

Fiscal Year 2013

NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

There were 960 crashes that occurred in Fiscal Year 2013. This is an increase of 3.2% compared to last Fiscal Year 2012's 930 crashes, and a decrease of 15.1% for crashes investigated in Fiscal Year 2011. Property crashes increased by 11.1% compared to Fiscal Year 2012. Injury crashes decreased by 12.5% as compared to Fiscal Year 2012. There were 13 fatal accident investigations this Fiscal Year compared to 23 fatal accidents in Fiscal Year 2012 and 30 in Fiscal Year 2011. In these crashes there were 13 persons that sustained fatal injuries. Of those fatalities there were four unrestrained drivers, three restrained drivers, one unrestrained passenger, one restrained passenger, and four persons with seatbelts not applicable. There were 34 crashes involving impaired drivers, which was a 3.0% increase when compared to Fiscal Year 2012 and 2.9% less than Fiscal Year 2011. Of the 960 accidents, 216 or 22.5% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 125 or 57.8%, of these accidents. 123 of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for Fiscal Year 2013 was 27,175 cited violations. This was an increase of 3,329 violations or 14% as compared to Fiscal Year 2012. Compared to Fiscal Year 2011, the command showed an increase of 28.3% in total violations. Speed violations increased by 784 or 6.8%, as compared to Fiscal Year 2012 and increased 16.4% compared to Fiscal Year 2011. Hazardous moving violations increased 37.7% from the prior Fiscal Year and increased 23.3%, compared to Fiscal Year 2011. Occupant restraint violations increased by 12.8% compared to Fiscal Year 2012; and they declined by 6.9% compared to Fiscal Year 2011. There were 262 arrests of impaired drivers made in Fiscal Year 2013. Of those 34 arrests were from accident investigations. The total arrests for Fiscal Year 2013 showed an increase of 69 person arrested compared to Fiscal Year 2012 and an increase of 94 compared to Fiscal Year 2011.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 4.1% or 317 inspections as compared to Fiscal Year 2012 and there were 830 fewer safety violations written in Fiscal Year 2013 than in Fiscal Year 2012. Commercial operations showed 71 fewer citations issued, compared to Fiscal Year 2012 and a decrease of 175 citations compared to Fiscal Year 2011. Officers placed 229 vehicles and 187 drivers, "Out of Service", in Fiscal Year 2013. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 12.9% while drivers decreased by 18.3% compared to Fiscal Year 2012. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 0.5% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 9.2%, compared to Fiscal Year 2011. Traffic personnel conducted 3245 commercial inspections during Fiscal Year 2013 and issued 750 safety violation citations and 1784 safety repair order violations. Additionally, 77 drivers were placed out of service by traffic personnel during Fiscal Year 2013.

Front office staff processed 58 accidents for an increase of 6.4% compared to Fiscal Year 2012. Arrest reports processed decreased by 12 or 1.9% compared to Fiscal Year 2012. Processed incident reports increased by 12 compared to Fiscal Year 2012. The Communications Center radio transmissions increased by 4.72% compared to Fiscal Year 2012. Computer Aided Dispatch incidents decreased by 4.74%. Telephone calls showed an increase of 53.34% as compared to Fiscal Year 2012.

Warrant office staff saw increases in warrants received, entered, cleared, and validated compared to Fiscal Year 2012. Extraditions and transports increased by 20 compared to Fiscal Year 2012.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

Northern Command East Totals	FY2013	FY2012	% Change	FY2011	% Change
Total Crashes	960	930	3.2%	1131	-15.1%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	722	650	11.1%	815	-11.4%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	225	257	-12.5%	286	-21.3%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	13	23	-43.5%	30	-56.7%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	34	33	3.0%	35	-2.9%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	13	26	-50.0%	33	-60.6%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	4	6	-33.3%	7	-42.9%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	4	-75.0%	5	-80.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	3	10	-70.0%	13	-76.9%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	3	-66.7%	7	-85.7%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	4	3	33.3%	1	300.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	216	176	22.7%	206	4.9%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	169	119	42.0%	163	3.7%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	44	50	-12.0%	39	12.8%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	7	-57.1%	5	-40.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.4%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.5%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 55.6%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 22.5%
- ✱ Total crashes are up 3.2% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are up 22.7% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are down by 10 as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	43,138
Total Interdiction Contacts (January 2013 thru June 2013)	1,064
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS Joining Forces (1580.15 hours); Strike Force (228 hours)	12

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

	FY2013		FY2012	% Change		FY2011	% Change
<b>TRAFFIC OPERATIONS</b>							
DUI arrests from crashes	34		28	21.4%		30	13.3%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	228		241	-5.4%		216	5.6%
Other Arrests	1160		1119	3.7%		1153	0.6%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	667		598	11.5%		573	16.4%
Speed violations	12354		11570	6.8%		10611	16.4%
Hazardous moving violations	1549		1125	37.7%		1256	23.3%
Occupant restraint violations *	2004		1776	12.8%		2153	-6.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	27175		23846	14.0%		21187	28.3%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests	308		379	-18.7%		365	-15.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	188		238	-21.0%		197	-4.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	7332		7649	-4.1%		6367	15.2%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1		3	-66.7%		22	-95.5%
Total safety violations -- citation	599		728	-17.7%		774	-22.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	3457		4287	-19.4%		5199	-33.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	229		263	-12.9%		244	-6.1%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	187		229	-18.3%		186	0.5%
Total school buses inspected	187		299	-37.5%		206	-9.2%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	53		33	60.6%		13	307.7%
Total trucks weighed	6371		5536	15.1%		6282	1.4%
Total overweight citations	22		26	-15.4%		30	-26.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	6666		7300	-8.7%		5865	13.7%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%

\*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		3245		0
Safety Violations Citation	0		750		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0		1784		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		77		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		2361		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✿ Average BAC 0.131% on breath tests.
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 35 years old.
- ✿ 18.12% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✿ 10.15% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	2013		2012	% Change		2011	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	599821		572,772	4.72%		632,303	-5.14%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
CAD Incidents	51617		54,187	-4.74%		80,940	-36.23%
Telephone Calls	68551		44,704	53.34%		82,233	-16.64%
Call Box Incidents	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
[Las Vegas only]							
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	955		897	6.47%		1,096	-12.86%
Arrest Reports Processed	594		606	-1.98%		704	-15.63%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	130		118	10.17%		150	-13.33%
Vehicle Impound Releases	129		63	104.76%		N/A	#VALUE!
Visitors at Counter	1072		1015	5.62%		N/A	#VALUE!
Crash Reports Mailed Out	674		628	7.32%		N/A	#VALUE!
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	2558		2,053	24.60%		1,913	33.72%
Warrants Entered	3064		2,086	46.88%		1,973	55.30%
Warrants Cleared	2394		1,928	24.17%		1,498	59.81%
Warrants Validated	16985		15,895	6.86%		15,142	12.17%
Extradition / Transports	66		46	43.48%		57	15.79%
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>							
Total Contracts	119		88	35.23%		82	45.12%
Total Hours	6,243.95		6,249.91	-0.10%		4,882.25	27.89%
Total Billed	\$547,810.46		\$540,006.33	1.45%		\$423,502.00	29.35%

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

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Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
395	39	183	72	12

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
52	181	44	45	31	1