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NORTHERN COMMAND WEST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*  
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## Overview

In the month of April 2012, we experienced a decrease in our overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of March. Northern Command West officers handled 194 crashes in the month of April. An overview of the crashes showed 136 were property damage, 56 were classified as injury crashes, and 2 were classified as fatal crashes. As compared to April of 2011, we experienced a significant decrease in our regional commercial vehicle crashes, at 11 for the month. In our overall April 2012 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 11 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 .15%, almost twice the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 36 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 83 people on various charges over the month of April. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,831 speeding citations, 1,184 hazardous moving citations, and 478 seat belt citations.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	Current Month	Same Month prior Year	% Change	Prior month	% Change
Total crashes	194	207	-6.3%	248	-21.8%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	136	150	-9.3%	179	-24%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	56	50	12%	68	-17.6%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2	7	-71.4%	1	100%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	11	18	-38.9%	8	37.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	2	9	-900%		
Total drivers killed without seatbelts		4	-400%		
Total passengers killed without seatbelts		2	-200%		
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	1	-100%		
Total passengers killed with seatbelts					
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable		2	-200%		
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	11	21	-47.5%	20	-45%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	7	19	-61.1%	15	-53.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	2	50%	3	
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	1		2	-50%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.7%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed N/A
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.7%
- ✱ Total crashes down 6.3% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 47.6% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 71.% as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	11,466
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE)	607
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations	49

**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>	<b>Current month</b>	<b>Same month prior year</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Prior month</b>	<b>% Change</b>
DUI arrests from crashes ##	11	18	-38.9%	8	37.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	80	81	-1.2%	87	-8%
Other arrests	329	326	0.9%	376	-12.5%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	174	165	5.5%	191	-8.9%
Speed violations	2831	2951	-4.1%	3341	-15.3%
Hazardous moving violations	1184	651	81.9%	1251	-5.4%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	478	654	-26.9%	498	-4%
Total violations [above violations included]	8533	6487	31.5%	8381	1.8%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	54	69	-21.7%	37	45.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	15	101	-85.1%	25	-40%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	419	695	-39.7%	608	-31.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only					
Total safety violations -- citation	148	218	-32.1%	168	-11.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1085	1338	-18.9%	1256	-13.6%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	49	64	-23.4%	55	-10.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	32	55	-41.8%	34	-5.9%
Total school buses inspected	251	113	122.1%	263	-4.6%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	34	15	126.7%	49	-30.6%
Total trucks weighed	17	568	-97%	18	-5.6%
Total overweight citations	6	10	-40%	13	-53.8%
Total dyed fuel inspections	150	297	-495%	245	-38.8%
Total dyed fuel citations	2		200%		200%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

<b>COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]</b>	<b>Cid Ops</b>	<b>Rural Ops</b>	<b>Task Force</b>
Level 2/3 Inspections		13	
Safety Violations Citation		4	
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>		18	
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"			
Dyed Fuel Inspections			
Dyed Fuel Citations			

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC .15%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 36 years old.
- ✱ X% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ X% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	<b>Current month</b>	<b>Same month prior year</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Prior month</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
Radio Transmissions from Console					
Radio Tx and Receive totals	846050	226649	273.3%	1045794	-19.1%
CAD Incidents	13542	19155	-29.3%	14120	-4.1%
Telephone Calls	14073	12700	10.8%	14648	-3.9%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]					
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	268	217	23.5%	311	-13.8%
Arrest Reports Processed	216	119	81.5%	183	18%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	4	18	-77.8%	17	-76.5%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0				
Visitors at Counter	181	158	14.6%	180	0.6%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	146	185	-21.1%	340	-57.1%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	402	560	-28.2%	259	55.2%
Warrants Entered	579	427	13.8%	579	-16.1%
Warrants Cleared	334	414	-25.6%	334	-7.8%
Warrants Validated	6131	3849	-69.7%	6131	-81%
Extradition / Transports	23	18	27.8%	23	0%

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- 8 Contracts using 157.5 hours, billed in the amount of \$10,880.69.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
311	10	26	0	4

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
30	359	8	34	7	27

Community service appearances:

- Several troopers and other members of the Department of Public Safety volunteered their time at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual "Tip-a-Cop" fundraiser for Special Olympics Nevada held at the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Reno. The 4-hour event raised \$1,407 dollars.
- Trooper Allen delivered a speech to over 50 residents at the Dayton Senior Center at their luncheon to talk about the spirit of volunteerism and community service

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Trooper Allen provided a presentation to approximately 28 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) public safety personnel regarding the operation of emergency vehicles when utilizing lights and siren
- Trooper Allen was one of several interviewees on the "News Makers" show with Sam Shad that was taped at KRNV in Reno
- Trooper Allen coordinated a news interview with KRNV and the Division of Parole and Probation to highlight an absconder on the monthly segment of the station's 4:00 pm newscast

PIO Projects:

- Trooper Allen continues to provide live traffic reports each weekday on KRNV, Channel 4, in Reno
- Trooper Allen assisted KTVN Ch 2 in Reno with a story about cell phone use while driving. NHP-Northern Command West had issued 1646 citations during the first quarter of 2012.
- Trooper Allen is putting together a press conference for the 2012 "Click it or Ticket" seat belt awareness and enforcement campaign schedule for May 17<sup>th</sup> in Reno
- Trooper Allen coordinated several ride-along opportunities with various media outlets for the "Badge on Board" enforcement campaign. This initiative consists of several troopers working jointly together with an additional trooper riding in the passenger seat of a commercial motor vehicle looking for moving violations on area highways in the greater Reno-Sparks area.
- Trooper Mike Edgell assisted KOLO Channel 8 with a story concerning motorists not slowing down and yielding to stopped emergency vehicles

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