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NORTHERN COMMAND
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Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

Northern Command West began its busy special events season this month with the annual Hot August Nights event August 9-12, 2012. We utilized additional staff to work in conjunction with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Reno Police Department, and the Spark Police Department to provide a safe environment for the motoring public. This event was quickly followed by the annual Burning Man event which began on August 25, 2012. We contracted with the event's organizers to provide additional staff on the roads into and out of the event. Lastly, the annual Rib Cook Off began on August 29, 2012. NHP did not provide any additional staff for this event as no traffic concerns were identified.

In support of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, all commanders in both the Northern Command West and East are participating on committees in the five critical emphasis areas: impaired driving, seatbelts, pedestrians, lane departures, and intersections.

This month we experienced a 21.1% increase in our overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of July. Northern Command West officers handled 350 crashes in August. An overview of the crashes showed 237 were property damage, 109 were classified as injury crashes, and four were classified as fatal crashes. As compared to July of 2011, we experienced a 120% increase in our regional commercial vehicle crashes at 33 for the month. In our overall August 2012 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 19 crashes in Northern Command West.

The officers in our command arrested 82 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of those intoxicated drivers was 0.16%, twice the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated driver was 36 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 106 people on various charges over the month of August. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,683 speeding citations, 1,115 hazardous moving citations, and 324 seat belt citations.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	August 2012	August 2011	% Change	July 2012	% Change
Total crashes	350	281	24.6%	289	21.1%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	237	186	27.4%	190	24.7%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	109	95	14.7%	97	12.4%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4		400.0%	1	300.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	19	20	-5.0%	10	90.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	7	0	700.0%	1	600.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3	0	300.0%	0	300.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	4	0	400.0%	0	400.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	3	0	300.0%	1	200.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0	0	
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	33	18	83.3%	15	120.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	31	13	138.5%	13	138.5%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	5	-60.0%	2	
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0		0	

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.1%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.4%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 9.4%
- ✱ Total crashes are up 24.6% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are up 83.3% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are up 400% as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts 5023

Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) 511

Total Traffic Safety Program Operations:

Motors - 8

Commercial - 3

Rural- 3

RUT- 7

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	August 2012	August 2011	% Change	July 2012	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	19	20	-5.0%	10	90.0
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	63	82	-23.2%	69	-8.7
Other arrests	396	409	-3.2%	302	31.1
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	188	192	-2.1%	169	11.2
Speed violations	2683	4006	-33.0%	2524	6.3
Hazardous moving violations	1115	674	65.4%	853	30.7
Occupant restraint violations * ##	324	542	-40.2%	226	43.4
Total violations [above violations included]	6763	7709	-12.3%	5696	18.7
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	36	45	-20.0%	89	-59.6
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	39	29	34.5%	66	-40.9
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	1829	430	325.3%	424	331.4
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	9	21	-57.1%	0	900.0
Total safety violations -- citation	210	160	31.3%	111	89.2
Total safety violations -- repair order	2455	1102	122.8%	935	162.6
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	112	47	138.3%	31	261.3
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	69	34	102.9%	20	245.0
Total school buses inspected	78	68	14.7%	87	-10.3
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	21	27	-22.2%	15	40.0
Total trucks weighed	1188	21	5557.1%	2550	-53.4
Total overweight citations	15	9	66.7%	18	-16.7
Total dyed fuel inspections	447	108	313.9%	101	342.6
Total dyed fuel citations	1		100.0%	0	100.0

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	TOTAL			
Level 2/3 Inspections	42			
Safety Violations Citation	8			
Safety Violations Repair Order	56			
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	2			
Dyed Fuel Inspections	17			
Dyed Fuel Citations	0			

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✿ Average BAC .16%
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests 36 years old.
- ✿ 10% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	August 2012	August 2011	% Change	July 2012	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	275820.0	684521.0	-59.7%	713062	-61.3%
Radio Tx and Receive totals					
CAD Incidents	12730.0	21831.0	-41.7%	11538.0	10.3%
Telephone Calls	19213	18168	5.8%	15786	21.7%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]					
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	277	291	-4.8%	287	-3.5%
Arrest Reports Processed	135	174	-22.4%	197	-31.5%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	3	16	-81.3%	8	-62.5%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0	4	-400.0%	0	0.0%
Visitors at Counter	409	264	54.9%	196	108.7%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	232	174	33.3%	177	31.1%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	1361	269	405.9%	465	192.7%
Warrants Entered	677	555		963	
Warrants Cleared	667	366		357	
Warrants Validated	5476	1355	304.1%	3958	38.4%
Extradition / Transports	29	22	31.8%	27	7.4%

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 10 Contracts using 889 hours, billed in the amount of \$15,361.11

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
242	6	33	1	2

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
54	314	2	21	3	18

Community service appearances:

- The Nevada Highway Patrol was represented at Mills Park in Carson City for the annual “National Night Out” event. Troopers handed out safety materials, and provided education on a number of traffic safety issues. The Seat Belt Convincer trailer was also at the event to provide an up-close perspective on the importance of always “*buckling up*”
- Trooper Barbara Stapleton and Sergeant Eddie Bowers volunteered their time at the annual “Duck Race” benefit for the Nevada Humane society held in downtown Reno at Wingfield Park.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Trooper Allen attended the 2012 National Information Officers Association conference in Nashville, Tennessee this month. As this year’s group president, Trooper Allen led the four-day training event which had an attendance of 195 public information officers from across the United States, Canada, and two U.S. territories.
- The Nevada Highway Patrol and Sparks Police Department held a press conference to announce that NHP will be handling the calls for service on the McCarran Blvd loop within the City of Sparks as well as the two-mile stretch of Pyramid Way between Nugget Avenue and Queen Way. All five local television stations covered the event which also was attended by Sparks Mayor Geno Martini.

PIO Projects:

- Trooper Barbara Stapleton will be replacing Trooper Chuck Allen as the primary public information officer for Nevada Highway Patrol-Northern Command West. Trooper Allen will be reporting to the Office of the Chief in Carson City and will be supervising the other information officers around the state assigned in the NHP Division.
- Trooper Allen continues to deliver the live daily traffic reports on KRNV TV at 6:34 each weekday morning

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