased by 8.35% as compared to October 2011.

Warrant office staff saw increases in warrants received, entered, validated compared to October 2011. Warrants cleared decreased compared to October 2011. Extraditions and transports decreased by 75% compared to last month.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	November-11	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	105	166	-36.7%	86	22.1%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	69	132	-47.7%	72	-4.2%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	33	33	0.0%	13	153.8%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	1	200.0%	1	200.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3	1	200.0%	3	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	16	31	-48.4%	20	-20.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	10	23	-56.5%	14	-28.6%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	6	8	-25.0%	5	20.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.9%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 1.0%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 67.7%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 15.2%
- ✱ Total crashes down 37.7% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 48.8% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are up by 2 as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts 3441

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

Total Traffic Safety Program Operations 1  
(OTS Joining Forces (10 shift) and MCSAP Badge on Board (30 shifts).

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

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

<b>TRAFFIC OPERATIONS</b>	October-11	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	14	18	-22.2%	25	-44.0%
Other Arrests	61	60	1.7%	85	-28.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	36	40	-10.0%	51	-29.4%
Speed violations	1237	627	97.3%	911	35.8%
Hazardous moving violations	90	147	-38.8%	94	-4.3%
Occupant restraint violations *	192	103	86.4%	203	-5.4%
Total violations [above violations included]	2288	1282	78.5%	1987	15.1%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests	115	9	1177.8%	16	618.8%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	36	5	620.0%	4	800.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	634	494	28.3%	530	19.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	58	49	18.4%	45	28.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	347	386	-10.1%	300	15.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	17	18	-5.6%	23	-26.1%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	17	11	54.5%	15	13.3%
Total school buses inspected	0	0	0.0%	50	-5000.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	0	0.0%	2	-200.0%
Total trucks weighed	1274	67	1801.5%	647	96.9%
Total overweight citations	3	2	50.0%	4	-25.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	606	463	30.9%	512	18.4%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

\*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	0	239	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	57	0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0	150	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	6	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	180	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	1	0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC .137% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 38 years old.
- ✱ 25% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✱ 8% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	November-11	Same month prior year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
Radio Transmissions from Console	48925	47349	3.33%	45314	7.97%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	N/A	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	#VALUE!
CAD Incidents	4130	6513	-36.59%	4087	1.05%
Telephone Calls	6049	8363	-27.67%	6600	-8.35%
Call Box Incidents	N/A	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	#VALUE!
[Las Vegas only]					
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	91	82	10.98%	81	12.35%
Arrest Reports Processed	42	50	-16.00%	41	2.44%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	8	11	-27.27%	6	33.33%
Vehicle Impound Releases	5	N/A	#VALUE!	2	150.00%
Visitors at Counter	68	N/A	#VALUE!	97	-29.90%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	66	N/A	#VALUE!	64	3.13%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	185	55	236.36%	129	43.41%
Warrants Entered	196	97	102.06%	162	20.99%
Warrants Cleared	119	148	-19.59%	124	-4.03%
Warrants Validated	1236	1168	5.82%	937	31.91%
Extradition / Transports	1	3	-66.67%	4	-75.00%

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- Six (6) Contracts using 442.5 hours, billed in the amount of \$38,038.04.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
40	3	17	9	3

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
2	50	4	3	1	0

Community service appearances:

- Career fair week—Elko, Ely, Bat Mtn, WMCA
- Shop with a Cop poster contest photo shoot

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- NBC, newspaper, & radio interviews on Joining Forces Click it or Ticket
- “ “ “ “ “ Badge on Board
- NBC & newspaper interview on marijuana drug bust
- Humboldt Sun interview on cattle 10-50
- Meetings (phone and personal) with Newmont, Sandvik, Valmy Power Plant, Spring Creek Elementary, Mtn View Elementary on upcoming presentation planning
- Coach America bus safety presentation (60)
- CDL safety presentation at GBC—Elko

PIO Projects:

- Teach Instructor Development—1 week
- Deploy radar trailer over Thanksgiving holidays
- Work on safety presentations
- Shop with a Cop planning/logistics for Dec