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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

There were 101 crashes that occurred in August 2013. This is a 46.6% increase from last month and a 34.7% increase from last year. Property crashes increased by 66.7% compared to August 2012. Injury crashes were the same as compared to August 2012, with 24. There were two fatal crashes occurring this month, which was a 66.7% decrease as compared to August 2012 and a 33.3% decrease as compared to last month. There were six crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 200% increase from August 2012 and a 600% increase as compared to July 2013. Of the 101 accidents, 25 or 24.8% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 12 or 48%, of these accidents. Sixteen of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for August 2013 was 3,077 cited violations. This was an increase of 314 violations or 11.4% as compared to July 2013. Compared to August 2012, the Command showed an increase of 750 violations or 32.2%. Speed violations decreased by 1 or 0.1%, as compared to July 2013 and increased by 59.3% compared to August 2012. Hazardous moving violations increased 12.6% from the prior month and increased 14.5%, compared to August 2012. Occupant restraint violations increased 65.3% compared to July 2013 and decreased by 15.6% as compared to August 2012. There were 15 arrests of impaired drivers made in August 2013. The total persons arrested for August 2013 increased by 8 individuals or 17.8% compared to July 2013 and increased 39.5% compared to August 2012.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 12.8% or 77 inspections as compared to July 2013. Safety violations written in August 2013 decreased as compared to July 2013. Commercial operations showed an decrease of 34 citations issued compared to July 2013 and was even with 41 citations as compared to July 2012. Officers placed 19 vehicles and 12 drivers, "Out of Service", in August 2013. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 3 or 13.6% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 10 or 45.5% compared to July 2013. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 5.6% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 7.7% as compared to August 2012. Traffic personnel conducted 348 commercial inspections during August 2013 and issued 90 safety violation citations and 228 safety repair order violations. This is an increase of 44 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, 18 drivers and 17 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 84 accident reports. This is an increase of 16.67% as compared to August 2012. Arrest reports processed increased by 2 or 4.76% compared to August 2012. Processed incident reports increased by 3 compared to August 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 decreased from \$83,127.96 in August 2012 to \$71,059.65 in August 2013.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

Northern Command East	August-13	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	101	75	34.7%	69	46.4%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	75	45	66.7%	50	50.0%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	24	24	0.0%	16	50.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2	6	-66.7%	3	-33.3%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	6	2	200.0%	0	600.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	2	7	-71.4%	5	-60.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	2	-200.0%	2	-200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	2	-200.0%	1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	25	21	19.0%	18	38.9%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	18	14	28.6%	14	28.6%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	6	5	20.0%	4	50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	2	-50.0%	0	100.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.0%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.9%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 24.8%
- ◆ Total crashes were up 34.7% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes are up 19% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are down 66.7% as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	4,729
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 194
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	One event for 114 hours focus was distracted driving/back to school safety.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

	August-13	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	6	2	200.0%	0	600.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	15	12	25.0%	13	15.4%
Other Arrests	111	76	46.1%	79	40.5%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	53	38	39.5%	45	17.8%
Speed violations	1724	1082	59.3%	1725	-0.1%
Hazardous moving violations	134	117	14.5%	119	12.6%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	157	186	-15.6%	95	65.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	3077	2327	32.2%	2763	11.4%
Total Contacts	4729	3683	28.4%	4620	2.4%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	17	34	-50.0%	48	-64.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	16	11	45.5%	21	-23.8%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, and 3. 4. & 6]	526	633	-16.9%	603	-12.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	41	41	0.0%	75	-45.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	315	310	1.6%	426	-26.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	19	18	5.6%	22	-13.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	12	13	-7.7%	22	-45.5%
Total school buses inspected	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	1460	263	455.1%	117	1147.9%
Total overweight citations	3	0	300.0%	7	-57.1%
Total dyed fuel inspections	450	469	-4.1%	535	-15.9%
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	348	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	90	0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0	228	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	18	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	240	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.140% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 38 years old.
- ✱ 73% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✱ 14% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	August-13		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	84		72	16.67%		93	-9.68%
Arrest Reports Processed	44		42	4.76%		44	0.00%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	8		5	60.00%		15	-46.67%
Vehicle Impound Releases	29		10	190.00%		14	107.14%
Visitors at Counter	119		65	83.08%		89	33.71%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	63		44	43.18%		75	-16.00%
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>							
Total Contracts	10		13	-23.08%		12	-16.67%
Total Hours	794.5		917.67	-13.42%		822.85	-3.45%
Total Billed	\$71,059.65		\$83,127.96	-14.52%		\$72,966.58	-2.61%

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
20	4	22	1	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
3	5	5	6	6	0

Community service appearances:

Elko Troopers attend National Night Out at Elko City Park

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Trooper Stewart participated in a TS Power Plant Safety Days event. He brought the seatbelt convincer and had a traffic safety booth.

Trooper Stewart gave safety presentations to Barrick Underground Mine employees.

PIO Projects:

Trooper Stewart completed numerous follow-up interviews on the I-80 Challenge. He also completed a post press release and conducted interviews on NHP stats and results (Zero Fatalities) on the I-80 Challenge.

Trooper Stewart attended a two day FEMA Incident Management Class on Public Information Officer training.

Radar trailers were deployed on the first day of school in Elko and Winnemucca.

Trooper Stewart, Trooper Aranda, and Sgt Jackson taught the DRIVE program at the Elko Juvenile Detention center. Twenty attended.

Trooper Perez and Stewart completed a PSA in English and Spanish for the Labor Day weekend Joining Forces DUI campaign.

