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NORTHERN COMMAND
Department of Public Safety
Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol
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Overview

Northern Command West concluded its busy special events season this month with the Hot Air Balloon Races, Reno Air Races, Street Vibrations, and the Candy Dance. We utilized additional staff on all events and worked in conjunction with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Reno Police Department, and the Sparks Police Department. Due to the violence during last year's Street Vibrations event, we cancelled the days off for all personnel and saturated the Reno/Sparks area to provide high police visibility and a safe environment for the motoring public. In addition, President Obama and Governor Romney both visited our area for campaign activities.

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

This month we experienced a 57.8% increase in our overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of August. Northern Command West officers handled 322 crashes in September. An overview of the crashes showed 221 were property damage, 99 were classified as injury crashes, and two were classified as fatal crashes. As compared to September of 2011, we experienced a 50% decrease in our regional commercial vehicle crashes at 18 for the month. In our overall September 2012 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 18 crashes in Northern Command West.

The officers in our command arrested 104 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of those intoxicated drivers was 0.16%, twice the legal limit of 0.08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated driver was 36 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 207 people on various charges over the month of September. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,726 speed citations, 1,204 hazardous moving citations, and 311 seatbelt citations.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	September 2012	September 2011	% Change	August 2012	% Change
Total crashes	322	284	13.4%	204	57.8%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	221	182	21.4%	137	61.3%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	99	98	1.0%	63	57.1%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2	4	-50.0%	4	-50.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	18	13	38.5%	7	157.1%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	6	4	50.0%	7	-14.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3	1	200.0%	3	
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	4	-75.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	2		1	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts		0		3	-300.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2	1	100.0%	0	200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	18	36	-50.0%	25	-28.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	13	28	-53.6%	24	-45.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5	6	-16.7%	1	400.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle		2	-200.0%	0	

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.6%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.6%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.6%
- ✱ Total crashes are up 13.4% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 50% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are down 50% as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	11,961
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE)	466
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations:	
Motors -	
Commercial -	5
Rural-	5
RUT-	13

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

	September 2012	September 2011	% Change	August 2012	% Change
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS					
DUI arrests from crashes ##	18	13	38.5%	7	157.1%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	86	61	41.0%	40	115.0%
Other arrests	486	266	82.7%	271	79.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	207	129	60.5%	114	81.6%
Speed violations	2726	3206	-15.0%	1290	111.3%
Hazardous moving violations	1204	611	97.1%	612	96.7%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	311	407	-23.6%	171	81.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	7267	6235	16.6%	6338	14.7%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	177	39	353.8%	36	391.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	88	24	266.7%	39	125.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	716	1497	-52.2%	1829	-60.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only		2	-200.0%	9	-900.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	272	247	10.1%	211	28.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1806	2532	-28.7%	2486	-27.4%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	90	115	-21.7%	112	-19.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	55	80	-31.3%	69	-20.3%
Total school buses inspected	148	42	252.4%	78	89.7%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	23	14	64.3%	21	9.5%
Total trucks weighed	45	2847	-98.4%	1188	-96.2%
Total overweight citations	14	8	75.0%	15	-6.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	252	461	-45.3%	447	-43.6%
Total dyed fuel citations		0		1	-100.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	TOTAL			
Level 2/3 Inspections	24			
Safety Violations Citation	13			
Safety Violations Repair Order	52			
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"				
Dyed Fuel Inspections	8			
Dyed Fuel Citations				

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC .16%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests 36 years old.
- ✱ 11% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	September 2012	September 2011	% Change	August 2012	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	247245	1258553	-80.35%	436232	-43.32%
Radio Tx and Receive totals					
CAD Incidents	13639	14305	-4.66%	11847	15.13%
Telephone Calls	17561	21258	-17.39%	14168	23.95%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]					
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	255	290	-12.1%	277	-7.9%
Arrest Reports Processed	169	132	28.0%	135	25.2%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	5	7	-28.6%	3	66.7%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Visitors at Counter	307	121	153.7%	409	-24.9%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	275	277	-0.7%	232	18.5%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	478	649	-26.35%	798	-40.10%
Warrants Entered	634	224	183.04%	467	35.76%
Warrants Cleared	407	350	16.29%	289	40.83%
Warrants Validated	2174	2914	-25.39%	2734	-20.48%
Extradition / Transports	26	20	30.0%	25	4.00%

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 10 Contracts using 2146.5 hours, billed in the amount of \$110,894.85

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
350	8	15	1	2

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
3	325	6	13	2	11

Community service appearances:

- The Nevada Highway Patrol was represented at Stead Airport for the annual “Reno Air Races” event. Director Chris Perry, Major Brain Sanchez, Troopers Chuck Allen, and Barb Stapleton represented The Department of Public Safety for the opening ceremonies of the Air Races.
- Troopers Ron Larson, Barb Stapleton, Robert Haigney, along with Admin Assistant Diane Hubbard volunteered their time at the Hard Rock Café for the Tip-A-Cop event benefit for the Special Olympics located in Harvey’s Casino.
- Trooper Barb Stapleton attended Bally’s annual “Health and Safety Fair” and handed out safety materials and provided information on several traffic safety issues. The Seat Belt convincer trailer was also at the event.
- Troopers Allen and Bird attended a recruiting event at UNR

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Trooper Barb Stapleton attended the 2012 Northern Nevada TIM Coalition Meeting, in Carson City, this month.
- Trooper Stapleton attended the DPS Academy Class #66 Graduation.
- Troopers Chuck Allen, Barb Stapleton, Dan Gordon, Jason Philips, K-9 Kyra, Lori McGrath, and Carl Stone, attended the 2nd annual “Pet Food Drive” located at Sam’s Club along with the Badge on Board trailer. The trailer housed the donated pet food, which the “Mars” company matched the amount of food donated. With all food distributed to local animal shelters.
- Trooper Stapleton collected all Special Olympic Tip-A- Cop donations from the following Applebee restaurants; South Lake Tahoe, Carson City, Reno, and Sparks.

PIO Projects:

- Trooper Stapleton delivers the live daily traffic reports on KRN TV at 6:34 each weekday morning
- Trooper Allen back in Reno and will be delivering the live daily traffic report on KRN TV at 6:34 each weekday morning and assuming the primary PIO duties starting 9/19/12.

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