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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were 87 crashes that occurred in November 2013. This is a 27.9% increase from last month and a 55.4% increase from last year. Property crashes increased by 37.8% compared to November 2012. Injury crashes increased by 11 or 100% as compared to November 2012. There were three fatal crashes occurring this month, which was a 300% increase as compared to November 2012 and a 50% increase as compared to last month. There were two crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 200% increase from November 2012 and a 33.3% decrease as compared to October 2013. Of the 87 accidents, 17 or 19.5% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 9 or 52%, of these accidents. Eleven of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for November 2013 was 2,320 cited violations. This was an increase of 255 violations or 12.3% as compared to October 2013. Compared to November 2012, the Command showed an increase of 367 violations or 18.8%. Speed violations increased by 107 or 10.4%, as compared to October 2013 and increased by 17.9% compared to November 2012. Hazardous moving violations increased 28.9% from the prior month and increased 30.5%, compared to November 2012. Occupant restraint violations increased 36.3% compared to October 2013 and increased by 94.5% as compared to November 2012. There were 30 arrests of impaired drivers made in November 2013. The total persons arrested for November 2013 increased by 24 individuals or 58.5% compared to October 2013 and increased 58.5% compared to November 2012.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 19.6% or 108 inspections as compared to October 2013. Safety violations/repair orders written in November 2013 decreased 22.8% as compared to October 2013. Commercial operations showed a decrease of 30 citations issued compared to October 2013 and was up 34 citations as compared to November 2012. Officers placed 15 vehicles and 21 drivers, "Out of Service", in November 2013. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 0 or 0% and drivers placed out of service increased by 0 or 0% compared to October 2013. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 6.3% and drivers placed out of service increased by 61.5% as compared to November 2012. Traffic personnel conducted 198 commercial inspections during November 2013 and issued 40 safety violation citations and 82 safety repair order violations. This is a increase of 5 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, 3 drivers and 6 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 70 accident reports. This is an increase of 9.38% as compared to November 2012. Arrest reports processed increased by 11 or 28.21% compared to November 2012. Processed incident reports increased by 0 compared to November 2012.

Total costs collected for contract services were decreased from \$71,872.28 in November 2012 to \$18,231.09 in November 2013.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

Northern Command East	November-13	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	87	56	55.4%	68	27.9%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	62	45	37.8%	54	14.8%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	22	11	100.0%	12	83.3%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	0	300.0%	2	50.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2	0	200.0%	3	-33.3%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4	0	400.0%	2	100.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	4	0	400.0%	2	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	17	11	54.5%	16	6.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	14	9	55.6%	13	7.7%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	2	50.0%	3	0.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 3.4%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 2.3%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 30.0%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 19.5%
- ◆ Total crashes were up 55.4% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes were up 54.5.3% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are up by 3 or 300% as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	3,391
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 157
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	Two events for November 2013

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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	November-13	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	2	0	200.0%	3	-33.3%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	30	13	130.8%	16	87.5%
Other Arrests	139	114	21.9%	78	78.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	65	41	58.5%	41	58.5%
Speed violations	1133	961	17.9%	1026	10.4%
Hazardous moving violations	107	82	30.5%	83	28.9%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	214	110	94.5%	157	36.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	2320	1953	18.8%	2065	12.3%
Total Contacts	3391	3132	8.3%	3290	3.1%
Commercial Enforcement					
Hazardous moving violatons - citations/arrests	16	23	-30.4%	14	14.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	13	17	-23.5%	7	85.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4. & 6]	443	581	-23.8%	551	-19.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	20	0	2000.0%	0	2000.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	81	47	72.3%	111	-27.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	277	233	18.9%	359	-22.8%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	15	16	-6.3%	15	0.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	21	13	61.5%	21	0.0%
Total school buses inspected	44	53	-17.0%	95	-53.7%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	12	6	100.0%	25	-52.0%
Total trucks weighed	475	124	283.1%	531	-10.5%
Total overweight citations	3	1	200.0%	28	-89.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	396	561	-29.4%	510	-22.4%
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	198	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	40	0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0	82	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	3	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	147	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- Average BAC 0.122% on breath tests.
- Average age of DUI arrests: 35 years old.
- 92% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- 8% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	November-13		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	70		64	9.38%		69	1.45%
Arrest Reports Processed	50		39	28.21%		46	8.70%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	14		14	0.00%		19	-26.32%
Vehicle Impound Releases	13		2	550.00%		22	-40.91%
Visitors at Counter	80		72	11.11%		86	-6.98%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	31		68	-54.41%		61	-49.18%
CONTRACT SERVICES							
Total Contracts	4		15	-73.33%		5	-20.00%
Total Hours	210		756	-72.22%		317.5	-33.86%
Total Billed	\$18,231.09		\$71,872.28	-74.63%		\$28,035.97	-34.97%

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
35	4	18	8	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
3	20	5	4	4	0

Community service appearances:

Trooper Stewart participated in multiple Career fair events in Winnemucca, Battle Mountain, Ely, and Elko. Troopers from their respective Districts participated as well.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Trooper Stewart conducted numerous interviews in regards to the double fatality that occurred on I-80 in a construction zone.

Trooper Stewart conducted numerous interviews on Thanksgiving travel and “Joining Forces” for the holiday weekend.

Lt. Hughs and Sgt. Gamberg assisted with media questions on the winter storm road closure on US93 south of Ely.

PIO Projects:

During the week of November 11, 2013, Trooper Stewart scheduled PIO media meetings in Ely and Winnemucca. He conducted pre-recorded radio PSA’s, newspaper interviews, and updated his contact lists.

Trooper Stewart and Sgt. Tamrah Jackson conducted a DRIVE program at the Juvenile Detention Center in Elko.

Trooper Perez attended a planning meeting for the annual “Shop with a Cop” event in Elko.