

December 2013

NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

There were 95 crashes that occurred in December 2013. This is a 9.2% increase from last month and a 22.8% decrease from last year. Property crashes decreased by 20.4% compared to December 2012. Injury crashes decreased by 8 or 33.3% as compared to December 2012. There was one fatal crash occurring this month, which was a 0% increase as compared to December 2012 and a 66.7% decrease as compared to last month. There were three crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 25% decrease from December 2012 and a 50% increase as compared to November 2013. Of the 95 accidents, 22 or 23.2% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 17 or 77%, of these accidents. Eleven of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for December 2013 was 2,386 cited violations. This was an increase of 66 violations or 2.8% as compared to November 2013. Compared to December 2012, the Command showed an increase of 428 violations or 21.9%. Speed violations decreased by 183 or 16.2%, as compared to November 2013 and increased by 25.5% compared to December 2012. Hazardous moving violations increased 62.6% from the prior month and increased 37%, compared to December 2012. Occupant restraint violations decreased 36% compared to November 2013 and increased by 3.8% as compared to December 2012. There were 13 arrests of impaired drivers made in December 2013. The total persons arrested for December 2013 decreased by 2 individuals or 3.1% compared to November 2013 and decreased 10% compared to December 2012.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 57.8% or 256 inspections as compared to November 2013. Safety violations/repair orders written in December 2013 increased 35.4% as compared to November 2013. Commercial operations showed a decrease of 34 citations issued compared to November 2013 and was up 11 citations as compared to December 2012. Officers placed 23 vehicles and 20 drivers, "Out of Service", in December 2013. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 8 or 53.3% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 1 or 4.8% compared to November 2013. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 27.8% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 9.1% as compared to December 2012. Traffic personnel conducted 398 commercial inspections during December 2013 and issued 67 safety violation citations and 216 safety repair order violations. This is a increase of 200 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, 9 drivers and 18 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 114 accident reports. This is an increase of 22.58% as compared to December 2012. Arrest reports processed increased by 10 or 20.0% compared to December 2012. Processed incident reports increased by 2 compared to December 2012.

Total costs collected for contract services were decreased from \$53,591.44 in December 2012 to \$31,600.42 in December 2013.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

Northern Command East	December-13	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	95	123	-22.8%	87	9.2%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	78	98	-20.4%	62	25.8%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	16	24	-33.3%	22	-27.3%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	1	0.0%	3	-66.7%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	3	4	-25.0%	2	50.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	2	1	100.0%	4	-50.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	0	200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2	1	100.0%	4	-50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	22	10	120.0%	17	29.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	15	8	87.5%	14	7.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	7	2	250.0%	3	133.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.1%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.2%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 23.2%
- ◆ Total crashes were down 22.8% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes were up 120% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are up by 0 or 0% as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	3,944
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 304
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	Two events for December 2013 Seat Belt & DUI

	December-13	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	3	4	-25.0%	2	50.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	13	23	-43.5%	30	-56.7%
Other Arrests	132	98	34.7%	139	-5.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	63	70	-10.0%	65	-3.1%
Speed violations	950	757	25.5%	1133	-16.2%
Hazardous moving violations	174	127	37.0%	107	62.6%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	137	132	3.8%	214	-36.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	2386	1958	21.9%	2320	2.8%
Total Contacts	3944	3398	16.1%	3391	16.3%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>					
Hazardous moving violatons - citations/arrests	6	9	-33.3%	16	-62.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	25	8	212.5%	13	92.3%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	699	652	7.2%	443	57.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	20	-2000.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	47	36	30.6%	81	-42.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	375	272	37.9%	277	35.4%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	23	18	27.8%	15	53.3%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	20	22	-9.1%	21	-4.8%
Total school buses inspected	80	47	70.2%	44	81.8%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	25	11	127.3%	12	108.3%
Total trucks weighed	2400	1673	43.5%	475	405.3%
Total overweight citations	1	0	100.0%	3	-66.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	493	585	-15.7%	396	24.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Cid Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0	398	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	67	0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0	216	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	9	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	310	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.226% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years old.
- ✱ 81% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✱ 36% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	December-13		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	114		93	22.58%		70	62.86%
Arrest Reports Processed	66		55	20.00%		50	32.00%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	8		6	33.33%		14	-42.86%
Vehicle Impound Releases	22		7	214.29%		13	69.23%
Visitors at Counter	84		86	-2.33%		80	5.00%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	61		42	45.24%		31	96.77%
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>							
Total Contracts	10		11	-9.09%		4	150.00%
Total Hours	360.25		571.75	-36.99%		210	71.55%
Total Billed	\$31,600.42		\$53,591.44	-41.03%		\$18,231.09	73.33%

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
40	4	20	8	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
3	25	2	4	4	0

Community service appearances:

A total of 20 Troopers and 5 civilian staff participated in the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Shop w/a Cop program in Elko. Troopers from Winnemucca also participated in their Shop w/a Cop program. Media interviews were conducted.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Trooper Stewart conducted numerous interviews (TV/radio/newspaper) on Christmas and New Years travel and "Joining Forces" for the holiday season.

Sgt. Jackson went to Wells Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes to help make gingerbread houses for Christmas.

Trooper Stewart and Sgt. Jackson taught a Below 100 class to Eureka County Sheriff's Department and NDOT in Eureka. They also taught a Below 100 class in Elko.

PIO Projects:

Trooper Stewart worked on the Elko's Shop w/a Cop program.

Trooper Stewart worked with Newmont Mine (Twin Creeks) to set up NHP traffic safety presentations for January.