

January 2014

NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

There were 65 crashes that occurred in January 2014. This is a 31.6% decrease from last month and a 40.9% decrease from last year. Property crashes decreased by 41.8% compared to January 2013. Injury crashes decreased by 8 or 44.4% as compared to January 2013. There were two fatal crashes occurring this month, which was a 100% increase as compared to January 2013 and a 100% increase as compared to last month. There were two crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 0% decrease from January 2013 and a 33.3% decrease as compared to December 2013. Of the 65 accidents, 15 or 23.1% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 9 or 60%, of these accidents. Eight of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for January 2014 was 2,579 cited violations. This was an increase of 193 violations or 8.1% as compared to December 2013. Compared to January 2013, the Command showed an increase of 390 violations or 17.8%. Speed violations increased by 240 or 25.3%, as compared to December 2013 and increased by 56.8% compared to January 2013. Hazardous moving violations decreased 22.4% from the prior month and increased 0.7%, compared to January 2013. Occupant restraint violations decreased 19.7% compared to December 2013 and decreased by 43.6% as compared to January 2013. There were 36 arrests of impaired drivers made in January 2014. The total persons arrested for January 2014 increased by 28 individuals or 44.4% compared to December 2013 and increased 30% compared to January 2013.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 7% or 49 inspections as compared to December 2013. Safety violations/repair orders written in January 2014 increased 16.8% as compared to December 2013. Commercial operations showed an increase of 14 citations issued compared to December 2013 and was up 38 citations as compared to January 2013. Troopers placed 23 vehicles and 31 drivers, "Out of Service", in January 2014. Vehicles placed out of service was even or 0% and drivers placed out of service increased by 11 or 55% compared to December 2013. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 91.7% and drivers placed out of service increased by 244.4% as compared to January 2013. Traffic personnel conducted 305 commercial inspections during January 2014 and issued 55 safety violation citations and 185 safety repair order violations. This is a decrease of 93 inspections 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 69 accident reports. This is a decrease of 41% as compared to January 2013. Arrest reports processed increased by 16 or 23.19% compared to January 2013. Processed incident reports increased by 3 compared to January 2013.

Total costs collected for contract services were decreased from \$48,721.49 in January 2013 to \$20,788.56 in January 2014.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

Northern Command East	January-14	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	65	110	-40.9%	95	-31.6%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	53	91	-41.8%	78	-32.1%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	10	18	-44.4%	16	-37.5%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2	1	100.0%	1	100.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2	2	0.0%	3	-33.3%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	2	0	200.0%	2	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	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	2	0	200.0%	2	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	15	37	-59.5%	22	-31.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	13	27	-51.9%	15	-13.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	10	-80.0%	7	-71.4%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 3.1%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.1%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 23.1%
- ◆ Total crashes were down 40.9% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes were down 59.5% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are up by 2 or 200% as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	4,381
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 259
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	Two events for January 2014 Seat Belt & DUI for Superbowl weekend

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

	January-14	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	2	2	0.0%	3	-33.3%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	36	14	157.1%	13	176.9%
Other Arrests	187	93	101.1%	132	41.7%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	91	70	30.0%	63	44.4%
Speed violations	1190	759	56.8%	950	25.3%
Hazardous moving violations	135	134	0.7%	174	-22.4%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	110	195	-43.6%	137	-19.7%
Total violations [above violations included]	2579	2189	17.8%	2386	8.1%
Total Contacts	4381	3568	22.8%	3944	11.1%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	27	10	170.0%	6	350.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	28	9	211.1%	25	12.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	748	508	47.2%	699	7.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	61	23	165.2%	47	29.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	438	197	122.3%	375	16.8%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	23	12	91.7%	23	0.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	31	9	244.4%	20	55.0%
Total school buses inspected	0	0	0.0%	80	-8000.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	0	0.0%	25	-2500.0%
Total trucks weighed	133	558	-76.2%	2400	-94.5%
Total overweight citations	5	2	150.0%	1	400.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	672	497	35.2%	493	36.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

<b>COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]</b>	Cid Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	305	398	0
Safety Violations Citation	55	67	0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	185	216	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	5	9	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	203	310	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.149% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 37 years old.
- ✱ 61.76% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✱ 17.6% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	January-14		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	69		117	-41.03%		114	39.47%
Arrest Reports Processed	85		69	23.19%		66	28.79%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	8		5	60.00%		8	0.00%
Vehicle Impound Releases	11		19	-42.11%		22	50.00%
Visitors at Counter	118		128	-7.81%		84	40.48%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	74		58	27.59%		61	21.31%
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>							
Total Contracts	9		13	-30.77%		10	10.00%
Total Hours	247		572.75	-56.87%		360.25	31.44%
Total Billed	\$20,788.56		\$48,721.49	-57.33%		\$31,600.42	34.21%

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
30	4	20	7	2

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
5	20	4	6	4	0

### Community service appearances:

Trooper Stewart gave nine traffic safety presentations to Newmont Mine employees at the Winnemucca Convention Center. Over 1,400 employees attended.

Trooper Stewart gave a distracted driving presentation to Elko Boart Longyear employees.

Trooper Stewart conducted numerous media interviews for Superbowl weekend education and enforcement.

### PIO Projects:

Trooper Stewart and Trooper Aranda taught the DRIVE Program to Elko Juvenile Detention Center students and staff.

Trooper Stewart met with DPS Human Resources Analyst Mike Rankin to discuss recruitment at NHP career fairs in Northeastern Nevada.