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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were 73 crashes that occurred in September 2012. This is a 5.8% increase from September 2011, and a decrease of 2.7% from last month. Property crashes increased by 9.6% compared to September 2011. Injury crashes decreased by 11.8% as compared to September 2011. Northern Command East troopers investigated one fatal crash during September 2012. This crash resulted in the death of one driver who was unrestrained. The single fatal investigation was an increase of 100% over September 2011 and an 85.7% decrease compared to August 2012. There was one crash involving an impaired driver, which is a 50% decrease from September 2011 and August 2012. Of the 73 accidents, 17 or 23.2% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 9 or 52.9%, of these accidents. 10 of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for September 2012 was 2386 cited violations. This was an increase of 59 violations or 2.5% as compared to August 2012. Compared to September 2011, the Command showed an increase of 79 violations or 3.4%. Speed violations decreased by 50 or 2.8%, as compared to August 2012 and decreased 9.2% compared to September 2011. Hazardous moving violations increased 21.4% from the prior month and increased 6.8%, compared to September 2011. Occupant restraint violations decreased by 18.3% compared to August 2012, increased by 9.0% compared to September 2011. There were 30 arrests of impaired drivers made in September 2012, with one of those arrests coming from a crash. The total arrests for September 2012 showed a 52.6% increase of persons arrested compared to August 2012 and a 38.1% increase compared to September 2011.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 13.1% or 83 inspections as compared to August 2012. There were 92 more safety violations written in September 2012 than in August 2012. Commercial operations showed 16 more citations issued, compared to August 2012 and a decrease of 35 citations or 38.0% compared to September 2011. Officers placed 27 vehicles and 17 drivers, "Out of Service", in September 2012. Vehicles placed out of service increased by nine or 50.0% and drivers placed "Out of Service" increased by four or 30.8% compared to August 2012. Vehicles placed out of service fell by 20.6% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 45.2% compared to September 2011. Traffic personnel conducted 324 commercial inspections during September 2012 and issued 89 safety violation citations and 193 safety repair order violations. Additionally, six drivers and 15 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed 23 more accident reports for an increase of 31.94% compared to August 2012. Arrest reports processed increased by 10 or 23.81% compared to August 2012. Processed incident reports increased by four compared to August 2012. The Communications Center radio transmissions decreased by 11.47% compared to August 2012. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents increased by 2.55%. The Center received 6115 telephone calls for the month of September. This is a 12.78% decrease when compared to August 2012.

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

Total wage costs for personnel assigned to contract services were decreased from \$45,062.73 in September 2011 to \$36,440.09 in September 2012.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

Northern Command East Totals	September-12	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	73	69	5.8%	75	-2.7%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	57	52	9.6%	45	26.7%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	15	17	-11.8%	24	-37.5%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	0	100.0%	6	-83.3%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	1	2	-50.0%	2	-50.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1	0	100.0%	7	-85.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	2	-200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0.0%	2	-200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	17	19	-10.5%	21	-19.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	12	16	-25.0%	14	-14.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5	3	66.7%	5	0.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	2	-200.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.4%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 1.4%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 23.3%
- ◆ Total crashes were up 4.1% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 10.5% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are up by 100% as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	3,636
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	N/A
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS Joining Forces (150 hours); Strike Force (180 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	September-12	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	1	2	-50.0%	2	-50.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	29	15	93.3%	12	141.7%
Other Arrests	96	85	12.9%	76	26.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	58	42	38.1%	38	52.6%
Speed violations	1052	1158	-9.2%	1082	-2.8%
Hazardous moving violations	142	133	6.8%	117	21.4%
Occupant restraint violations *	152	167	-9.0%	186	-18.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	2386	2307	3.4%	2327	2.5%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests	31	15	106.7%	34	-8.8%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	23	16	43.8%	11	109.1%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	716	773	-7.4%	633	13.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	57	92	-38.0%	41	39.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	402	488	-17.6%	310	29.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	27	34	-20.6%	18	50.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	17	31	-45.2%	13	30.8%
Total school buses inspected	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	205	298	-31.2%	263	-22.1%
Total overweight citations	2	0	200.0%	0	200.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	692	698	-0.9%	469	47.5%
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	324	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	89	0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0	193	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	11	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	247	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✿ Average BAC 0.125% on breath tests.
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 42.4 years old.
- ✿ 43.4% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✿ 21.7% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	September-12		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	48488		54772	-11.47%		52386	7.17%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
CAD Incidents	4778		7860	-39.21%		4659	1.26%
Telephone Calls	6115		6815	-10.27%		7011	169.65%
Call Box Incidents	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
[Las Vegas only]							
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	95		65	46.15%		72	31.94%
Arrest Reports Processed	52		45	15.56%		42	23.81%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	9		0	900.00%		5	80.00%
Vehicle Impound Releases	4		4	0.00%		10	-60.00%
Visitors at Counter	78		106	-26.42%		65	20.00%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	36		76	-52.63%		44	-18.18%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	73		230	-68.26%		163	-55.21%
Warrants Entered	77		214	-64.02%		154	-50.00%
Warrants Cleared	125		126	-0.79%		134	-6.72%
Warrants Validated	1614		1340	20.45%		1446	11.62%
Extradition / Transports	7		4	75.00%		12	-41.67%
CONTRACT SERVICES							
Total Contracts	11		6	83.33%		13	-15.38%
Total Hours	341.08		516.75	-34.00%		917.67	-62.83%
Total Billed	\$36,440.09		\$45,062.73	-19.13%		\$83,127.96	-56.16%

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
25	1	6	3	1

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
5	20	2	1	0	0

Community service appearances:

Barrick Mine conducted several Incident Investigation courses for their supervisors this month. NHP was requested to attend and provide additional information on scene safety, photography, and notifications. We also discussed traffic laws and highway safety. One more class is scheduled for October.

The PIO attended the Joining Forces Conference in Las Vegas. Northern Command East received the statewide award for “Best Media Partnership”.

PIO Projects: