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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were 63 crashes that occurred in April 2013. This is a 14.9% decrease from last month and a 4.5% decrease from last year. Property crashes decreased by 10.9% compared to April 2012. Injury crashes increased by 29.4% as compared to April 2012. There were no fatal crashes occurring this month, which was a 300% decrease as compared to April 2012 and 100% decrease as compared to last month. There were 5 crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 400% increase from April 2012 and a 150% increase as compared to March 2013. Of the 63 accidents, 14 or 22.2% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 9 or 64%, of these accidents. Seven of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for April 2013 was 2,369 cited violations. This was a decrease of 86 violations or 3.5% as compared to March 2013. Compared to April 2012, the Command showed an increase of 68 violations or 3%. Speed violations decreased by 114 or 10.3%, as compared to March 2013 and 9.3% compared to April 2012. Hazardous moving violations decreased 2.5% from the prior month and increased 54.5%, compared to April 2012. Occupant restraint violations decreased 0.5% compared to March 2013 and decreased by 0.5% as compared to April 2012. There were 19 arrests of impaired drivers made in April 2013. The total persons arrested for April 2013 decreased by 5 individuals or 8.5% compared to March 2013 and decreased 5.3% compared to April 2012.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 7.1% or 42 inspections as compared to March 2013. There were 64 more safety violations written in April 2013 than in March 2013. Commercial operations showed an increase of 5 citations issued compared to March 2013 and equal compared to April 2012. Officers placed 21 vehicles and 17 drivers, "Out of Service", in April 2013. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 10 or 32.3% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 1 or 5.6% compared to March 2013. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 90.9% and drivers placed out of service increased by 6.3% as compared to April 2012. Traffic personnel conducted 247 commercial inspections during April 2013 and issued 58 safety violation citations and 147 safety repair order violations. This is an increase of 7 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, 10 drivers and 7 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 69 accident reports. This is an increase of 15% as compared to March 2013. Arrest reports processed increased by 11 or 29.73% compared to March 2013. Processed incident reports increased by 4 compared to March 2013. The Communications Center radio transmissions increased 0.84% compared to March 2013. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents decreased by 1.97%. The Center received 5,276 telephone calls for the month of April. This is a 0.83% decrease when compared to March 2013.

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

Total costs collected for contract services were decreased from \$42,221.72 in April 2012 to \$19,268.31 in April 2013.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

Northern Command East Totals	April 2013	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	63	66	-4.5%	74	-14.9%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	41	46	-10.9%	55	-25.5%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	22	17	29.4%	18	22.2%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	0	3	-300.0%	1	-100.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	5	1	400.0%	2	150.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	0	3	-300.0%	1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	2	-200.0%	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	14	9	55.6%	18	-22.2%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	12	6	100.0%	15	-20.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	3	-33.3%	3	-33.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.0%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 7.9%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0.0%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 22.2%
- ◆ Total crashes were down 4.5% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes are up 55.6% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are 300% less as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	3,612
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 92
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	One event for 163 hours 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]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	April 2013	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	5	1	400.0%	2	150.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	19	20	-5.0%	25	-24.0%
Other Arrests	100	96	4.2%	103	-2.9%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	54	57	-5.3%	59	-8.5%
Speed violations	998	1100	-9.3%	1112	-10.3%
Hazardous moving violations	156	101	54.5%	160	-2.5%
Occupant restraint violations *	214	215	-0.5%	215	-0.5%
Total violations [above violations included]	2369	2301	3.0%	2455	-3.5%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests	2	91	-97.8%	10	-80.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	19	41	-53.7%	18	5.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	633	519	22.0%	591	7.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	60	60	0.0%	55	9.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	368	287	28.2%	304	21.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	21	11	90.9%	31	-32.3%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	17	16	6.3%	18	-5.6%
Total school buses inspected	23	52	-55.8%	26	-11.5%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	4	9	-55.6%	5	-20.0%
Total trucks weighed	110	121	-9.1%	1110	-90.1%
Total overweight citations	5	0	500.0%	3	66.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	598	508	17.7%	467	28.1%
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	247	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	58	0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0	147	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	10	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	172	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.170% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 39 years old.
- ✱ 30% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✱ 20% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	April 2013		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	51060		46882	8.91%		50637	0.84%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
CAD Incidents	4138		3745	10.49%		4221	-1.97%
Telephone Calls	5276		0	527600%		5320	-0.83%
Call Box Incidents	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
[Las Vegas only]							
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	69		57	21.05%		60	15.00%
Arrest Reports Processed	48		42	14.29%		37	29.73%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	15		7	114.29%		11	36.36%
Vehicle Impound Releases	18		2	800.00%		10	80.00%
Visitors at Counter	93		91	2.20%		107	-13.08%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	45		23	95.65%		55	-18.18%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	245		227	7.93%		196	25.00%
Warrants Entered	230		252	-8.73%		280	-17.86%
Warrants Cleared	290		431	-32.71%		420	-30.95%
Warrants Validated	1302		1191	9.32%		1310	-0.61%
Extradition / Transports	9		1	800.00%		0	900.00%
CONTRACT SERVICES							
Total Contracts	5		6	-16.67%		6	-16.67%
Total Hours	223		501.21	-55.51%		288.25	-22.64%
Total Billed	\$19,268.31		\$42,221.72	-54.36%		\$24,989.37	-22.89%

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
35	4	15	3	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
4	4	3	4	4	0

Community service appearances:

Trooper Stewart attended the Nevada Mining Association Safety fair in Elko. NHP used the seatbelt convincer, had a safety booth, and displayed a patrol car.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Winnemucca Troopers J. Phillips and Z. Peterson participated in an "Every 15 Minutes" program for Lowry High School.

Trooper Stewart attended the Great Basin Career fair in Elko.

Trooper Stewart attended a community career fair at Wendover High School in Utah.

Trooper Stewart attended a Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) media meeting in Elko to answer questions on work zone safety and NHP enforcement.

PIO Projects:

Trooper Stewart conducted numerous TV, radio, and newspaper interviews throughout the command on NHP's zero tolerance week on cell phone and texting while driving. He also conducted interviews on highway work zone and construction safety with NDOT.

Trooper Stewart coordinated NHP's involvement in parade route and logistics for the National Veterans Motorcycle ride to Washington D.C with the POWMIA association.

Trooper Stewart assisted the Veterans of Foreign War on traffic safety questions for their Western Region Conference in Elko.

