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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol
Captain Tom Merschel

Overview

There were 82 crashes that occurred in February 2013. This is a 25.5% decrease from last month and a 30.2% increase from last year. Property crashes increased by 46.7% compared to February 2012. Injury crashes decreased by 11.8% as compared to February 2012. There was one fatal crash occurring this month, which was the same as during February 2012 and a 100% increase from last month. There were 2 crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 20% decrease from February 2012 and a 100% increase as compared to January 2013. Of the 82 accidents, 12 or 14.6% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 10 or 83.3%, of these accidents. 7 of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for February 2013 was 2,088 cited violations. This was a decrease of 101 violations or 4.6% as compared to January 2013. Compared to February 2012, the Command showed an increase of 260 violations or 14.2%. Speed violations increased by 93 or 12.3%, as compared to January 2013 and 13.6% compared to February 2012. Hazardous moving violations decreased 11.9% from the prior month and increased 38.8%, compared to February 2012. Occupant restraint violations decreased 11.8% compared to January 2013 and increased by 59.3% as compared to February 2012. There were 26 arrests of impaired drivers made in February 2013. The total arrests for February 2013 showed no change in the number of persons arrested compared to January 2013 and a 22.8% increase compared to February 2012.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 11% or 59 inspections as compared to January 2013. There were 40 more safety violations written in February 2013 than in January 2013. Commercial operations showed an increase of 25 citations issued, compared to January 2013 and a decrease of 28 citations or 36.8% compared to February 2012. Officers placed 15 vehicles and 14 drivers, "Out of Service", in February 2013. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 3 or 25% and drivers placed "Out of Service" increased by 5 or 55.6% compared to January 2013. Vehicles placed out of service fell by 44.4% and drivers placed out of service fell by 30% as compared to February 2012. Traffic personnel conducted 208 commercial inspections during February 2013 and issued 52 safety violation citations and 119 safety repair order violations. This is a decrease of 20 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, five drivers and seven vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 95 accident reports. This is a decrease of 18.8% as compared to January 2013. Arrest reports processed decreased by 17 or 24.6% compared to January 2013. Processed incident reports increased by 9 compared to January 2013. The Communications Center radio transmissions decreased 14.4% compared to January 2013. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents decreased by 7.9%. The Center received 5,357 telephone calls for the month of February. This is a 16.4% decrease when compared to January 2013.

Warrant office staff saw a decrease in warrants received and a decrease of warrants entered as compared to January 2013. Warrants cleared increased and warrants entered decreased compared to January 2013. Extraditions and transports increased as compared to last month.

Total costs collected for contract services were decreased from \$37,954.30 in February 2012 to \$29,398.51 in February 2013.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

Northern Command East Totals	February 2013	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	82	63	30.2%	110	-25.5%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	66	45	46.7%	91	-27.5%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	15	17	-11.8%	18	-16.7%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	4	5	-20.0%	2	100.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	12	13	-7.7%	37	-67.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	10	10	0.0%	27	-63.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	2	0.0%	10	-80.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.2%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.8%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 14.6%
- ◆ Total crashes were up 30.2% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 7.7% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are unchanged as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts 3,377

Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) N/A
(No ICE Team in Central Command.)

Total Traffic Safety Program Operations
OTS/Joining Forces (1 event for 123 hours)

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	February 2013	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	2	0	200.0%	4	-50.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	14	20	-30.0%	23	-39.1%
Other Arrests	93	114	-18.4%	98	-5.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	70	50	40.0%	70	0.0%
Speed violations	759	751	1.1%	757	0.3%
Hazardous moving violations	134	74	81.1%	127	5.5%
Occupant restraint violations *	195	71	174.6%	132	47.7%
Total violations [above violations included]	2189	1749	25.2%	1958	11.8%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests	10	11	-9.1%	9	11.1%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	9	4	125.0%	8	12.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	508	598	-15.1%	652	-22.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	23	53	-56.6%	36	-36.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	197	265	-25.7%	272	-27.6%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	12	22	-45.5%	18	-33.3%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	9	19	-52.6%	22	-59.1%
Total school buses inspected	0	0	0.0%	47	-4700.0%
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Total trucks weighed	558	194	187.6%	1673	-66.6%
Total overweight citations	2	2	0.0%	0	200.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	497	566	-12.2%	585	-15.0%
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	307	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	54	0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0	162	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	7	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	232	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✿ Average BAC 0.174% on breath tests.
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 38.8 years old.
- ✿ 62% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✿ 4.7% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	February 2013		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	45293		41860	8.20%		52955	-14.47%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
CAD Incidents	3657		3631	0.72%		3974	-7.98%
Telephone Calls	5357		942	468.68%		6414	-16.48%
Call Box Incidents	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
[Las Vegas only]							
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	95		48	97.92%		117	-18.80%
Arrest Reports Processed	52		45	15.56%		69	-24.64%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	14		14	0.00%		5	180.00%
Vehicle Impound Releases	14		7	100.00%		19	-26.32%
Visitors at Counter	80		55	45.45%		128	-37.50%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	67		20	235.00%		58	15.52%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	167		198	-15.66%		238	-29.83%
Warrants Entered	287		159	80.50%		415	-30.84%
Warrants Cleared	329		137	140.15%		162	103.09%
Warrants Validated	1305		1681	-22.37%		1500	-13.00%
Extradition / Transports	3		3	0.00%		1	200.00%
CONTRACT SERVICES							
Total Contracts	9		7	28.57%		13	-30.77%
Total Hours	344.25		411.5	-16.34%		572.75	-39.90%
Total Billed	\$29,398.51		\$37,954.30	-22.54%		\$48,721.49	-39.66%

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
30	2	15	19	2

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
5	5	7	2	2	0

Community service appearances:

Trooper Stewart completed numerous TV and radio interviews for the “Joining Forces” Superbowl DUI campaign. Trooper Alex Perez also assisted with a “Joining Forces” Spanish PSA that aired over several radio stations.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Capt. Merschel, Lt. Wurster, Lt. Grigg and Sgt. Munoz attended a workshop on preventing school violence. Other attendees included the Elko County Sheriff’s Office, Elko Police, Elko County School District, Elko County Ambulance, and Division of Forestry. The workshop was designed to lay the foundation for planning responses to local schools in the event of an active shooter situation.

PIO Projects:

N/A