

April 2013

NORTHERN COMMAND  
Department of Public Safety  
Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*  
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## Overview

This month the Northern Command West participated in nine special enforcement assignments. In addition, the area completed a total of 8,778 public contacts. In addition, our region provided over 299 hours of training by 9 staff members in support of the Basic Academy. Three sergeants are still attending the Police Staff and Command offered by the Northwestern University for Public Safety and will graduate on May 10, 2013.

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. We presented 7 DRIVES classes to a total of 188 students.

This month we experienced no change in overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of March 2013. Northern Command West officers handled 249 crashes in April. An overview of the crashes showed 165 were property damage, 78 were classified as injury crashes, and 6 were classified as fatal crashes. As compared to April of 2012, we experienced an 81.8% increase in our regional commercial crashes at 20 for the month. In our overall April 2013 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 21 crashes in the Northern Command West.

The officers in our command arrested 78 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of those intoxicated drivers was 0.17%, over twice the legal limit of 0.08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated driver was 34 years old and 5% had prior DUI convictions. Our officers arrested an additional 90 people on 430 various charges over the month of April. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,405 speed citations, 882 hazardous moving citations, and 246 seatbelt citations.

The manuals for the ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) training to all sworn staff were ordered and paid for by donated funds from the Northern Nevada DUI Task Force and STOP DUI from Las Vegas.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	April 2013	April 2012	% Change	March 2013	% Change
Total crashes	249	194	28.4%	249	0.00%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	165	136	21.3%	153	7.8%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	78	56	39.3%	94	-17.0%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6	2	200.0%	2	200.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	21	11	90.9%	14	50.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	6	2	200.0%	2	200.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	4	2	100.0%	1	300.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.00%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	0	100.0%	2	-50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	20	11	81.8%	20	0.00%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	17	7	142.9%	13	30.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	3	0.00%	7	-57.1%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.00%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.4%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 8.4%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 40.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 8.0%
- ✱ Total crashes increased by 28.4% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes increased by 81.8% as compared to last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes increased by 200% as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts - 8603

Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) – 175

**Total Traffic Safety Programs and Enforcement Operations:**

CTM – No special enforcement was done in April.

The CTM District had their annual working inspection on April 24<sup>th</sup>

120.30 hrs instructing at the Academy

RUT - 3 honor Guard Assignments

1 roving DUI enforcement event

94.8 hrs instructing at the Academy.

Motors – 2- OTS-Joining Forces events with Allied Agencies  
23 hrs instructing at the Academy

MAIT – No special enforcement  
60 hrs instructing at the Academy

Rural – DUI Presentation at Yerington High School  
2 troops attended a table top exercise in Hawthorne about explosives  
2 troops instructed a Drive program to 15 students and 2 adults  
24 hrs instructing at the Academy

Commercial – None  
Administrative – None

**TOTAL ENFORCEMENT / SPECIAL OPERATIONS: 9**

**TOTAL ACADEMY TRAINING HOURS: 299.1 HOURS**

**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>	April 2013	April 2012	% Change	March 2013	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	21	11	90.9%	14	50.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	57	80	-28.8%	79	-27.8%
Other arrests	430	329	30.7%	441	-2.5%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	168	174	-3.4%	542	-69.0%
Speed violations	2405	2831	-15.0%	2517	-4.4%
Hazardous moving violations	882	1184	-25.5%	935	-5.7%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	246	478	-48.5%	269	-8.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	5853	8533	-31.4%	6262	-6.5%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	126	54	133.3%	100	26.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	91	15	506.7%	82	11.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	816	419	94.7%	653	25.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	4	0	400.0%	6	-33.3%
Total safety violations -- citation	171	148	15.5%	159	7.5%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1633	1085	50.5%	1372	19.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	83	49	69.4%	71	16.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	49	32	53.1%	42	16.7%
Total school buses inspected	98	251	-61.0%	241	-59.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	6	34	-82.4%	33	-81.8%
Total trucks weighed	18	17	5.9%	8	125.0%
Total overweight citations	10	6	66.7%	6	66.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	249	150	66.0%	200	24.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	2	2	0.00%	0	200.0%

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

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

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✿ Average BAC 0.17%
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 34 years old.
- ✿ 5% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	April 2013	April 2012	% Change	March 2013	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
CAD Incidents	11018	13542	-18.6%	10974	0.4%
Telephone Calls	15463	14073	9.9%	12413	24.6%
Radio Transmissions	1408222	846050	66.4%	1617907	-13.0%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	182	268	-32.1%	189	-3.7%
Arrest Reports Processed	160	216	25.9%	134	19.4%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	1	4	-75.0%	1	0.0%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0	47	33.3%	0	300.0%
Visitors at Counter	162	22	-4700.0%	207	0.0%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	239	146	636.4%	247	-21.7%
Telephone Calls	877	1167	63.7%	980	-3.2%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	517	402	28.6%	431	20.0%
Warrants Entered	412	579	-15.2%	187	120.3%
Warrants Cleared	370	334	20.1%	470	-21.3%
Warrants Validated	4506	6131	286.4%	3241	39.0%
Transports / Extraditions	17	23	-26.1%	18	5.6%

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- April 2013, NCW had 6 contracts for a total of \$6372.06

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
297	7	32	1	4

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
35	305	14	34	5	29

Community service appearances:

- Trooper Allen lectured at four area driver education classes in Washoe County during the week of April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Trooper Allen completed two separate interviews with Bob Fisher at Fox 11 News in Reno

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Trooper Allen provided a 90 minute tour and presentation to several youth of the Reno Rodeo Foundation's life and career coaching and mentorship program
- Trooper Allen attended the "Kids on Big Rigs" community event in Reno on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Trooper Barbara Stapleton attended the Kiwanis sponsored bike safety rodeo at Paradise Park in Reno on April 27<sup>th</sup>

PIO Projects and Services:

- Trooper Allen continues to provide live traffic reports each weekday on KRNV, Channel 4, in Reno
- Troopers Chuck Allen, Barbara Stapleton Trooper Dan Lopez provided educational materials and fielded questions during the 3-day home show held in Reno at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center on April 5 -7.
- Troopers Allen and Stapleton continue to deliver morning and afternoon traffic reports on 107.3 FM each weekdays

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