

December 2011

NORTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol
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Overview

During the month of December 2011, we experienced a slight increase in our overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of November 2011. Northern Command officers handled 267 crashes in the month of December. An overview of the crashes showed 189 were property damage, 75 were injury, and three were fatal. When compared to December of last year, fatal crashes increased from one to three total. As compared to December of 2010, our regional commercial vehicle crashes increased from 20, to 22 crashes. In our overall December 2011 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 16 of our total crashes in the Northern Command.

The officers in our command arrested 103 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .19%, over twice the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 37 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 68 people on various charges over the month of December. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 3,361 speeding citations, 807 hazardous moving citations and 504 seat belt citations.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	December 2011	December 2010	% Change	November 2011	% Change
Total crashes	267	459	-41.8%	257	3.9%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	189	324	-41.7%	174	8.6%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	75	134	-44.0%	80	-6.3%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	1	200.0%	3	
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	16	20	-20.0%	21	-23.8%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	6	1	500.0%	3	100.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts		1	-100.0%		
Total passengers killed without seatbelts				1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		200.0%	2	
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	2		200.0%		200.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2		200.0%		200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	22	20	10.0%	23	-4.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	18	14	28.6%	17	5.9%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	4	6	-33.3%	6	-33.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle					

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.1 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.0 %
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0.0 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 8.2 %
- ✱ Total crashes down 41.8 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 10.0 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 200 % as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	12,692
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE)	645
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations	21

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

	December 2011	December 2010	% Change	November 2011	% Change
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS					
DUI arrests from crashes ##	16	20	-20.0%	21	-23.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	87	93	-6.5%	44	97.7%
Other arrests	377	423	-10.9%	324	16.4%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	171	173	-1.2%	149	14.8%
Speed violations	3361	1938	73.4%	2793	20.3%
Hazardous moving violations	807	714	13.0%	627	28.7%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	504	340	48.2%	365	38.1%
Total violations [above violations included]	7881	5540	42.3%	5954	32.4%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	29	36	-19.4%	99	-70.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	25	14	78.6%	65	-61.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	1219	834	46.2%	825	47.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	20		2000.0%	5	300.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	207	199	4.0%	229	-9.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2311	1397	65.4%	1501	54.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	84	48	75.0%	76	10.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	72	68	5.9%	92	-21.7%
Total school buses inspected	106	8	1225.0%	269	-60.6%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	8		800.0%	28	-71.4%
Total trucks weighed	26	787	-96.7%	35	-25.7%
Total overweight citations	10	7	42.9%	7	42.9%
Total dyed fuel inspections	265	313	-15.3%	194	36.6%
Total dyed fuel citations				4	-400.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Cid Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections		171	
Safety Violations Citation		45	
Safety Violations Repair Order		201	
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"		7	
Dyed Fuel Inspections		12	
Dyed Fuel Citations		0	

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.19%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 37 years old.
- ✱ 10.29% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	December 2011	December 2010	% Change	November 2011	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Tx and Receive totals	756837	144536	423.6%	305156	148%
CAD Incidents	13492	18919	-29.7%	11484	17.5%
Telephone Calls	11115	10221	8.7%	12698	-12.5%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	269	373	-27.88%	257	4.67%
Arrest Reports Processed	136	153	-11.11%	212	-35.85%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	14	12	16.67%	13	7.70%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Visitors at Counter	241	194	24.23%	254	-23.62%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	141	291	-51.55%	155	-9.03%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	546	678	-19.5%	667	-18.1%
Warrants Entered	649	471	37.8%	244	166.0%
Warrants Cleared	305	378	-19.3%	322	-5.3%
Warrants Validated	3620	2956	22.5%	1345	169.1%
Extradition / Transports	19	17	11.8%	21	-9.5%

CONTRACT SERVICES

- ✱ 6 Contracts using 175.25 hours, billed in the amount of \$7,207.68.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
262	9	42	1	4

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
31	299	9	51	7	44

Community service appearances:

- Trooper Allen delivered traffic safety presentations to three drivers education classes in Reno and Sparks
- Trooper Allen volunteered 20 hours of his time and spent the night in a kennel at the Nevada Humane Society in Reno as part of their annual "In Their Paws" event to generate money and adoptions for the many displaced pets
- Several NHP personnel volunteered their time on Saturday, Dec 17th, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army as part of the "Law Enforcement Bell Ringing Event"

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Trooper Allen attended the quarterly Churchill County DUI Coalition meeting in Fallon
- Trooper Allen taped a 15-minute interview with KTVN as part of their weekly Face the State program covering DUI enforcement and the hand held cell phone traffic law
- Trooper Allen attended the annual food drive sponsored by KTVN Channel 2 and completed an interview at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno
- Trooper Allen taped an interview with KOLO Channel 8 as part of "The Road Ahead with RTC" and focused the topics on DUI enforcement and the new cell phone law

PIO Projects:

- Trooper Allen continues to provide live traffic reports each weekday on KRNV, Channel 4 in Reno
- Trooper Allen provided a one-hour tour of the NHP-Northern Command headquarters building to several teenagers who were sponsored by the Reno Rodeo Foundation
- The Nevada Departments of Transportation and Public Safety teamed up and held a news conference to remind motorists to drive safely, limit distractions and to designate a safe and sober driver when alcohol is involved. NDOT Director Susan Martinovich also provided an overview and example of our "Zero Fatalities" program.

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