

March 2013

NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

There were 73 crashes that occurred in March 2013. This is an 11% decrease from last month and a 23.2% decrease from last year. Property crashes decreased by 14.3% compared to March 2012. Injury crashes increased by 37.9% as compared to March 2012. There was one fatal crash occurring this month, which was a 66.7% decrease as compared to March 2012 and equal as compared to last month. There were 2 crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 50% decrease from March 2012 and a 50% decrease as compared to February 2013. Of the 82 accidents, 17 or 23.3% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 7 or 41%, of these accidents. Seven of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for March 2013 was 2,455 cited violations. This was an increase of 367 violations or 17.6% as compared to February 2013. Compared to March 2012, the Command showed an increase of 427 violations or 21.1%. Speed violations increased by 260 or 30.5%, as compared to February 2013 and 30.5% compared to March 2012. Hazardous moving violations increased 35.6% from the prior month and increased 49.5%, compared to March 2012. Occupant restraint violations decreased 25% compared to February 2013 and increased by 25% as compared to March 2012. There were 25 arrests of impaired drivers made in March 2013. The total persons arrested for March 2013 remained unchanged as compared to February 2013 and increased 20.7% compared to March 2012.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 4.8% or 27 inspections as compared to February 2013. There were 67 more safety violations written in March 2013 than in February 2013. Commercial operations showed an increase of 7 citations issued, compared to February 2013 and an increase of 20 citations or 57.1% compared to March 2012. Officers placed 31 vehicles and 18 drivers, "Out of Service", in March 2013. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 16 or 106% and drivers placed out of service increased by 4 or 28.6% compared to February 2013. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 158% and drivers placed out of service increased by 12.5% as compared to March 2012. Traffic personnel conducted 238 commercial inspections during March 2013 and issued 56 safety violation citations and 115 safety repair order violations. This is a decrease of 1 inspection from the previous year. Additionally, 11 drivers and 5 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 60 accident reports. This is a decrease of 36.8% as compared to February 2013. Arrest reports processed decreased by 15 or 28.8% compared to February 2013. Processed incident reports decreased by 3 compared to February 2013. The Communications Center radio transmissions increased 11.8% compared to February 2013. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents increased by 15.4%. The Center received 5,320 telephone calls for the month of March. This is a .69% decrease when compared to February 2013.

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

Total costs collected for contract services were decreased from \$54,972.98 in March 2012 to \$24,989.37 in March 2013.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

| Northern Command East Totals                     | March 2013 | Same Period<br>Previous Year | % Change | Prior<br>Reporting<br>Period | % Change |
|--|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| Total Crashes                                    | 73         | 95                           | -23.2%   | 82                           | -11.0%   |
| Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 54         | 63                           | -14.3%   | 66                           | -18.2%   |
| Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]   | 18         | 29                           | -37.9%   | 15                           | 20.0%    |
| Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]    | 1          | 3                            | -66.7%   | 1                            | 0.0%     |
| DUI Crashes [DUI charged]                        | 2          | 4                            | -50.0%   | 4                            | -50.0%   |
| Total persons killed in fatal crashes            | 1          | 3                            | -66.7%   | 1                            | 0.0%     |
| Total drivers killed without seatbelts           | 1          | 0                            | 100.0%   | 1                            | 0.0%     |
| Total passengers killed without seatbelts        | 0          | 0                            | 0.0%     | 0                            | 0.0%     |
| Total drivers killed with seatbelts              | 0          | 2                            | -200.0%  | 0                            | 0.0%     |
| Total passengers killed with seatbelts           | 0          | 1                            | -100.0%  | 0                            | 0.0%     |
| Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable  | 0          | 0                            | 0.0%     | 0                            | 0.0%     |
| Total number of commercial vehicle crashes       | 17         | 15                           | 13.3%    | 12                           | 41.7%    |
| Property crashes involving commercial vehicle    | 13         | 8                            | 62.5%    | 10                           | 30.0%    |
| Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle      | 3          | 5                            | -40.0%   | 2                            | 50.0%    |
| Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle       | 1          | 2                            | -50.0%   | 0                            | 100.0%   |

