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NORTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol
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Overview

This month the Northern Command West participated in 14 special enforcement assignments. In addition, the area completed a total of 7509 public contacts. In addition, our region donated 787 hours of training by seven staff members in support of the Basic Academy. Three sergeants are attending the Police Staff and Command School offered by the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.

In continued support of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, all commanders in both the Northern Command West and East participated in committees in the five critical emphasis areas: impaired driving, seatbelts, pedestrians, lane departures, and intersections. Several officers worked in concert with our local law enforcement officers on a DUI checkpoint and saturation patrol with funds from the Office of Traffic Safety. Public Information Officer Chuck Allen provided two hours of presentation to a Washoe County School on the Driver's Ed program. We presented five DRIVE classes to a total of 103 students.

This month we experienced a 28.1% increase in overall traffic crashes when compared to the month of January 2013. Northern Command West officers handled 219 crashes in February. An overview of the crashes showed 152 were property damage, 63 were classified as injury crashes, and four were classified as fatal crashes. As compared to February of 2012, we experienced a 22.2% increase in our regional commercial vehicle crashes at 11 for the month. In our overall February 2013 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 20 crashes in the Northern Command West.

The officers in our command arrested 80 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of those intoxicated drivers was 0.17%, over twice the legal limit of 0.08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated driver was 35 years old. Our officers arrested an additional 81 people on various charges over the month of February. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 1,997 speeding citations, 641 hazardous moving citations, and 187 seatbelt citations.

In March, we will reinstitute training all sworn staff in the ARIDE program.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	February 2013	February 2012	% Change	January 2013	% Change
Total crashes	219	163	34.4%	171	28.1%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	152	117	29.9%	115	32.2%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	63	46	37.0%	56	12.5%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4	0	400.0%	0	400.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	20	13	53.8%	8	150.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4	0	400.0%	0	400.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	0	200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
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Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2	0	200.0%	0	200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	11	9	22.2%	7	57.1%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	10	9	11.1%	5	100.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	0	100.0%	2	-50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.8%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 9.1%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.0%
- ✱ Total crashes increased by 34.4% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes increased by 22.2% compared to last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes increased by 400% as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts 7509
 Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) 187

Total Traffic Safety Program Operations:

CTM 8 special enforcement shifts / 20 hrs at DPS Academy training new personnel.
 RUT Day Shift- No special events / 262 hrs at DPS Academy training new personnel
 Swing and Graves had no events and 112 training hrs reported
 Motors 1 special assignment / 249 hrs at DPS Academy training new personnel
 Rural 5 special projects/SHSP related events. 0 hrs at DPS Academy
 Commercial No special enforcement / 0 hrs at DPS Academy
 Admin 144 hours at DPS Academy

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	February 2013	February 2012	% Change	January 2013	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	20	13	53.8%	8	150.0
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	60	49	22.4%	39	53.8
Other arrests	414	251	64.9%	360	15.0
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	161	110	46.4%	145	11.0
Speed violations	1997	999	99.9%	936	113.4
Hazardous moving violations	641	639	0.3%	522	22.8
Occupant restraint violations * ##	187	214	-12.6%	139	34.5
Total violations [above violations included]	5159	3268	57.9%	3403	51.6
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	45	50	-10.0%	55	-18.2%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	26	41	-36.6%	37	-29.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	849	684	24.1%	927	-8.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	7	-700.0%	1	-100.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	187	134	39.6%	204	-8.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1695	1441	17.6%	1915	-11.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	78	77	1.3%	95	-17.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	54	49	10.2%	61	-11.5%
Total school buses inspected	125	78	60.3%	35	257.1%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	20	36	-44.4%	5	300.0%
Total trucks weighed	2025	12	16775.0%	1722	17.6%
Total overweight citations	10	3	233.3%	7	42.9%
Total dyed fuel inspections	199	236	-15.7%	268	-25.7%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0%	1	-100.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	NCW OPS			
Level 2/3 Inspections	3			
Safety Violations Citation	2			
Safety Violations Repair Order	7			
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"				
Dyed Fuel Inspections	2			
Dyed Fuel Citations				

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✿ Average BAC 0.17%
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 35 years old.
- ✿ 8% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	February 2013		February 2012	% Change		January 2013	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
CAD Incidents	12944.0		13390.0	-3.33%		12944.0	100.0%
Telephone Calls	14379.0		14016.0	2.59%		16434.0	100.0%
Radio Transmissions	1639511.0		303774.0	439.71%		1639511.0	100.0%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	189		326	-42.0%		385	-50.9%
Arrest Reports Processed	122		235	-48.1%		163	-25.2%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	4		6	-33.3%		3	33.3%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Visitors at Counter	113		35	222.9%		269	-58.0%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	246		231	6.5%		491	-49.9%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	761.0		503.0	51.29%		761.0	-99.93%
Warrants Entered	442.0		241.0	83.40%		442.0	-99.81%
Warrants Cleared	473.0		1114.0	-57.54%		473.0	100.12%
Warrants Validated	2782.0		2552.0	9.01%		2782.0	100.0%
Transports	22.0		18.0	22.22%		22.0	-98.99%
Extraditions	1.0		2.0	-100.0%		1.0	0.0%

CONTRACT SERVICES

- February 2013, NCW had 2 contracts with 4 hrs worked for a total of \$1833.72

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
242	7	21	1	4

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
22	239	3	20	4	16

Community service appearances:

- Trooper Allen lectured at a driver's education class at Reno High School
- Trooper Dan Gordon lectured at a driver's education class at Spanish Springs High School
- Several DPS employees volunteered their time for the "Tip-a-Cop" fundraiser at Famous Dave's in Reno for Special Olympics Nevada on Thursday, February 21st. The event raised \$2,208 dollars which will stay in Northern Nevada to support the athletes in their sporting events and training during the year.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Trooper Allen attended provided a half-day ride-along opportunity and a local media meet and greet to Nevada Air National Guard Commander Colonel Jeff Burkett.
- Troopers Chuck Allen and Barb Stapleton visited the California Highway Patrol's public affairs section in Sacramento for a meet and greet and networking opportunity
- Trooper Allen provided a 20-minute safety presentation to a youth leadership class focused on distracted driving and the dangers of drinking and driving.
- Trooper Allen taped a 15-minute segment on one of the local radio stations talking about the upcoming "Cops & Burgers" fundraiser in June to benefit Special Olympics Nevada

PIO Projects:

- Trooper Allen and other back-up public information officers are delivering a total of 10 daily traffic reports on 107.3 FM, K-News, in Reno in the morning and afternoon time frames
- Trooper Allen continues to deliver the live daily traffic reports on KRN TV at 6:34 each weekday morning
- Trooper Allen taped a "New Homes for Pets" commercial to help raise awareness for the many pets residing in local shelters in Northern Nevada.
- The "New Homes for Pets" pet of the week is airing every Friday morning at 6:15 am on KRN TV in Reno. In addition to a new pet being introduced to the community each week, traffic safety messages are being included into the feature.

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