

July 2013

NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

There were 69 crashes that occurred in July 2013. This is a 6.8% decrease from last month and a 19.8% decrease from last year. Property crashes decreased by 21.9% compared to July 2012. Injury crashes decreased by 23.8% as compared to July 2012. There were three fatal crashes occurring this month, which was a 200% increase as compared to July 2012 and a 200% increase as compared to last month. None of the fatal crashes occurred on I-80 during the I-80 Challenge. There were no crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 600% decrease from July 2012 and a 300% decrease as compared to June 2013. Of the 69 accidents, 18 or 26.1% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 13 or 72.2%, of these accidents. Eleven of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for July 2013 was 2,763 cited violations. This was an increase of 662 violations or 31.5% as compared to June 2013. Compared to July 2012, the Command showed an increase of 413 violations or 17.6%. Speed violations increased by 612 or 55.0%, as compared to June 2013 and 33.3% compared to July 2012. Hazardous moving violations decreased 2.5% from the prior month and increased 1.7%, compared to July 2012. Occupant restraint violations decreased 26.9% compared to June 2013 and decreased by 45.7% as compared to July 2012. There were 13 arrests of impaired drivers made in July 2013. The total persons arrested for July 2013 increased by 2 individuals or 4.7% compared to June 2013 and decreased 19.6% compared to July 2012.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 2.9% or 18 inspections as compared to June 2013. Safety violations written in July 2013 increased as compared to June 2013. Commercial operations showed an increase of 5 citations issued compared to June 2013 and increased 48 as compared to July 2012. Officers placed 22 vehicles and 22 drivers, "Out of Service", in July 2013. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 1 or 4.3% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 5 or 18.5% compared to June 2013. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 15.8% and drivers placed out of service increased by 29.4% as compared to July 2012. Traffic personnel conducted 289 commercial inspections during July 2013 and issued 89 safety violation citations and 148 safety repair order violations. This is an increase of 69 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, 10 drivers and 13 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 93 accident reports. This is an increase of 6.9% as compared to July 2012. Arrest reports processed increased by 4 or 10% compared to July 2012. Processed incident reports increased by 12 compared to July 2012.

The Communications Center has been reorganized under the General Services, Dispatch Bureau which is also responsible for the Court Warrants section.

Total costs collected for contract services were increased from \$18,658.10 in July 2012 to \$72,966.58 in July 2013.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

Northern Command East	July-13	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	69	86	-19.8%	74	-6.8%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	50	64	-21.9%	53	-5.7%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	16	21	-23.8%	20	-20.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	1	200.0%	1	200.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	0	6	-600.0%	3	-300.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	5	1	400.0%	1	400.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	1	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	0	200.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	18	10	80.0%	21	-14.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	14	10	40.0%	15	-6.7%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	4	0	400.0%	5	-20.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 4.3%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 0.0%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0.0%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 26.1%
- ◆ Total crashes were down 19.8% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes are up 80% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are up 200% less as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	4,620
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 302
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	One event for 145 hours focus was DUI.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

	July-13	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	0	6	-600.0%	3	-300.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	13	25	-48.0%	14	-7.1%
Other Arrests	79	72	9.7%	93	-15.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	45	56	-19.6%	43	4.7%
Speed violations	1725	1294	33.3%	1113	55.0%
Hazardous moving violations	119	117	1.7%	122	-2.5%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	95	175	-45.7%	130	-26.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	2763	2350	17.6%	2101	31.5%
Total Contacts	4620	3488	32.5%	3474	33.0%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	48	89	-46.1%	38	26.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	21	21	0.0%	21	0.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, and 3. 4. & 6]	603	684	-11.8%	621	-2.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	75	62	21.0%	70	7.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	426	378	12.7%	338	26.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	22	19	15.8%	20	10.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	22	17	29.4%	26	-15.4%
Total school buses inspected	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
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Total trucks weighed	117	1589	-92.6%	79	48.1%
Total overweight citations	7	5	40.0%	1	600.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	535	674	-20.6%	563	-5.0%
Total dyed fuel citations	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%

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	289	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	89	0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0	148	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	10	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	201	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	1	0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.155% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 41 years old.
- ✱ 61% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✱ 38% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	July-13		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	93		87	6.90%		70	32.86%
Arrest Reports Processed	44		40	10.00%		57	-22.81%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	15		3	400.00%		19	-21.05%
Vehicle Impound Releases	14		7	100.00%		16	-12.50%
Visitors at Counter	89		103	-13.59%		118	-24.58%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	75		75	0.00%		58	29.31%
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>							
Total Contracts	12		6	100.00%		14	-14.29%
Total Hours	822.85		218.92	275.87%		866.75	-5.06%
Total Billed	\$72,966.58		\$18,658.10	291.07%		\$77,833.68	-6.25%

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
10	3	15	0	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
3	5	3	3	3	0

PIO Projects:

Trooper Stewart completed a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Joining Forces press release on a DUI campaign, and conducted media interviews on same.

Trooper Stewart and Sergeant Beach conducted numerous media interviews on the I-80 Challenge. Trooper Marin recorded a radio Spanish PSA on the I-80 challenge.