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.4%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 2.7%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 23.3%
- ◆ Total crashes were down 23.2% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes are up 13.3% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are 50% less as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

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| Total Contacts   | 3,905  |
| Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE)<br>(No ICE Team in Central Command.) | K9 team (3 teams) contacts<br>278                          |
| Total Traffic Safety Program Operations<br>OTS/Joining Forces          | One event for 152 hours<br>focus was on distracted driving |

**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>                       | March 2013 | Same Period<br>Previous<br>Year | % Change | Prior<br>Reporting<br>Period | % Change |
|---|------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| DUI arrests from crashes                        | 2          | 4                               | -50.0%   | 4                            | -50.0%   |
| DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes             | 25         | 5                               | 400.0%   | 22                           | 13.6%    |
| Other Arrests                                   | 103        | 128                             | -19.5%   | 115                          | -10.4%   |
| Total persons arrested (DUI included)           | 70         | 58                              | 20.7%    | 70                           | 0.0%     |
| Speed violations                                | 1112       | 852                             | 30.5%    | 852                          | 30.5%    |
| Hazardous moving violations                     | 160        | 107                             | 49.5%    | 118                          | 35.6%    |
| Occupant restraint violations *                 | 215        | 172                             | 25.0%    | 172                          | 25.0%    |
| Total violations [above violations included]    | 2455       | 2028                            | 21.1%    | 2088                         | 17.6%    |
| <b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>                    |            |                                 |          |                              |          |
| Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests  | 10         | 14                              | -28.6%   | 11                           | -9.1%    |
| Other traffic violations - citations/arrests    | 18         | 13                              | 38.5%    | 14                           | 28.6%    |
| Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6] | 591        | 586                             | 0.9%     | 564                          | 4.8%     |
| Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only          | 0          | 0                               | 0.0%     | 0                            | 0.0%     |
| Total safety violations -- citation             | 55         | 35                              | 57.1%    | 48                           | 14.6%    |
| Total safety violations -- repair order         | 304        | 272                             | 11.8%    | 237                          | 28.3%    |
| Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"          | 31         | 12                              | 158.3%   | 15                           | 106.7%   |
| Total drivers placed "Out of Service"           | 18         | 16                              | 12.5%    | 14                           | 28.6%    |
| Total school buses inspected                    | 26         | 38                              | -31.6%   | 0                            | 2600.0%  |
| Total school buses placed "Out of Service"      | 5          | 2                               | 150.0%   | 0                            | 500.0%   |
| Total trucks weighed                            | 1110       | 139                             | 698.6%   | 155                          | 616.1%   |
| Total overweight citations                      | 3          | 0                               | 300.0%   | 2                            | 50.0%    |
| Total dyed fuel inspections                     | 467        | 575                             | -18.8%   | 539                          | -13.4%   |
| 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       | 238       | 0          |
| Safety Violations Citation                          | 0       | 56        | 0          |
| Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>               | 0       | 115       | 0          |
| Drivers Placed "Out of Service"                     | 0       | 11        | 0          |
| Dyed Fuel Inspections                               | 0       | 159       | 0          |
| Dyed Fuel Citations                                 | 0       | 0         | 0          |

