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NORTHERN COMMAND  
Department of Public Safety  
Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

This month the Northern Command West participated in 6 special enforcement assignments. In addition, the area completed a total of 9,618 public contacts. One employee spent 11 days in South Korea supporting the Special Olympics. In addition, our region donated 91 hours of training in support of the Basic Academy.

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

This month we experienced a 40% decrease in overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of December 2012. This was mostly attributed to the severe snow storms that plagued our area last month. Northern Command West officers handled 288 crashes in January. An overview of the crashes showed 212 were property damage, 75 were classified as injury crashes, and one was classified as a fatal crash. As compared to January of 2012, we experienced a 55.3% decrease in our regional commercial vehicle crashes at 17 for the month. In our overall January 2013 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 8 crashes in the Northern Command West.

The officers in our command arrested 57 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of those intoxicated drivers was 0.14%, nearly twice the legal limit of 0.08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 36 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 187 people on various charges over the month of January. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,133 speed citations, 837 hazardous moving citations, and 248 seatbelt citations.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	January 2013	January 2012	% Change	December 2012	% Change
Total crashes	288	223	29.1%	480	-40.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	212	168	26.2%	352	-39.8%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	75	54	38.9%	121	-38.0%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	1		7	-85.7%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	8	9	-11.1%	16	-50.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1	1		7	-85.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		100.0%	1	
Total passengers killed without seatbelts				1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts				4	-400.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts					
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable		1		1	
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	17	20	-15.0%	38	-55.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	15	17	-11.8%	35	-57.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	3	-33.3%	3	-33.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0			

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✦ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.2%
- ✦ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 9.4%
- ✦ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0%
- ✦ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 20.0%
- ✦ Total crashes increased by 29.1% compared to last year.
- ✦ Commercial vehicle crashes decreased by 15.0% compared to last year.
- ✦ Fatality crashes showed no change as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts - 9598

Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) - 320

Total Traffic Safety Program Operations

CTM- 5 Crosswalk enforcement, 1 Drive Program, Trp Larson 11 days in S. Korea for Special Olympics, 30 hrs of Academy training given.

RUT- No SHSP events reported. No Academy training reported.

Motors- No SHSP events reported. No Academy training reported.

Rural- No SHSP events worked. No academy training given

Commercial - No SHSP events reported. No Academy training reported.

**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>	January 2013	January 2012	% Change	December 2012	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	8	9	-11.1%	16	-50.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	49	88	-44.3%	66	-25.8%
Other arrests	455	446	2.0%	399	14.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	187	202	-7.4%	180	3.9%
Speed violations	2133	3495	-39.0%	1815	17.5%
Hazardous moving violations	837	957	-12.5%	861	-2.8%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	248	485	-48.9%	176	40.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	6078	8650	-29.7%	5537	9.8%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	55	32	71.9%	48	14.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	37	46	-19.6%	32	15.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	927	620	49.5%	998	-7.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1	0	100.0%	5	-80.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	204	159	28.3%	274	-25.5%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1915	1346	42.3%	1987	-3.6%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	95	55	72.7%	121	-21.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	61	48	27.1%	60	1.7%
Total school buses inspected	35	29	20.7%	29	20.7%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	5	12	-58.3%	3	66.7%
Total trucks weighed	1722	22	7728.3%	786	119.1%
Total overweight citations	7	3	133.3%	7	0.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	268	173	54.9%	252	6.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

<b>COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]</b>	NCW OPS			
Level 2/3 Inspections	7			
Safety Violations Citation	6			
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	9			
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	1			
Dyed Fuel Inspections	3			
Dyed Fuel Citations	0			

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✿ Average BAC 0.14%
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 36 years old.
- ✿ 7% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	January 2013	January 2012	% Change	December 2012	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
CAD Incidents	12944	13075	-1.0%	11429	13.26%
Telephone Calls	16434	14067	16.83%	19830	-17.13%
Radio Transmissions	1610292	198503	711.22%	1635911	-1.57%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	385	172	123.8%	317	21.5%
Arrest Reports Processed	163	234	-30.3%	132	23.5%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	3	3	0.0%	2	50.0%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Visitors at Counter	269	29	827.6%	320	-15.9%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	491	263	86.7%	256	91.8%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	761	603	26.20%	436	74.54%
Warrants Entered	442	267	65.54%	142	211.27%
Warrants Cleared	473	315	50.16%	412	14.81%
Warrants Validated	2782	1148	142.33%	2839	-2.01%
Transports	22	39	-43.59%	20	10.00%
Extraditions	1	0		0	100.0%

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- There were no contracts in the month of January 2013

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
267	10	26	1	3

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
26	362	3	26	3	23

Community service appearances:

- Trooper Allen lectured at one driver's education classes in Reno
- Several DPS employees volunteered their time for the "Tips for Pets" fundraiser for the Nevada Humane society on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. The event raised 2,313 dollars and approximately 950 pounds of pet food.
- Trooper Allen represented the Department of Public Safety at the annual Martin Luther King dinner at the Nugget in Sparks

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Troopers Allen attended a meeting at the Regional Emergency Operations Center in Reno with other public information officers
- Trooper Allen completed a media advisory and several radio and television interviews for the "joining forces" funded overtime shifts for the Super Bowl Sunday event and to provide several safety and advisory tips related to drinking and driving

PIO Projects:

1. Trooper Allen and other back-up public information officers are delivering a total of 10 daily traffic reports on 107.3 FM, K-News, in Reno in the morning and afternoon time frames
2. Trooper Allen continues to deliver the live daily traffic reports on KRN TV at 6:34 each weekday morning
3. Trooper Allen taped a "Drive Safe Nevada" commercial at the Fox 11 News studio in Reno
4. Trooper Allen traveled to Santa Clara to give a safety demonstration of the new Ford patrol vehicles to several law enforcement senior leaders

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