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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were 86 crashes that occurred in July 2012. This is an decrease of 6.5% compared to last month's 92 crashes, and an increase of 16.2% for crashes investigated in July 2011. Property crashes decreased by 5.9% compared to June 2012. Injury crashes were decreased 4.5% when compared to June 2012. There was one fatal accident investigation this month, two fatal accidents in June 2012 and three in July 2011. The lone fatality from this month resulted from a motorcycle crash. There were six crashes involving an impaired driver, this is four more that last month when and five more than last year. Of the 86 accidents, 10 or 11.6% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 90% of these accidents. Seven of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for July 2012 was 2,350 cited violations. This was an decrease of 180 violations or 7.1% as compared to June 2012. Compared to July of 2011, the command showed a decrease of 69 violations or 2.9%. Speed violations increased by 91 or 7.6%, as compared to June 2012 and decreased 10.8% compared to July 2011. Hazardous moving violations decreased 11.4% from the prior month and increased of 12.5%, compared to June 2011. Occupant restraint violations decreased by 28.3% compared to June 2012; and they increased by 65.1% compared to July 2011. There were 31 arrests of impaired drivers made in July 2012. Of those 30 arrests, six were from accident investigations. The total arrests for July 2012 showed a 12.5% decrease of persons arrested compared to June 2012 and a 12% increase compared to July 2011.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 4.2% or 30 inspections as compared to June 2012. There were 36 fewer safety violations written in July 2012 than in June 2012. Commercial operations showed 11 more citations issued, compared to June 2012 and a decrease of 10 citations or 13.9% compared to July 2011. Officers placed 19 vehicles and 17 drivers, "Out of Service", in July 2012. Vehicles placed out of service remained unchanged while drivers placed "Out of Service" decreased by 5.6% compared to June 2012. Vehicles placed out of service fell by 38.7% and drivers placed out of service increased by 6.3% compared to July 2011. Traffic personnel conducted 241 commercial inspections during July 2012 and issued 63 safety violation citations and 125 safety repair order violations. Additionally, six drivers and five vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during July 2012.

Front office staff processed two less accident reports for an decrease of 2.2% compared to June 2012. Arrest reports processed decreased by 34 or 45.9% compared to June 2012. Processed incident reports decreased by seven compared to June 2012. The Communications Center radio transmissions decreased by 6.5% compared to June 2012. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents also decreased by .07%. The Center received 2600 telephone calls however due to equipment issues June 2012 numbers were not tracked.

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

Total wage costs for personnel assigned to the event were reduced from \$33,864 in 2011 to \$18,658 in 2012.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

Northern Command East Totals	July-12	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	86	74	16.2%	92	-6.5%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	64	41	56.1%	68	-5.9%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	21	30	-30.0%	22	-4.5%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	3	-66.7%	2	-50.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	6	1	500.0%	2	200.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1	4	-75.0%	2	-50.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	3	-300.0%	1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	10	19	-47.4%	18	-44.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	10	10	0.0%	14	-28.6%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	7	-700.0%	4	-400.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	2	-200.0%	0	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.1%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.9%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 10.4%
- ✱ Total crashes were up 16.2% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are up 38.5% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are down by two as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	3,316
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	N/A
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS Joining Forces (94 hours); Strike Force (120 hours)	2

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	July-12	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	6	1	500.0%	2	200.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	25	12	108.3%	30	-16.7%
Other Arrests	72	104	-30.8%	129	-44.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	56	50	12.0%	64	-12.5%
Speed violations	1294	1451	-10.8%	1203	7.6%
Hazardous moving violations	117	104	12.5%	132	-11.4%
Occupant restraint violations *	175	106	65.1%	244	-28.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	2350	2419	-2.9%	2530	-7.1%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests	89	23	287.0%	35	154.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	21	18	16.7%	17	23.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	684	615	11.2%	714	-4.2%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	62	72	-13.9%	51	21.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	378	431	-12.3%	342	10.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	19	31	-38.7%	19	0.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	17	16	6.3%	18	-5.6%
Total school buses inspected	0	28	-2800.0%	0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	2	-200.0%	0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	1589	1173	35.5%	611	160.1%
Total overweight citations	5	6	-16.7%	0	500.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	674	517	30.4%	647	4.2%
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	220	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	63	0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0	120	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	6	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	170	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✿ Average BAC 0.137% on breath tests.
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 35.5 years old.
- ✿ 43.4% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✿ 12.5% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	July-12		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	48881		55460	-11.86%		52285	-6.51%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
CAD Incidents	4601		8302	-44.58%		4598	0.07%
Telephone Calls	2600		7775	-66.56%		0	#####
Call Box Incidents	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
[Las Vegas only]							
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	87		83	4.82%		89	-2.25%
Arrest Reports Processed	40		46	-13.04%		74	-45.95%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	3		13	-76.92%		10	-70.00%
Vehicle Impound Releases	7		7	0.00%		5	40.00%
Visitors at Counter	103		32	221.88%		90	14.44%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	75		56	33.93%		43	74.42%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	193		139	38.85%		188	2.66%
Warrants Entered	211		159	32.70%		163	29.45%
Warrants Cleared	195		128	52.34%		127	53.54%
Warrants Validated	1505		764	96.99%		1354	11.15%
Extradition / Transports	6		7	-14.29%		2	200.00%
CONTRACT SERVICES							
Total Contracts	6		7	-14.29%		14	-57.14%
Total Hours	218.92		389	-43.72%		782.08	-72.01%
Total Billed	\$18,658.10		\$33,864.96	-44.90%		\$67,138.67	-72.21%

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
40	2	30	3	1

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
5	20	3	4	2	0

Community service appearances:

The PIO attended a National Night Out planning meeting for Elko County. National Night Out is scheduled for August 7th at the Elko City Park.

Met with Newmont Mine for requested safety presentations in January. This is for their Annual Refresher Training which we assist with each year.

PIO Projects:

Coordinate with other NHP region PIO's on our position with the new ATV registration laws. Conduct interviews with media on new ATV laws.

Northeastern Nevada had numerous wild land fires this month that required highways to be temporarily closed. Local media was informed of the traffic delays and alternate routes through rural Nevada. This occurred several times during the month.

Submitted an article to the SHSP (Strategic Highway Safety Plan) newsletter with pictures on NHP's participation in the Elko Mining Expo.