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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were 70 crashes that occurred in May 2012. This is an increase of 6.1% compared to last month's 66 crashes, and a decrease of 23.9% for crashes investigated in May 2011. Property crashes were unchanged compared to April 2012. Injury crashes increased by 29.4% as compared to April 2012. There were two fatal accident investigations this month compared to three fatal accidents in April 2012 and three in May 2011. In these crashes there were two persons that sustained fatal injuries; one restrained driver and one un-restrained driver. There were eight crashes involving an impaired driver, which was seven more when compared to last month and five more compared to last year. Of the 70 accidents, 12 or 17.1% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in six or 50%, of these accidents. Four of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for May 2012 was 2522 cited violations. This was an increase of 221 violations or 9.6% as compared to April 2012. Compared to May of 2011, the command showed an increase of 248 violations or 10.9%. Speed violations increased by 6 or 0.5%, as compared to April 2012 and decreased 2.5% compared to May 2011. Hazardous moving violations increased 4% from the prior month and decreased of 21.1%, compared to May 2011. Occupant restraint violations increased by 23.3% compared to April 2012; and they fell by 10.8% compared to May 2011. There were 27 arrests of impaired drivers made in May 2012. Of those 27 arrests, eight were from an accident investigation. The total arrests for May 2012 showed an increase of 7 persons arrested compared to April 2012 and an increase of 14 compared to May 2011.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 18.3% or 95 inspections as compared to April 2012 and there were 86 more safety violations written in May 2012 than in April 2012. Commercial operations showed three fewer citations issued, compared to April 2012 and a decrease of 29 citations or 33.7% compared to May 2011. Officers placed 27 vehicles and 16 drivers, "Out of Service", in May 2012. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 145% while drivers placed "Out of Service" were unchanged compared to April 2012. Vehicles placed out of service fell by 6.9% and drivers placed out of service fell by 23.8% compared to May 2011. Traffic personnel conducted 287 commercial inspections during May 2012 and issued 66 safety violation citations and 209 safety repair order violations. Additionally, 16 drivers and 10 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during May 2012. During the month of May there was annual recertification training classes attended by multiple traffic and commercial personnel.

Front office staff processed three more accident reports for an increase of 5.26% compared to April 2012. Arrest reports processed increased by 11 or 26.19% compared to April 2012. Processed incident reports increased by two compared to April 2012. The Communications Center radio transmissions increased by 9.74% compared to April 2012. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents also increased by 15.06%. Telephone calls were not counted or compared to April 2012 (The recorder equipment that counts the calls is still out for repairs).

Warrant office staff saw increases in warrants validated compared to April 2012. Warrants received, entered and cleared decreased compared to April 2012. Extraditions and transports increased compared to last month.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

Northern Command East Totals	May-12	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	70	92	-23.9%	66	6.1%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	46	63	-27.0%	46	0.0%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	22	26	-15.4%	17	29.4%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2	3	-33.3%	3	-33.3%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	8	3	166.7%	1	700.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	2	4	-50.0%	3	-33.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	2	-50.0%	2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	2	-200.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	12	19	-36.8%	9	33.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	9	16	-43.8%	6	50.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	3	-33.3%	3	-33.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.9%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 11.4%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 17.1%
- ✱ Total crashes were down 23.9% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 36.8% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are down by 1 as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	3549
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	N/A
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS Joining Forces (60 hours)	1

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	May-12	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	8	3	166.7%	1	700.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	19	21	-9.5%	20	-5.0%
Other Arrests	115	100	15.0%	96	19.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	64	50	28.0%	57	12.3%
Speed violations	1106	1134	-2.5%	1100	0.5%
Hazardous moving violations	105	133	-21.1%	101	4.0%
Occupant restraint violations *	265	297	-10.8%	215	23.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	2522	2274	10.9%	2301	9.6%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests	19	37	-48.6%	91	-79.1%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	15	17	-11.8%	41	-63.4%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	614	729	-15.8%	519	18.3%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	2	-200.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	57	86	-33.7%	60	-5.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	373	498	-25.1%	287	30.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	27	29	-6.9%	11	145.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	16	21	-23.8%	16	0.0%
Total school buses inspected	14	31	-54.8%	52	-73.1%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	3	5	-40.0%	9	-66.7%
Total trucks weighed	228	1344	-83.0%	121	88.4%
Total overweight citations	0	10	-1000.0%	0	0.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	615	728	-15.5%	508	21.1%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Cid Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0	287	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	66	0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0	209	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	16	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	216	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✿ Average BAC 0.142% on breath tests.
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 31 years old.
- ✿ 54% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✿ 18% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	May-12		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	51448		57474	-10.48%		46882	9.74%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
CAD Incidents	4309		8200	-47.45%		3745	15.06%
Telephone Calls	0		7467	-746700.00%		0	0.00%
Call Box Incidents	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
[Las Vegas only]							
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	60		67	-10.45%		57	5.26%
Arrest Reports Processed	53		51	3.92%		42	26.19%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	9		12	-25.00%		7	28.57%
Vehicle Impound Releases	4		N/A	#VALUE!		2	100.00%
Visitors at Counter	149		N/A	#VALUE!		91	63.74%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	53		N/A	#VALUE!		23	130.43%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	96		222	-56.76%		227	-57.71%
Warrants Entered	100		218	-54.13%		252	-60.32%
Warrants Cleared	230		117	96.58%		431	-46.64%
Warrants Validated	1576		1223	28.86%		1191	32.33%
Extradition / Transports	4		5	-20.00%		1	300.00%
CONTRACT SERVICES							
Total Contracts	21		11	90.91%		6	250.00%
Total Hours	532.02		508	4.73%		501.21	6.15%
Total Billed	\$45,344.33		\$43,452.87	4.35%		\$42,221.72	7.40%

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
40	6	20	5	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
5	20	5	10	7	0

Community service appearances:

NHP gave presentations to graduating seniors from Wells, Wendover, Ely, Battle Mountain, Winnemucca, and Eureka High Schools. Presentations discussed distracted driving and making smart decisions.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Conducted a distracted driving and seatbelt presentation at Elko High School for all sophomores and juniors in driver's education.

Completed two in studio NBC TV interviews on traffic laws, driving through roundabout, Joining Forces "Click it or Ticket" campaign, and distracted driving (cell phone/texting, hands free).

Completed several radio interviews on Joining Forces "Click it or Ticket" campaign.

Conducted a public affairs 15 minute radio program on safe driving and motorcycle awareness at Ruby Radio.

PIO Projects:

Coordinated and hosted the annual "TIP A COP" Special Olympics fundraiser at JR's restaurant in Elko.

Attended an earthquake disaster drill in Ely at the White Pine Middle School. We used/displayed the SAT COM vehicle. NHP took the lead in PIO activities and worked directly with command post.

Completed press release and conducted media interviews on increased patrols, radar trailers, and sign boards for State Route 227 for Spring Creek High School graduation.

NHP took lead on the Special Olympics Torch run for the Elko area. We ran from the NHP office to the Elko Sheriff's Department (approx 3.5 miles). Conducted multiple media interviews on our support for Special Olympics.