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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were 53 crashes that occurred in September 2013. This is a 47.5% decrease from last month and a 27.4% decrease from last year. Property crashes decreased by 38.6% compared to September 2012. Injury crashes increased by 2 or 13.3% as compared to September 2012. There was one fatal crash occurring this month, which was a 0% increase as compared to September 2012 and a 50% decrease as compared to last month. There were two crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 100% increase from September 2012 and a 66.7% decrease as compared to August 2013. Of the 53 accidents, 13 or 24.5% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 6 or 46%, of these accidents. Nine of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for September 2013 was 2,284 cited violations. This was a decrease of 793 violations or 25.8% as compared to August 2013. Compared to September 2012, the Command showed a decrease of 102 violations or 4.3%. Speed violations decreased by 637 or 36.9%, as compared to August 2013 and increased by 3.3% compared to September 2012. Hazardous moving violations decreased 12.7% from the prior month and decreased 17.6%, compared to September 2012. Occupant restraint violations decreased 1.9% compared to August 2013 and increased by 1.3% as compared to September 2012. There were 20 arrests of impaired drivers made in September 2013. The total persons arrested for September 2013 decreased by 2 individuals or 3.8% compared to August 2013 and decreased 12.1% compared to September 2012.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 11.2% or 59 inspections as compared to August 2013. Safety violations written in September 2013 decreased 12.2% as compared to August 2013. Commercial operations showed a decrease of 5 citations issued compared to August 2013 and was down 21 citations as compared to September 2012. Officers placed 21 vehicles and 9 drivers, "Out of Service", in September 2013. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 2 or 10.5% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 3 or 25% compared to August 2013. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 22.2% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 47.1% as compared to September 2012. Traffic personnel conducted 277 commercial inspections during September 2013 and issued 70 safety violation citations and 150 safety repair order violations. This is a decrease of 27 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, 7 drivers and 12 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 67 accident reports. This is a decrease of 29.47% as compared to September 2012. Arrest reports processed decreased by 4 or 7.69% compared to September 2012. Processed incident reports increased by 12 compared to September 2012.

Total costs collected for contract services were decreased from \$36,440.09 in September 2012 to \$24,276.20 in September 2013.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

Northern Command East	September-13	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	53	73	-27.4%	101	-47.5%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	35	57	-38.6%	75	-53.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	17	15	13.3%	24	-29.2%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2	1	100.0%	6	-66.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2	0	200.0%	0	200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	13	17	-23.5%	25	-48.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	10	12	-16.7%	18	-44.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	5	-40.0%	6	-50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.9%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.8%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 24.5%
- ◆ Total crashes were down 27.4% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 23.5% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are the same as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	3,878
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 171
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	One event for 140 hours Focus was impaired driving

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

	September-13	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	2	1	100.0%	6	-66.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	20	29	-31.0%	15	33.3%
Other Arrests	104	96	8.3%	111	-6.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	51	58	-12.1%	53	-3.8%
Speed violations	1087	1052	3.3%	1724	-36.9%
Hazardous moving violations	117	142	-17.6%	134	-12.7%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	154	152	1.3%	157	-1.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	2284	2386	-4.3%	3077	-25.8%
Total Contacts	3878	3636	6.7%	4729	-18.0%
Commercial Enforcement					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	20	31	-35.5%	17	17.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	10	23	-56.5%	16	-37.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, and 3. 4. & 6]	585	716	-18.3%	526	11.2%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	36	57	-36.8%	41	-12.2%
Total safety violations -- repair order	395	402	-1.7%	315	25.4%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	21	27	-22.2%	19	10.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	9	17	-47.1%	12	-25.0%
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	462	205	125.4%	1460	-68.4%
Total overweight citations	2	2	0.0%	3	-33.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	531	692	-23.3%	450	18.0%
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	277	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	70	0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0	150	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	7	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	226	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.115% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 38 years old.
- ✱ 57% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✱ .05% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	September-13		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	67		95	-29.47%		84	-20.24%
Arrest Reports Processed	48		52	-7.69%		44	9.09%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	21		9	133.33%		8	162.50%
Vehicle Impound Releases	18		4	350.00%		29	-37.93%
Visitors at Counter	106		78	35.90%		119	-10.92%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	65		36	80.56%		63	3.17%
CONTRACT SERVICES							
Total Contracts	4		11	-63.64%		10	-60.00%
Total Hours	265.5		341.08	-22.16%		794.5	-66.58%
Total Billed	\$24,276.20		\$36,440.09	-33.38%		\$71,059.65	-65.84%

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
20	3	10	0	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
3	4	3	6	6	0

Community service appearances:

Elko Troopers participated with allied agencies in the “Cops & Burgers” program.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Trooper Stewart participated in Fire/Safety picnic with Elko Fire Department.