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NORTHERN COMMAND WEST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol
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Overview

Narrative

In the month of March 2012, we experienced a decrease in our overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of February. Northern Command officers handled 248 crashes in the month of March. An overview of the crashes showed 179 crashes were property damage and 68 were classified as injury crashes and one crash was fatal. As compared to March of 2011, our regional commercial vehicle crashes decreased to a total of 20. In our overall March 2012 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 8 DUI crashes in the Northern Command.

The officers in our command arrested 91 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .18%, over twice the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 33 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 96 people on various charges over the month of March. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 3,341 speeding citations, 1,251 hazardous moving citations and 498 seat belt citations.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	Current Month	Same Month prior Year	% Change	Prior month	% Change
Total crashes	248	285	-13%	296	-16.2%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	179	205	-12.7%	211	-15.2%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	68	76	-10.5%	85	-20%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	4	-75%		100%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	8	15	-46.7%	20	-60%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes		4	-400%		
Total drivers killed without seatbelts					
Total passengers killed without seatbelts		2	-200%		
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Total passengers killed with seatbelts		2	-200%		
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable					
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	20	25	-20%	19	5.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	15	20	-25%	17	-11.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	3		2	50%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	2			200%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.4%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.2%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed N/A
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 8.1%
- ✱ Total crashes down 13% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 20% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 400% as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	12,990
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE)	480
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations	38

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	Current month	Same month prior year	% Change	Prior month	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	8	15	-46.7%	20	-60%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	87	95	-8.4%	94	-7.4%
Other arrests	376	456	-17.5%	424	-11.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	191	197	-3%	201	-5%
Speed violations	3341	2553	30.9%	3119	7.1%
Hazardous moving violations	1251	777	61%	1432	-12.6%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	498	642	-22.4%	557	-10.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	8381	6522	28.5%	8690	-3.6%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	37	40	-7.5%	50	-26%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	25	50	-50%	41	-39%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	608	1018	-40.3%	762	-20.2%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only				7	-700%
Total safety violations -- citation	168	309	-45.6%	178	-5.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1256	1899	33.9%	1520	-17.4%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	55	98	-43.9%	77	-28.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	34	61	-44.3%	59	-42.4%
Total school buses inspected	263	121	117.4%	78	237.2%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	49	16	206.3%	36	36.1%
Total trucks weighed	18	828	-97.8%	12	50%
Total overweight citations	13	10	30%	3	333.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	245	363	-32.5%	265	-7.5%
Total dyed fuel citations					

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Cid Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections		60	
Safety Violations Citation		19	
Safety Violations Repair Order		75	
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	1	4	
Dyed Fuel Inspections		21	
Dyed Fuel Citations			

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.18%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 33 years old.
- ✱ 3.28% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Current month	Same month prior year	% Change	Prior month	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console					
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1045795	223925	367%	303774	244.3%
CAD Incidents	14120	20245	-30.3%	13390	5.5%
Telephone Calls	14648	14545	0.7%	14016	4.5%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]					
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	311	310	.032%	323	-3.72%
Arrest Reports Processed	183	250	-26.80%	235	-23.13%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	17	21	-19.05%	18	-5.56%
Vehicle Impound Releases					
Visitors at Counter	180	193	-6.74%	181	-.55%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	340	258	31.78%	204	66.67%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	259	471	-45%	503	-48.5%
Warrants Entered	579	227	155.1%	241	140.2%
Warrants Cleared	334	548	-39.1%	1114	-70%
Warrants Validated	6131	3188	92.3%	2552	140.2%
Extradition / Transports	23	19	21.1%	20	15%

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 6 Contracts using 61 hours, billed in the amount of \$4,718.89.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
332	10	47	0	5

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
41	366	13	48	6	42

Community service appearances:

- Trooper Dan Gordon delivered a traffic safety presentation to a class of driver's education students at Galena High School in Reno
- Trooper Allen represented NHP at the quarterly Churchill County Coalition meeting in Fallon
- Trooper Allen read to five classes at Stead Elementary School in Stead on March 27th
- Several troopers attended a military job and recruitment fair in Reno with Peggy Berry of the DPS Personnel office
- Several troopers and employees from the Department of Public Safety raised money and volunteered their time at the annual Polar Plunge® event at Lake Tahoe benefiting Special Olympics Nevada

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Trooper Allen provided a 30-minute presentation to a group of attendees at the Washoe County Adult Leadership program in Reno
- Trooper Allen completed several live radio interviews during the month concerning distracted driving and alcohol education and awareness in light of St. Patrick's Day
- Trooper Allen coordinated a presentation at the Reno NHP office to have Kelly Browning from Impact Teen Driving provide a 2-hour presentation regarding this program

PIO Projects:

- Trooper Allen continues to provide live traffic reports each weekday on KRNV, Channel 4, in Reno
- Trooper Allen and Trooper Dan Lopez provided educational materials and fielded questions during the 3-day home show held in Reno at the Reno-sparks Convention Center. Nevada Department of Transportation and the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety personnel also staffed the booth which provided education and awareness on the "zero-fatalities" safety messages.
- Trooper Allen provided a media advisory detailing a traffic management plan in light of the two church service for Senator William Raggio's funeral

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