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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were 78 crashes that occurred in May 2013. This is a 23.8% increase from last month and an 11.4% increase from last year. Property crashes increased by 30.4% compared to May 2012. Injury crashes decreased by 18.2% as compared to May 2012. There were no fatal crashes occurring this month, which was a 200% decrease as compared to May 2012 and equal as compared to last month. There were 2 crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 75% decrease from May 2012 and a 60% decrease as compared to April 2013. Of the 78 accidents, 23 or 29.5% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 15 or 65.2%, of these accidents. Sixteen of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for May 2013 was 2,977 cited violations. This was an increase of 608 violations or 25.7% as compared to April 2013. Compared to May 2012, the Command showed an increase of 455 violations or 18%. Speed violations increased by 474 or 47.5%, as compared to May 2013 and 33.1% compared to May 2012. Hazardous moving violations increased .6% from the prior month and increased 49.5%, compared to May 2012. Occupant restraint violations decreased 7.5% compared to April 2013 and decreased by 25.3% as compared to May 2012. There were 19 arrests of impaired drivers made in May 2013. The total persons arrested for May 2013 increased by 6 individuals or 11.1% compared to April 2013 and decreased 6.3% compared to May 2012.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 1.1% or 7 inspections as compared to April 2013. Safety violations written in May 2013 decreased as compared to April 2013. Commercial operations showed an increase of 28 citations issued compared to April 2013 and increased 25 as compared to May 2012. Officers placed 19 vehicles and 13 drivers, "Out of Service", in May 2013. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 2 or 9.5% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 4 or 25.5% compared to May 2013. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 29.6% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 18.8% as compared to May 2012. Traffic personnel conducted 313 commercial inspections during May 2013 and issued 76 safety violation citations and 152 safety repair order violations. This is an increase of 26 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, 4 drivers and 12 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 77 accident reports. This is an increase of 14.9% as compared to May 2012. Arrest reports processed increased by 7 or 13.7% compared to May 2012. Processed incident reports increased by 11 compared to May 2012. The Communications Center radio transmissions increased 16.7% compared to April 2013. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents increased by 29.3% as compared to April 2013. The Center received 6,399 telephone calls for the month of May. This is a 21.2% increase when compared to April 2013.

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

Total costs collected for contract services were decreased from \$43,452.87 in May 2012 to \$43,298.63 in May 2013.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

Northern Command East Totals	May 2013	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	78	70	11.4%	63	23.8%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	60	46	30.4%	41	46.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	18	22	-18.2%	22	-18.2%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	0	2	-200.0%	0	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2	8	-75.0%	5	-60.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	0	2	-200.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
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	23	12	91.7%	14	64.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	20	9	122.2%	12	66.7%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	2	50.0%	2	50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.0%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 2.6%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0.0%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 29.5%
- ◆ Total crashes were up 11.4% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes are up 91.7% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are 200% less as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	4827
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 211
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	One event for 91 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	May 2013	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	2	8	-75.0%	5	-60.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	17	19	-10.5%	19	-10.5%
Other Arrests	123	115	7.0%	100	23.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	60	64	-6.3%	54	11.1%
Speed violations	1472	1106	33.1%	998	47.5%
Hazardous moving violations	157	105	49.5%	156	0.6%
Occupant restraint violations *	198	265	-25.3%	214	-7.5%
Total violations [above violations included]	2977	2522	18.0%	2369	25.7%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests	1	19	-94.7%	2	-50.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	31	15	106.7%	19	63.2%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	626	614	2.0%	633	-1.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	85	57	49.1%	60	41.7%
Total safety violations -- repair order	214	373	-42.6%	368	-41.8%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	19	27	-29.6%	21	-9.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	13	16	-18.8%	17	-23.5%
Total school buses inspected	2	14	-85.7%	23	-91.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	3	-300.0%	4	-400.0%
Total trucks weighed	497	228	118.0%	110	351.8%
Total overweight citations	25	0	2500.0%	5	400.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	528	615	-14.1%	598	-11.7%
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	313	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	76	0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0	152	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	4	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	203	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✿ Average BAC 0.147% on breath tests.
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 31 years old.
- ✿ 45% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✿ 9% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	May 2013		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	59609		51448	15.86%		51060	16.74%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
CAD Incidents	5352		4309	24.21%		4138	29.34%
Telephone Calls	6399		0	63990%		5276	21.29%
Call Box Incidents	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
[Las Vegas only]							
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	77		67	14.93%		69	11.59%
Arrest Reports Processed	58		51	13.73%		48	20.83%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	23		12	91.67%		15	53.33%
Vehicle Impound Releases	18		N/A	#VALUE!		18	0.00%
Visitors at Counter	104		N/A	#VALUE!		93	11.83%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	68		N/A	#VALUE!		45	51.11%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	238		222	7.21%		245	-2.86%
Warrants Entered	415		218	90.37%		230	80.43%
Warrants Cleared	162		117	38.46%		290	-44.14%
Warrants Validated	1,508		1223	23.30%		1302	15.82%
Extradition / Transports	4		5	-20.00%		9	-55.56%
CONTRACT SERVICES							
Total Contracts	7		11	-36.36%		5	40.00%
Total Hours	489.75		508	-3.59%		223	119.62%
Total Billed	\$43,298.63		\$43,452.87	-0.35%		\$19,268.31	124.71%

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
40	4	5	4	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
2	15	7	4	4	0

Community service appearances:

Trooper Stewart and Trooper Ramsey attended the McDermitt Community Career Fair. This was the first time NHP attended this fair.

Trooper Stewart attended Elko Velo Community Bicycle Safety Fair. This was the first bicycle safety fair NHP participated in for NCE. The Nevada Highway Patrol teamed up with The Nevada Department of Transportation at the event. The Nevada Highway Patrol received a letter of appreciation for our attendance.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Trooper Anderson instructed a DUI program for Sophomores' at Lawry High School.

Troopers from Wells participated in a community safety fair at the Indian Colony.

Trooper Stewart attended a Zero Fatalities workshop in Reno.

Trooper Stewart attended a Lyons Club meeting and gave a presentation on distracted driving; approximately 35 members were in attendance.

PIO Projects:

Trooper Stewart attended a NDOT meeting on construction projects on I-80 and rural Nevada highways around Elko.

For the month of May, Trooper Stewart conducted cell phone/distracted driving presentations for Seniors at six high schools in the NCE region. Over 600 students were educated. NCE has been conducting these "Senior Presentations" for the last 4-5 years. It is our last chance to educate seniors on traffic safety before graduation.

Trooper Stewart conducted numerous interviews on the national "Click it or Ticket" Campaign.

Trooper Stewart planned, organized, and conducted a Special Olympics "TIP A COP" and a Law Enforcement Torch Run for Elko. NHP was the lead agency in both events and raised over \$4,000 for local athletes. Trooper Stewart and Sgt. Chris Austin ran over 4 miles for the Law Enforcement torch run in Elko. Cpt. Merschel, Lt. Wurster, and Trooper Ames provided traffic control for the run.

Trooper Stewart and Trooper Jeff Howell conducted the DRIVE Program at the Elko Juvenile Detention Center. Fifteen juveniles were in attendance.