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NORTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

Major Brian Sanchez

## Overview

This month the Northern Command West participated in 11 special enforcement assignments. In addition, the area completed a total of 8,950 public contacts. Our region also provided 475 hours of training in support of the cadets at the Academy and in the NHP Advanced Academy. The US50 Project from Carson Street to Leeteville Junction continues with regular shifts. Several annual events occurred this month: Balloon Races, Air Races, and Street Vibrations. In addition, we assisted the Reno Police Department with calls for service and traffic control during the funeral Scott Sorensen. The Joining Forces campaign of Impaired Drivers and Riders also occurred this month.

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 two DRIVE classes to a total of 44 students ranging in age from 15-18 years.

This month we experienced a 19.1% decrease in overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of August 2013. Northern Command West officers handled 271 crashes in September. An overview of the crashes showed 169 were property damage, 100 were classified as injury crashes, and 2 were classified as fatal crashes. As compared to September of 2012, we experienced a 38.9% decrease in our regional commercial vehicle crashes at 11 for the month. In our overall September 2013 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 14 crashes in the Northern Command West.

The officers in our command arrested 69 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of those intoxicated drivers was 0.15%, over twice the legal limit of 0.08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated driver was 35 years old and 0.11% had prior DUI convictions. Our officers arrested an additional 86 people on 369 various charges over the month of September. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,391 speeding citations, 791 hazardous moving citations, and 170 seatbelt citations.

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training continues and Below 100 training began this month.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	September 2013	September 2012	% Change	August 2013	% Change
Total crashes	271	322	-15.8%	335	-19.1%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	169	221	-23.5%	229	-26.2%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	100	99	1.0%	104	-3.8%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2	2	0.0%	2	0.00%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	14	18	-22.2%	16	-12.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	2	6	300.0%	5	-60.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	3	-300.0%	0	0.00%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	2	-200.0%	0	0.00%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2	2	0.00%	4	-50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	11	18	-38.9%	24	-54.2%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	9	13	-30.8%	22	-59.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	5	-60.0%	1	100.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.00%	1	-100.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.7%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.2%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.1%
- ✱ Total crashes decreased by 15.8% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes decreased by 38.9% as compared to last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes decreased by 30.8% as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts - 8638

Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) – 312

**TOTAL ENFORCEMENT / SPECIAL OPERATIONS:**

CTM – Continued special enforcement on US50, Street Vibrations, and RPD Funeral.

RUT - Days- RPD funeral and ARIDE training.

Swing – SHSP Distracted Driving for cell phones.

Graves- None

Rural- Assist Esmeralda County with bombs call, Awards Ceremony at East Valley Elementary, and traffic safety presentation to EC Best Elementary.

Commercial – Rural Strike Force, Badge on Board, Passenger Carrier Strike, and Brake Safety Week

**TOTAL ACADEMY TRAINING HOURS: 475 Hours**

ICE – 41 hours

Command – 0 hours

MAIT/Training – 40 hours

RUT – 174 hours

CTM- 220 hours

Rural- 0 hours

Commercial- 0 hours

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	September 2013	September 2012	% Change	August 2013	% Change
<b>TRAFFIC OPERATIONS</b>					
DUI arrests from crashes ##	14	18	-22.2%	16	-12.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	55	86	-36.0%	62	-11.3%
Other arrests	369	486	-24.1%	402	-8.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	155	207	-25.1%	175	-11.4%
Speed violations	2391	2726	-12.3%	3125	-23.5%
Hazardous moving violations	791	1204	-34.3%	880	-10.1%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	170	311	-45.3%	294	-42.2%
Total violations [above violations included]	5516	7267	-24.1%	6729	-18.0%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	71	177	-59.9%	196	-63.8%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	50	88	-43.2%	125	-60.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	512	716	-28.5%	709	-27.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	104	272	-61.8%	205	-49.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1020	1806	-43.5%	1707	-40.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	36	90	-60.0%	97	-62.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	21	55	-61.8%	50	-58.0%
Total school buses inspected	98	148	-33.8%	88	11.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	13	23	-43.5%	22	-40.9%
Total trucks weighed	17	45	-62.2%	34	-50.0%
Total overweight citations	7	14	-50.0%	8	-12.5%
Total dyed fuel inspections	158	252	-37.3%	166	-4.8%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0%	4	-400.0%

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

<b>COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]</b>	NCW OPS			
Level 2/3 Inspections	7			
Safety Violations Citation	12			
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	4			
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	2			
Dyed Fuel Inspections	1			
Dyed Fuel Citations	0			

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.15%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 35 years old
- ✱ 0.11% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	September 2013	September 2012	% Change	August 2013	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
CAD Incidents	11190.0	13639	-17.96%	12139	-0.08%
Telephone Calls	14961.0	17561	-14.81%	17469	-0.14%
Radio Transmissions	1623794.0	247245	556.76%	1790399	-0.09%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	245	255	-3.9%	297	-17.5%
Arrest Reports Processed	149	169	-11.8%	121	23.1%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	2	5	-60.0%	4	-50.0%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	271	478	-43.31%	466	-0.42%
Warrants Entered	261	634	-58.83%	393	-0.34%
Warrants Cleared	367	407	-9.83%	484	-0.24%
Warrants Validated	747	2174	-65.64%	3003	-0.75%
Transports	16	25	-36.0%	25	-0.36%
Extraditions	0	0	0.00%	1	-1.00%
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>					
Total Contracts	17	10	70.0%	2	750.0%
Total Hours	242.75	2146.5	-88.7%	81	199.7%
Total Billed	13142.52	110894.85	-88.1%	5559.10	136.4%

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
149	9	38	1	2

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
18	222	3	14	4	10

### Community service appearances:

- Troopers Barbara Stapleton and Dan Gordon participated in a community safety event in Reno and completed several child-seat inspections
- Several members of the Nevada Highway Patrol attended a recognition ceremony in Fernley at the East Valley Elementary School to recognize an 8-year-old girl for her heroic actions immediately following an accident that happened in August near Fallon involving her family members

### Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Trooper Dave Gibson attended the multi-agency news conference in Reno to create awareness of the newest traffic law where motorcyclists and bicyclists can proceed through a red light once the signal light has cycled at least two times. The name of the safety campaign is "Safe on Red"

### PIO Projects:

- Trooper Allen continues to provide daily traffic reports each morning on KRNV Channel 4 in Reno
- Trooper Allen is phoning in two live radio traffic reports on Nevada Matters radio show on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of each week
- Trooper Allen instructed two media relations classes to several NHP supervisor this month
- Trooper Dave Gibson filled in for Trooper Allen for two weeks during month while he was away completing military training

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