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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

There were 75 crashes that occurred in August 2012. This is a 12.8% decrease from August 2011, and an increase of 1.4% from last month. Property crashes decreased by 29.7% compared to August 2011. Injury crashes increase by 14.3% as compared to August 2011. Northern Command East troopers investigated six fatal crashes during August 2012. These crashes resulted in the death of seven persons, of which two were unrestrained. The six fatal investigations were an increase of 500% over August 2011 and a 200% increase over July 2012. There was two crashes involving an impaired driver, which is a 66.7% decrease from August 2011 and 100% increase from last month. Of the 75 accidents, 21 or 28% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 13 or 61.9%, of these accidents. 11 of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for August 2012 was 2327 cited violations. This was a decrease of 23 violations or 1% as compared to July 2012. Compared to August of 2011, the command showed an increase of 240 violations or 11.5%. Speed violations decreased by 212 or 16.4%, as compared to July 2012 and decreased 6.2% compared to August 2011. Hazardous moving violations remain unchanged from the prior month and decreased 4.1%, compared to August 2011. Occupant restraint violations increased by 6.3% compared to July 2012; and they increased by 91.8% compared to August 2011. There were 14 arrests of impaired drivers made in August 2012, with two of those arrests coming from crashes. The total arrests for August 2012 showed a 32.1% decrease of persons arrested compared to July 2012 and a 45.7% decrease compared to August 2011.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 7.5% or 51 inspections as compared to July 2012. There were 68 fewer safety violations written in August 2012 than in July 2012. Commercial operations showed 21 fewer citations issued, compared to July 2012 and a decrease of 23 citations or 35.9% compared to August 2011. Officers placed 18 vehicles and 13 drivers, "Out of Service", in August 2012. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by one or 5.3% and drivers placed "Out of Service" decreased by four or 23.5% compared to July 2012. Vehicles placed out of service fell by 30.8% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 7.1% compared to August 2011. Traffic personnel conducted 304 commercial inspections during August 2012 and issued 88 safety violation citations and 161 safety repair order violations. Additionally, six drivers and 11 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed 15 less accident reports for a decrease of 17.3% compared to July 2012. Arrest reports processed increased by 2 or 5% compared to July 2012. Processed incident reports decreased by two compared to July 2012. The Communications Center radio transmissions increased by 7.1% compared to July 2012. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents also increased by 1.26%. The Center received 7011 telephone calls for the month of August. Because recording equipment was down for a portion of July no comparison can be made.

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

Total wage costs for personnel assigned to contract services were increased from \$66,947.42 in August 2011 to \$83,127.96 in August 2012.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

Northern Command East Totals	August-12	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	75	74	1.4%	86	-12.8%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	45	46	-2.2%	64	-29.7%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	24	26	-7.7%	21	14.3%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6	2	200.0%	1	500.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2	1	100.0%	6	-66.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	7	2	250.0%	1	600.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	2	-50.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	0	200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2	0	200.0%	1	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	21	14	50.0%	10	110.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	14	7	100.0%	10	40.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5	7	-28.6%	0	500.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	0	200.0%	0	200.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 7.7%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 1.2%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 28.5%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 28%
- ◆ Total crashes were up 4.1% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes are up 35.7% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are up by 200% as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	3,683
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	N/A
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS Joining Forces (150 hours); Strike Force (0 hours)	1

**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>	August-12	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	2	1	100.0%	6	-66.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	12	26	-53.8%	25	-52.0%
Other Arrests	76	116	-34.5%	72	5.6%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	38	70	-45.7%	56	-32.1%
Speed violations	1082	1153	-6.2%	1294	-16.4%
Hazardous moving violations	117	122	-4.1%	117	0.0%
Occupant restraint violations *	186	97	91.8%	175	6.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	2327	2087	11.5%	2350	-1.0%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests	34	15	126.7%	89	-61.8%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	11	14	-21.4%	21	-47.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	633	513	23.4%	684	-7.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	41	64	-35.9%	62	-33.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	310	366	-15.3%	378	-18.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	18	26	-30.8%	19	-5.3%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	13	14	-7.1%	17	-23.5%
Total school buses inspected	0	30	-3000.0%	0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	5	-500.0%	0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	263	79	232.9%	1589	-83.4%
Total overweight citations	0	5	-500.0%	5	-500.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	469	500	-6.2%	674	-30.4%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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

<b>COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]</b>	Cid Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0	304	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	88	0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0	161	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	6	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	232	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.162% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 38.3 years old.
- ✱ 53.3% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✱ 6.6% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	August-12		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	52386		49366	6.12%		48881	7.17%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
CAD Incidents	4659		6564	-29.02%		4601	1.26%
Telephone Calls	7011		7664	-8.52%		2600	169.65%
Call Box Incidents	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
[Las Vegas only]							
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	72		87	-17.2%		81	-17.3%
Arrest Reports Processed	42		40	5%		65	-35.4%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	5		3	66.67%		22	-77.3%
Vehicle Impound Releases	10		7	42.8%		8	25%
Visitors at Counter	65		103	-36.9%		104	-37.5%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	44		75	-41.4%		73	-39.8%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	163		204	-20.10%		193	-15.54%
Warrants Entered	154		179	-13.97%		211	-27.01%
Warrants Cleared	134		86	55.81%		195	-31.28%
Warrants Validated	1446		1149	25.85%		1505	-3.92%
Extradition / Transports	12		6	100.00%		6	100.00%
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>							
Total Contracts	13		9	44.4%		6	116.6%
Total Hours	917.67		781	17.4%		218.92	345.5%
Total Billed	\$83,127.96		\$66,947.42	24.1%		18658.10	345.5%

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
35	7	25	6	2

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
5	30	3	7	7	0

Community service appearances:

The PIO attended a National Night Out at the Elko City Park, and Troopers attended the National Night Out event in Eureka on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The PIO met with local radio station news directors to update contact information and discuss the importance of our SHSP and Zero Fatalities strategies. He also conducted interviews with each station on highway safety messages to air the week prior to Labor Day weekend.

PIO Projects:

The PIO collaborated with Trp. Alex Perez to release a radio Spanish PSA for Labor Day Joining Forces campaign.