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✿ Average BAC 0.167% on breath tests.
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 37.8 years old.
- ✿ 50% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✿ 4.5% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>       | March 2013  |  | Same month prior year | % Change |  | Prior Reporting Period | % Change |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|-----------------------|----------|--|------------------------|----------|
| <b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>          |             |  |                       |          |  |                        |          |
| Radio Transmissions from Console     | 50637       |  | 45563                 | 11.14%   |  | 45293                  | 11.80%   |
| Radio Tx and Receive totals          | N/A         |  | N/A                   | #VALUE!  |  | N/A                    | #VALUE!  |
| CAD Incidents                        | 4221        |  | 3726                  | 13.29%   |  | 3657                   | 15.42%   |
| Telephone Calls                      | 5320        |  | 0                     | 5320.00% |  | 5357                   | -0.69%   |
| Call Box Incidents                   | N/A         |  | N/A                   | #VALUE!  |  | N/A                    | #VALUE!  |
| [Las Vegas only]                     |             |  |                       |          |  |                        |          |
|                                      |             |  |                       |          |  |                        |          |
| <b>FRONT OFFICE</b>                  |             |  |                       |          |  |                        |          |
| Accident Reports Processed           | 60          |  | 97                    | -38.14%  |  | 95                     | -36.84%  |
| Arrest Reports Processed             | 37          |  | 65                    | -43.08%  |  | 52                     | -28.85%  |
| Incident / Officer Reports Processed | 11          |  | 11                    | 0.00%    |  | 14                     | -21.43%  |
| Vehicle Impound Releases             | 10          |  | 6                     | 66.67%   |  | 14                     | -28.57%  |
| Visitors at Counter                  | 107         |  | 77                    | 38.96%   |  | 80                     | 33.75%   |
| Crash Reports Mailed Out             | 55          |  | 72                    | -23.61%  |  | 67                     | -17.91%  |
|                                      |             |  |                       |          |  |                        |          |
| <b>COURT / WARRANT</b>               |             |  |                       |          |  |                        |          |
| Warrants Received                    | 196         |  | 192                   | 2.08%    |  | 167                    | 17.37%   |
| Warrants Entered                     | 280         |  | 234                   | 19.66%   |  | 287                    | -2.44%   |
| Warrants Cleared                     | 420         |  | 132                   | 218.18%  |  | 329                    | 27.66%   |
| Warrants Validated                   | 1310        |  | 1615                  | -18.89%  |  | 1305                   | 0.38%    |
| Extradition / Transports             | 0           |  | 7                     | -700.00% |  | 3                      | -300.00% |
|                                      |             |  |                       |          |  |                        |          |
| <b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>             |             |  |                       |          |  |                        |          |
| Total Contracts                      | 6           |  | 11                    | -45.45%  |  | 9                      | -33.33%  |
| Total Hours                          | 288.25      |  | 632.68                | -54.44%  |  | 344.25                 | -16.27%  |
| Total Billed                         | \$24,989.37 |  | \$54,972.98           | -54.54%  |  | \$29,398.51            | -15.00%  |

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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| Phone Activity | Press Releases | Media Interview/TV | PIO Meetings | Accident Response |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 25             | 2              | 8                  | 10           | 2                 |
|                |                |                    |              |                   |

| Website E-Mail Traffic | E-Mail Responses | Public Relations Projects | News Articles Total | Proactive News Articles | Reactive News Articles |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 4                      | 4                | 2                         | 2                   | 2                       | 0                      |
|                        |                  |                           |                     |                         |                        |

### Community service appearances:

Trooper Stewart attended the Special Olympics kick off meeting in Reno, Nevada. Northern Command East was awarded a plaque for participation in the Special Olympics.

Trooper Stewart and Trooper Minoletti attended the Eureka High School Career Fair.

### Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Trooper Stewart gave 10 distracted driving safety presentations at the Elko High School. Students ranged from sophomores to seniors.

Trooper Stewart gave a distracted driving safety presentation to 60 Barrick Mine employees.

Trooper Stewart visited Queenstake Mine and discussed traffic safety with mine managers.

Trooper Stewart visited the Crescent Valley Senior Center and answered traffic safety questions.

Trooper Stewart attended the Elko High School Job Fair Interview day. This was for Juniors and Seniors to practice their interview skills with different employers of their choice.

### PIO Projects:

Trooper Stewart completed numerous television and radio interviews for the "Joining Forces" March speeding campaign.

Trooper Stewart visited the Winnemucca radio station KWNA and met with the general manager and news director. Plans were discussed for future PSA broadcasts with the station.

Trooper Stewart met with the Elko Special Olympics Coordinator to schedule Tip a Cop, the Law Enforcement Torch Run, and discuss other upcoming events for the year.