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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

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Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were 66 crashes that occurred in May 2014. This is a 4.3% decrease from last month and a 15.4% decrease from last year. Property crashes decreased by 33.3% compared to May 2013. Injury crashes increased by four or 22.2% as compared to May 2013. There were four fatal crashes occurring this month, which was a 400% increase as compared to May 2013 and a 33.3% increase as compared to last month. There were three crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 50% increase from May 2013 and a 40% decrease as compared to April 2014. 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. Ten of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for May 2014 was 2,743 cited violations. This was a decrease of 95 violations or 3.3% as compared to April 2014. Compared to May 2013, the Command showed a decrease of 243 violations or 7.9%. Speed violations increased by 82 or 5.5%, as compared to April 2014 and increased by 6.3% compared to May 2013. Hazardous moving violations decreased 20% from the prior month and decreased 34.4%, compared to May 2013. Occupant restraint violations increased 74.5% compared to April 2014 and decreased by 17.2% as compared to May 2013. There were 10 arrests of impaired drivers made in May 2014. The total persons arrested for May 2014 decreased by 23 individuals or 29.1% compared to April 2014 and decreased 6.7% compared to May 2013.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 22.8% or 124 inspections as compared to April 2014. Safety violations/repair orders written in May 2014 increased 43.8% as compared to April 2014. Commercial operations showed an increase of 37 citations issued compared to April 2014 and was up 2 citations as compared to May 2013. Troopers placed 52 vehicles and 23 drivers, "Out of Service", in May 2014. Vehicles placed out of service increased 160% and drivers placed out of service increased by 6 or 35.3% compared to April 2014. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 126.1% and drivers placed out of service increased by 64.3% as compared to May 2013. Traffic personnel conducted 228 commercial inspections during May 2014 and issued 43 safety violation citations and 151 safety repair order violations. This is a decrease of 85 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, 11 drivers and 5 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 53 accident reports. This is a decrease of 31.7% as compared to May 2013. Arrest reports processed increased by 8.62% compared to May 2013. Processed incident reports decreased by 5 compared to May 2013.

Total costs collected for contract services were decreased from \$43,298.63 in May 2013 to \$31,175.12 in May 2014.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

Northern Command East	May-14	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	66	78	-15.4%	69	-4.3%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	40	60	-33.3%	47	-14.9%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	22	18	22.2%	19	15.8%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4	0	400.0%	3	33.3%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	3	2	50.0%	5	-40.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	8	0	800.0%	4	100.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	2	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	1	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	3	0	300.0%	0	300.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	15	23	-34.8%	16	-6.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	9	20	-55.0%	13	-30.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5	3	66.7%	3	66.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 6.1%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.5%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 37.5%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 22.7%
- ◆ Total crashes were up 9.5% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes were down 55% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are up by 4 or 400% as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	4,187
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 300
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	two event for May 2014 for Speed and Click it or Ticket

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

	May-14	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	3	2	50.0%	5	-40.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	10	17	-41.2%	22	-54.5%
Other Arrests	134	123	8.9%	190	-29.5%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	56	60	-6.7%	79	-29.1%
Speed violations	1564	1472	6.3%	1482	5.5%
Hazardous moving violations	103	157	-34.4%	129	-20.2%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	164	198	-17.2%	94	74.5%
Total violations [above violations included]	2743	2977	-7.9%	2838	-3.3%
Total Contacts	4187	4827	-13.3%	4526	-7.5%
Commercial Enforcement					
Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests	100	17	488.2%	47	112.8%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	63	17	270.6%	36	75.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	667	666	0.2%	543	22.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	69	67	3.0%	32	115.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	417	222	87.8%	290	43.8%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	52	23	126.1%	20	160.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	23	14	64.3%	17	35.3%
Total school buses inspected	0	2	-200.0%	0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	380	505	-24.8%	407	-6.6%
Total overweight citations	14	1	1300.0%	11	27.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	649	547	18.6%	500	29.8%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Cid Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		228		0
Safety Violations Citation	0		43		0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0		151		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		11		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		160		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✳ Average BAC 0.150% on breath tests.
- ✳ Average age of DUI arrests: 38.5 years old.
- ✳ 17.6% 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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	May-14		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	53		77	-31.17%		78	-32.05%
Arrest Reports Processed	63		58	8.62%		81	-22.22%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	18		23	-21.74%		12	50.00%
Vehicle Impound Releases	17		18	-5.56%		15	13.33%
Visitors at Counter	115		104	10.58%		114	0.88%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	58		68	-14.71%		49	18.37%
CONTRACT SERVICES							
Total Contracts	9		7	28.57%		5	80.00%
Total Hours	361.76		489.75	-26.13%		333.25	8.56%
Total Billed	\$31,175.12		\$43,298.63	-28.00%		\$29,685.03	5.02%

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
40	5	15	7	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
15	15	6	5	5	0

Community service appearances:

NHP officers participated in a TIP A COP event in Elko for the Special Olympics. NHP officers also participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run in Elko and Wendover for Special Olympics.

Trooper's Stewart, Barney, and Minoletti gave a traffic safety presentation to Eureka High School Seniors.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Trooper Stewart conducted several traffic safety presentations for Barrick Mine.

PIO Projects:

Trooper Stewart attended and assisted in the planning of a candle light vigil ceremony for National Police week.

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training was conducted in the Winnemucca, Wells and Elko areas. This training was attended by multiple agencies and several private companies that deal with response to traffic incidents.