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NORTHERN COMMAND  
Department of Public Safety  
Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*  
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## Overview

In the month of May 2012, we experienced a 5.2% increase in our overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of April. Northern Command West officers handled 241 crashes in the month of May. An overview of the crashes showed 149 were property damage, 91 were classified as injury crashes, and one was classified as a fatal crash. As compared to May 2011, we experienced a 36.4% increase in our regional commercial vehicle crashes at 15 for the month. In our overall May 2012 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 20 DUI crashes in the Northern Command.

The officers in our command arrested 90 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of those intoxicated drivers was 0.18%, over twice the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated driver was 37 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 85 people on various charges over the month of May. In other areas of enforcement, our officers write 2,675 speeding citations, 1,255 hazardous moving citations, and 499 seat belt citations.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	Current Month	Same Month prior Year	% Change	Prior month	% Change
Total crashes	241	229	5.2%	194	24.2%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	149	156	-4.5%	136	9.6%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	91	70	30%	56	62.5%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	3	-66.7%	2	-50%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	20	17	17.6%	11	81.8%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1	3	-66.7%	2	-50%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	2	-50%		100%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts					
Total drivers killed with seatbelts				2	-200%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts					
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	1			100%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	15	15		11	36.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	11	10	10%	7	57.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	4	5	-20%	3	33.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle				1	-100%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.4%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 8.3%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 6.2%
- ✱ Total crashes up 5.2% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are the same as last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 66.7% as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	10,639
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE)	484
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations	5

**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 ##	20	17	17.6%	11	81.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	70	110	-36.4%	80	-12.5%
Other arrests	386	410	-5.9%	329	17.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	175	221	-20.8%	174	0.6%
Speed violations	2765	3238	-14.6%	2831	-2.3%
Hazardous moving violations	1255	684	83.5%	1184	6%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	499	604	-17.4%	478	4.4%
Total violations [above violations included]	9039	7099	27.3%	8533	5.9%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	105	55	90.9%	54	94.4%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	18	45	-60%	15	20%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	568	862	-34.1%	419	35.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only					
Total safety violations -- citation	104	280	-62.5%	148	-29.7%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1702	1892	-10%	1085	56.9%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	76	82	-7.3%	49	55.1%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	54	76	-28.9%	32	68.8%
Total school buses inspected	72	130	-44.6%	251	-71.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	2	32	-93.8%	34	-94.1%
Total trucks weighed	52	1541	-96.6%	17	205.9%
Total overweight citations	9	12	-25%	6	50%
Total dyed fuel inspections	211	287	-26.5%	15-	40.7%
Total dyed fuel citations	5	3	66.7%	2	150%

\*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	29	30	
Safety Violations Citation	10	19	
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	77	39	
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	5	3	
Dyed Fuel Inspections		17	
Dyed Fuel Citations			

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.18%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 37 years old.
- ✱ 23.2% 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	262634	267024	-1.6%	846050	-69%
Radio Tx and Receive totals					
CAD Incidents	13033	21329	-38.9%	13542	-3.8%
Telephone Calls	15772	14982	5.3%	14073	12.1%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]					
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	223	195	87.44%	268	-8.3%
Arrest Reports Processed	237	168	141%	216	1.1%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	4	18	-222%	4	
Vehicle Impound Releases					
Visitors at Counter	196	234	-83.76%	181	1.1%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	152	155	-.09%	146	1.05%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	275	446	-38.3%	402	-31.6%
Warrants Entered	195	366	-46.7%	486	-59.9%
Warrants Cleared	338	333	1.5%	308	9.7%
Warrants Validated	3151	3023	4.2%	1166	170.2%
Extradition / Transports	22	16	37.5%	23	-4.3%

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- 10 Contracts using 58.75 hours, billed in the amount of \$4,252.50.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
354	8	15	1	4

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
34	332	6	18	3	15

Community service appearances:

- Trooper Mike Edgell delivered a safety presentation to a group of AARP driver education instructors during their meeting at the Sienna Casino in Reno.
- Trooper Matt Kaplan attended the annual Incline Village-Crystal Bay Veterans Club Memorial Day Weekend celebration event. He handed out safety brochures and utilized the Seat Belt Convincer trailer.
- Trooper Chuck Allen provided a seat belt presentation to a group of students from Silver Stage High School in Silver Springs

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Trooper Tom Bostelman provided a 75-minute tour of the NHP- Northern Command Headquarters building to several students sponsored by the Reno Rodeo Foundation
- Trooper Allen met with Truckee, California Police Chief Adam McGill to discuss upcoming community events in Northern Nevada and gave a brief overview of the Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraising events benefiting Special Olympics Nevada

PIO Projects:

- Trooper Allen coordinated a multi-agency press conference at the Grand Sierra Resort to kick-off the 2012 *Click it or Ticket* seat belt enforcement and awareness mobilization campaign
- Trooper Allen also provided two-ride-along interviews with the media to highlight the annual May seat belt awareness and enforcement campaign
- Troopers Mike Edgell and Dan Lopez filled in for Trooper Allen as back-up public information officers for one week while Trooper Allen was attending military training out of state.
- Trooper Allen completed a 30-minute interview at Lotus Radio in Reno to talk about Click it or Ticket and the upcoming Cops & Burgers event benefiting Special Olympics Nevada
- Trooper Allen also completed a live 3-minute interview with Amanda Sanchez from KOLO TV regarding the upcoming fundraiser for Special Olympics Nevada
- Trooper Allen continues to provide live daily traffic reports on KRNV TV at 6:34 each weekday morning

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