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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

There were 58 crashes that occurred in February 2014. This is a 10.8% decrease from last month and a 29.3% decrease from last year. Property crashes decreased by 28.8% compared to February 2013. Injury crashes decreased by 5 or 33.3% as compared to February 2013. There was one fatal crash occurring this month, which was a 0% increase as compared to February 2013 and a 50% decrease as compared to last month. There were four crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 0% decrease from February 2013 and a 100% increase as compared to January 2014. Of the 58 accidents, 14 or 24.1% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 7 or 50%, of these accidents. Eight of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for February 2014 was 2,384 cited violations. This was a decrease of 195 violations or 7.6% as compared to January 2014. Compared to February 2013, the Command showed an increase of 296 violations or 14.2%. Speed violations decreased by 252 or 21.2%, as compared to January 2014 and increased by 10.1% compared to February 2013. Hazardous moving violations increased 7.4% from the prior month and increased 22.9%, compared to February 2013. Occupant restraint violations increased 73.6% compared to January 2014 and increased by 11% as compared to February 2013. There were 24 arrests of impaired drivers made in February 2014. The total persons arrested for February 2014 decreased by 12 individuals or 33.3% compared to January 2014 and increased 9.1% compared to February 2013.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 7.5% or 56 inspections as compared to January 2014. Safety violations/repair orders written in February 2014 decreased 18.9% as compared to January 2014. Commercial operations showed an increase of 2 citations issued compared to January 2014 and was up 15 citations as compared to February 2013. Troopers placed 25 vehicles and 24 drivers, "Out of Service", in February 2014. Vehicles placed out of service increased 8.7% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 7 or 22.6% compared to January 2014. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 66.7% and drivers placed out of service increased by 71.4% as compared to February 2013. Traffic personnel conducted 209 commercial inspections during February 2014 and issued 47 safety violation citations and 120 safety repair order violations. This is an increase of 1 inspection from the previous year. Additionally, 5 drivers and 11 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 February 2013. Arrest reports processed increased by 18 or 34.62% compared to February 2013. Processed incident reports increased by 3 compared to February 2013.

Total costs collected for contract services were decreased from \$29,398.51 in February 2013 to \$5,282.68 in February 2014.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

Northern Command East	February-14	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	58	82	-29.3%	65	-10.8%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	47	66	-28.8%	53	-11.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	10	15	-33.3%	10	0.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	4	4	0.0%	2	100.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	1	-100.0%	2	-200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	14	12	16.7%	15	-6.7%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	13	10	30.0%	13	0.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	2	-50.0%	2	-50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.7%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.9%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 24.1%
- ◆ Total crashes were down 29.3% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes were up 16.7% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are up by 0 or 0% as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	3,705
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 319
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	One event for February 2014 Distracted Driving

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

	February-14	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	4	4	0.0%	2	100.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	24	22	9.1%	36	-33.3%
Other Arrests	159	115	38.3%	187	-15.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	76	70	8.6%	91	-16.5%
Speed violations	938	852	10.1%	1190	-21.2%
Hazardous moving violations	145	118	22.9%	135	7.4%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	191	172	11.0%	110	73.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	2384	2088	14.2%	2579	-7.6%
Total Contacts	3705	3377	9.7%	4381	-15.4%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>					
Hazardous moving violations- citations/arrests	16	11	45.5%	27	-40.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	45	14	221.4%	28	60.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	692	564	22.7%	748	-7.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	63	48	31.3%	61	3.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	355	237	49.8%	438	-18.9%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	25	15	66.7%	23	8.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	24	14	71.4%	31	-22.6%
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	120	155	-22.6%	133	-9.8%
Total overweight citations	10	2	400.0%	5	100.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	859	539	59.4%	672	27.8%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

<b>COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]</b>	Cid Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0	209	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	47	0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0	120	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	5	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	156	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.157% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 30 years old.
- ✱ 43.5% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✱ 30% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	February-14		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	67		95	-29.47%		69	-2.90%
Arrest Reports Processed	70		52	34.62%		85	-17.65%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	17		14	21.43%		8	112.50%
Vehicle Impound Releases	11		14	-21.43%		11	0.00%
Visitors at Counter	92		80	15.00%		118	-22.03%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	33		67	-50.75%		74	-55.41%
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>							
Total Contracts	2		9	-77.78%		9	-77.78%
Total Hours	60.75		344.25	-82.35%		247	-75.40%
Total Billed	\$5,282.68		\$29,398.51	-82.03%		\$20,788.56	-74.59%

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
35	3	15	12	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
6	15	4	4	4	0

### Community service appearances:

Trooper Stewart participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge.

Trooper Stewart gave traffic safety presentations to Newmont Underground Mine and Lagarza Exploration employees.

Trooper Stewart participated in a live radio public safety awareness interview with the Elko County Under Sheriff.

### Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Trooper Stewart attended an Elko government affairs meeting.

### PIO Projects:

Trooper Stewart has been elected as the Director for the Elko Shop with a Cop Program. AAIH Melodie Wornek has been elected as the Shop with a Cop Secretary, Treasurer.

Trooper Stewart continues his work with the Elko Special Olympics by scheduling the annual Elko TIP A COP and Torch Run events.

Honor Guard Member Trooper Alex Perez attended the Elko VFW POW/MIA ceremony honoring missing military personnel.