

October 2013

NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

There were 68 crashes that occurred in October 2013. This is a 28.3% increase from last month and a 3% increase from last year. Property crashes increased by 14.9% compared to October 2012. Injury crashes decreased by 7 or 36.8% as compared to October 2012. There were two fatal crashes occurring this month, which was a 200% increase as compared to October 2012 and a 100% increase as compared to last month. There were three crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 0% increase from October 2012 and a 50% increase as compared to September 2013. Of the 68 accidents, 16 or 23.5% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 8 or 50%, of these accidents. Eight of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for October 2013 was 2,065 cited violations. This was a decrease of 219 violations or 9.6% as compared to September 2013. Compared to October 2012, the Command showed an increase of 43 violations or 2.1%. Speed violations decreased by 61 or 5.6%, as compared to September 2013 and increased by 13.7% compared to October 2012. Hazardous moving violations decreased 29.1% from the prior month and decreased 29.1%, compared to October 2012. Occupant restraint violations increased 1.9% compared to September 2013 and increased by 25.6% as compared to October 2012. There were 16 arrests of impaired drivers made in October 2013. The total persons arrested for October 2013 decreased by 10 individuals or 19.6% compared to September 2013 and decreased 14.6% compared to October 2012.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 4.4% or 26 inspections as compared to September 2013. Safety violations written in October 2013 increased 16.7% as compared to September 2013. Commercial operations showed an increase of 6 citations issued compared to September 2013 and was up 9 citations as compared to October 2012. Officers placed 12 vehicles and 14 drivers, "Out of Service", in October 2013. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 9 or 42.9% and drivers placed out of service increased by 5 or 55.6% compared to September 2013. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 33.3% and drivers placed out of service increased by 100% as compared to October 2012. Traffic personnel conducted 193 commercial inspections during October 2013 and issued 48 safety violation citations and 113 safety repair order violations. This is a decrease of 67 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, 8 drivers and 9 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 69 accident reports. This is an increase of 23.21% as compared to October 2012. Arrest reports processed increased by 1 or 2.22% compared to October 2012. Processed incident reports increased by 13 compared to October 2012.

Total costs collected for contract services were increased from \$00.00 in October 2012 to \$28,035.97 in October 2013.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

Northern Command East	October-13	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	68	66	3.0%	53	28.3%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	54	47	14.9%	35	54.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	12	19	-36.8%	17	-29.4%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2	0	200.0%	1	100.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	3	3	0.0%	2	50.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	2	0	200.0%	1	100.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2	0	200.0%	2	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	16	22	-27.3%	13	23.1%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	13	17	-23.5%	10	30.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	5	-40.0%	3	0.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.9%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.4%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 23.5%
- ◆ Total crashes were up 3% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 27.3% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are up by 2 or 200% as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	3,290
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 219
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	No events for October 2013

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

	October-13	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	3	3	0.0%	2	50.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	16	15	6.7%	20	-20.0%
Other Arrests	78	77	1.3%	104	-25.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	41	48	-14.6%	51	-19.6%
Speed violations	1026	902	13.7%	1087	-5.6%
Hazardous moving violations	83	117	-29.1%	117	-29.1%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	157	125	25.6%	154	1.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	2065	2022	2.1%	2284	-9.6%
Total Contacts	3290	3033	8.5%	3878	-15.2%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	36	34	5.9%	20	80.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	15	10	50.0%	10	50.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	559	484	15.5%	585	-4.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	42	33	27.3%	36	16.7%
Total safety violations -- repair order	240	196	22.4%	395	-39.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	12	9	33.3%	21	-42.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	14	7	100.0%	9	55.6%
Total school buses inspected	36	36	0.0%	0	3600.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	27	27	0.0%	0	2700.0%
Total trucks weighed	0	0	0.0%	462	-46200.0%
Total overweight citations	0	0	0.0%	2	-200.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	545	474	15.0%	531	2.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

<b>COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]</b>	Cid Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0	193	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	48	0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0	113	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	8	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	150	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.156% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 34 years old.
- ✱ 50% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✱ 0% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	October-13		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	69		56	23.21%		67	2.99%
Arrest Reports Processed	46		45	2.22%		48	-4.17%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	19		6	216.67%		21	-9.52%
Vehicle Impound Releases	22		4	450.00%		23	-4.35%
Visitors at Counter	86		38	126.32%		106	18.87%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	61		58	5.17%		65	-6.15%
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>							
Total Contracts	5		0	500.00%		4	25.00%
Total Hours	317.5		0	31750.00%		265.5	19.59%
Total Billed	\$28,035.97		\$0.00	2803597.00%		\$24,276.20	15.49%

PIO Projects:

Trooper Stewart attended the T.I.M (Traffic Incident Management) instructor class in Reno.  
Trooper Stewart conducted a below 100 training class for the Wells District.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

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

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
5	12	5	3	3	0

Community service appearances:

Trooper Howell and front office civilian staff participated in the Elko annual Trick or Treat Street for Halloween. It was a two day event.

Trooper Lachew also participated in a Trick or Treat Street event in Eureka.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Sgt Stuehling talked to 3 Elko High School classes about traffic safety.

Trooper Stewart and Trooper Perez attended a Shop w/a Cop planning meeting.

Throughout the month, Troopers throughout the region conducted “walk throughs” in our schools.

Trooper Perez assisted with NBC TV interviews at Adobe Middle School.

Trooper Stewart conducted numerous interviews on NHP’s involvement in school walk throughs as a result of the Sparks elementary school shooting incident. A press release was also completed.

We scheduled a DRIVE program at the Elko Juvenile Detention Center for mid November.