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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were 122 crashes that occurred in December 2012. This is a 117.9% increase from last month and a 96.8% increase from last year. This is likely due to a winter storm that struck northern Nevada. Property crashes increased by 98% compared to December 2011. Injury crashes increased by 84.6% as compared to December 2011. There was one fatal crashes occurring this month, a 100% increase as compared to December 2011 and last month. There were 4 crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 33.3% decrease from December 2011 and a 400% increase as compared to November 2012. Of the 122 accidents, 10 or 8.2% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 5 or 50%, of these accidents. Eight of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for December 2012 was 1,950 cited violations. This was a decrease of 3 violations or 2% as compared to November 2012. Compared to December 2011, the Command showed a decrease of 241 violations or 11%. Speed violations decreased by 204 or 21.2%, as compared to November 2012 and 27.1% compared to December 2011. Hazardous moving violations increased 54.9% from the prior month and increased 54.9%, compared to December 2011. Occupant restraint violations increased 20% compared to November 2012 and decreased by 22.8% as compared to December 2011. There were 23 arrests of impaired drivers made in December 2012. The total arrests for December 2012 showed a 70.7% increase of persons arrested compared to November 2012 and a 6.1% increase compared to December 2011.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 12.2% or 71 inspections as compared to November 2012. There were 39 more safety violations written in December 2012 than in November 2012. Commercial operations showed a decrease of 11 citations issued, compared to November 2012 and a decrease of 22 citations or 37.9% compared to December 2012. Officers placed 18 vehicles and 22 drivers, "Out of Service", in December 2012. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 2 or 12.5% and drivers placed "Out of Service" increased by 9 or 69.2% compared to November 2012. Vehicles placed out of service fell by 5.3% and drivers placed out of service were equal as compared to December 2012. Traffic personnel conducted 390 commercial inspections during December 2012 and issued 50 safety violation citations and 204 safety repair order violations. This is an increase of 78 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, nine drivers and 22 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 93 accident reports this is equal as compared to November 2012. Arrest reports processed increased by 16 or 41.03% compared to November 2012. Processed incident reports decreased by 8 compared to November 2012. The Communications Center radio transmissions increased by .32% compared to November 2012. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents decreased by 12.44%. The Center received 5,961 telephone calls for the month of December. This is a 13% increase when compared to November 2012.

Warrant office staff saw an increase in warrants received and warrants entered as compared to November 2012. Warrants cleared and validated decreased compared to November 2012. Extraditions and transports remained the same as compared to last month.

Total costs collected for contract services were increased from \$42,031.49 in December 2011 to \$53,591.44 in December 2012.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

Northern Command East Totals	December-12	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	122	62	96.8%	56	117.9%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	97	49	98.0%	45	115.6%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	24	13	84.6%	11	118.2%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	4	6	-33.3%	0	400.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	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	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	10	10	0.0%	11	-9.1%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	8	6	33.3%	9	-11.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	4	-50.0%	2	0.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.8%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.3%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0.0%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 8.2%
- ◆ 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	3,398
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	N/A
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS Joining Forces (100 hours used New Years Eve)	1

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	December 12	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	4	6	-33.3%	0	400.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	23	20	15.0%	13	76.9%
Other Arrests	98	132	-25.8%	114	-14.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	70	66	6.1%	41	70.7%
Speed violations	757	1038	-27.1%	961	-21.2%
Hazardous moving violations	127	82	54.9%	82	54.9%
Occupant restraint violations *	132	171	-22.8%	110	20.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	1950	2191	-11.0%	1953	-0.2%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests	9	7	28.6%	23	-60.9%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	8	33	-75.8%	17	-52.9%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	652	810	-19.5%	581	12.2%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	2	-200.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	36	58	-37.9%	47	-23.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	272	397	-31.5%	233	16.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	18	19	-5.3%	16	12.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	22	22	0.0%	13	69.2%
Total school buses inspected	47	44	6.8%	53	-11.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	11	6	83.3%	6	83.3%
Total trucks weighed	1673	1629	2.7%	124	1249.2%
Total overweight citations	0	7	-700.0%	1	-100.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	585	772	-24.2%	561	4.3%
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	390	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	50	0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0	204	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	9	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	293	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.160% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 42 years old.
- ✱ 63% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✱ 26% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	December-12		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	47102		44295	6.34%		46950	0.32%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
CAD Incidents	3589		3724	-3.63%		4099	-12.44%
Telephone Calls	5961		5982	-0.35%		5275	13.00%
Call Box Incidents	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
[Las Vegas only]							
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	93		73	27.40%		93	0.00%
Arrest Reports Processed	55		48	14.58%		39	41.03%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	6		14	-57.14%		14	-57.14%
Vehicle Impound Releases	7		5	40.00%		3	133.33%
Visitors at Counter	86		93	-7.53%		72	19.44%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	42		44	-4.55%		68	-38.24%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	379		104	264.42%		196	93.37%
Warrants Entered	351		102	244.12%		196	79.08%
Warrants Cleared	129		146	-11.64%		136	-5.15%
Warrants Validated	1063		1583	-32.85%		1744	-39.05%
Extradition / Transports	3		1	200.00%		3	0.00%
CONTRACT SERVICES							
Total Contracts	11		4	175.00%		15	-26.67%
Total Hours	571.75		486.92	17.42%		756	-24.37%
Total Billed	\$53,591.44		\$42,031.49	27.50%		\$71,872.28	-25.44%

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
35	3	19	5	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
5	20	5	8	8	0

Community service appearances:

Nevada Highway Patrol Elko Troopers participated in the “Shop with a Cop” program.

Nevada Highway Patrol Winnemucca Troopers participated in the “Cops and Kids” program

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Trooper J. Stewart attended the Statewide “DRIVE Program” instructor training program for teenagers.

Trooper Stewart completed press releases and conducted numerous interviews on traffic safety in conjunction with “Joining Forces” during the Christmas/New Year’s holiday weekends.

Trooper J. Stewart conducted a large amount of media interviews during the winter storm on hazardous winter driving, chain laws, and highway condition updates.

PIO Projects:

Newmont Mine assisted the Nevada Highway Patrol with filming a demonstration of the NHP Rollover Simulator.

Trooper Alberto Perez and Trooper Stewart recorded Public Service Announcements for the New Years Eve “Joining Forces” campaign. The PSA’s were completed in English and Spanish and aired on Elko radio stations.

