

October 2012

NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*  
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## Overview

There were 66 crashes that occurred in October 2012. This is a 23.3% decrease from October 2011, and a decrease of 9.6% from last month. Property crashes decreased by 34.7% compared to October 2011. Injury crashes increased by 46.2% as compared to October 2011. There were no fatal crashes occurring this month, a decrease of 100% as compared to last month and October 2011. There were three crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 50% increase from October 2011 and a 200% increase as compared to September 2012. Of the 66 accidents, 22 or 33% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 4 or 22%, of these accidents. 11 of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for October 2012 was 2022 cited violations. This was a decrease of 364 violations or 15.3% as compared to September 2012. Compared to October 2011, the Command showed an increase of 35 violations or 1%. Speed violations decreased by 150 or 14.3%, as compared to September 2012 and decreased 1% compared to October 2011. Hazardous moving violations decreased 17.6% from the prior month and increased 24.5%, compared to October 2011. Occupant restraint violations decreased by 17.8% compared to September 2012 and decreased by 38.4% as compared to October 2011. There were 15 arrests of impaired drivers made in October 2012, with 3 of those arrests coming from crashes. The total arrests for October 2012 showed a 17.2% decrease of persons arrested compared to September 2012 and a 5.9% decrease compared to October 2011.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 32.4% or 232 inspections as compared to September 2012. There were 206 less safety violations written in October 2012 than in September 2012. Commercial operations showed 24 less citations issued, compared to September 2012 and a decrease of 12 citations or 26.7% compared to October 2011. Officers placed 9 vehicles and 7 drivers, "Out of Service", in October 2012. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 18 or 66.7% and drivers placed "Out of Service" decreased by 10 or 58.8% compared to September 2012. Vehicles placed out of service fell by 60.9% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 53.3% compared to October 2011. Traffic personnel conducted 260 commercial inspections during October 2012 and issued 71 safety violation citations and 177 safety repair order violations. This is 35 more inspections than the previous year but a 20% decrease from September 2012 324 inspections. Additionally, six drivers and nine vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed 25 less accident reports for a decrease of 41.05% compared to September 2012. Arrest reports processed decreased by 7 or 13.46% compared to September 2012. Processed incident reports decreased by 3 compared to September 2012. The Communications Center radio transmissions decreased by 6.29% compared to September 2012. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents decreased by 17.52%. The Center received 6026 telephone calls for the month of October. This is a 1.46% decrease when compared to September 2012.

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

Total wage costs for personnel assigned to contract services were increased from \$36,246.53 in October 2011 to \$40,610.60 in October 2012.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

Northern Command East Totals	October-12	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	66	86	-23.3%	73	-9.6%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	47	72	-34.7%	57	-17.5%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	19	13	46.2%	15	26.7%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	0	1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	3	2	50.0%	1	200.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	0	3	-300.0%	1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	22	20	10.0%	17	29.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	17	14	21.4%	12	41.7%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5	5	0.0%	5	0.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.0%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.5%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0.0%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 33.3%
- ◆ Total crashes were down 23.3% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes are up 10% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are down by 100% as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	3,033
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	N/A
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS Joining Forces (72 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>	October 12	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	3	2	50.0%	1	200.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	15	25	-40.0%	29	-48.3%
Other Arrests	77	85	-9.4%	96	-19.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	48	51	-5.9%	58	-17.2%
Speed violations	902	911	-1.0%	1052	-14.3%
Hazardous moving violations	117	94	24.5%	142	-17.6%
Occupant restraint violations *	125	203	-38.4%	152	-17.8%
Total violations [above violations included]	2022	1987	1.8%	2386	-15.3%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests	34	16	112.5%	31	9.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	10	4	150.0%	23	-56.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	484	530	-8.7%	716	-32.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	33	45	-26.7%	57	-42.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	196	300	-34.7%	402	-51.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	9	23	-60.9%	27	-66.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	7	15	-53.3%	17	-58.8%
Total school buses inspected	36	50	-28.0%	0	3600.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	27	2	1250.0%	0	2700.0%
Total trucks weighed	0	647	-64700.0%	205	-20500.0%
Total overweight citations	0	4	-400.0%	2	-200.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	474	512	-7.4%	692	-31.5%
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	260	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	71	0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0	177	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	6	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	185	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.142% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 34.5 years old.
- ✱ 50% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.  
30% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	October-12		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	45436		45314	0.27%		48488	-6.29%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
CAD Incidents	3941		4087	-3.57%		4778	-17.52%
Telephone Calls	6026		6600	-8.70%		6115	-1.46%
Call Box Incidents	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
[Las Vegas only]							
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	56		81	-30.86%		95	-41.05%
Arrest Reports Processed	45		41	9.76%		52	-13.46%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	6		6	0.00%		9	-33.33%
Vehicle Impound Releases	4		2	100.00%		4	0.00%
Visitors at Counter	38		97	-60.82%		78	-51.28%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	58		64	-9.38%		36	61.11%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	201		129	55.81%		73	175.34%
Warrants Entered	196		162	20.99%		77	154.55%
Warrants Cleared	142		124	14.52%		125	13.60%
Warrants Validated	1452		937	54.96%		1614	-10.04%
Extradition / Transports	8		4	100.00%		7	14.29%
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>							
Total Contracts	9		3	200.00%		11	-18.18%
Total Hours	653.78		423	54.56%		341.08	91.68%
Total Billed	\$40,610.60		\$36,246.53	12.04%		\$36,440.09	11.44%

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**PUBLIC INFORMATION**


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Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
20	5	10	5	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
5	15	2	5	5	0

Community service appearances:

Trooper Jim Stewart instructed an Incident Investigation course for Barrick mines. During the course he provided information on scene safety, photography, and notifications. National Safety event at KMART

Trooper Justin Ames taught a pedestrian safety class to nearly 50 children at the Head Start in Elko. He also put on a K-9 demonstration for the students.

Trooper Stewart attended career fairs in Elko, Battle Mountain, and Ely, as well as the Newmont Mine Safety Fair in Winnemucca and Elko

Trooper Justin Ames and Trooper Alex Perez represented the Division at Trick or Treat Street for two nights at Elko Convention Center

Sergeant Anthony Munoz instructed a class on identifying signs and symptoms of controlled substance use. The class was requested by the PACE Coalition and attended by district and justice court judges as well as member of the Department of Child and Family Services.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Captain Tom Merschel, Lieutenant Mike Grigg, and Sergeant Mike Gamberg attended the annual Snow Meeting in Ely, NV. Other attendees included NDOT and the White Pine Sheriff's Office.