

June 2014

NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

There were 79 crashes that occurred in June 2014. This is a 19.7% increase from last month and a 6.8% decrease from last year. Property crashes increased by 9.4% compared to June 2013. Injury crashes decreased by three or 15% as compared to June 2013. There were four fatal crashes occurring this month, which was a 300% increase as compared to June 2013 and a 0% change as compared to last month as June 2014 also had four fatal crashes. There were three crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a 0% change compared to June 2013 and last month as both those time periods also have three crashes involving impaired drivers. Of the 79 accidents, 14 or 17.7% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 8 or 57.1% of these accidents. Seven of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for June 2014 was 2,523 cited violations. This was a decrease of 220 violations or 8% as compared to May 2014. Compared to June 2013, the Command showed an increase of 422 violations or 20.1%. Speed violations decreased by 74 or 4.7%, as compared to May 2014 and increased by 33.9% compared to June 2013. Hazardous moving violations increased 35.9% from the prior month and increased 14.8%, compared to June 2013. Occupant restraint violations decreased 50% compared to May 2014 and decreased by 36.9% as compared to June 2013. There were 18 arrests of impaired drivers made in June 2014 which is an increase of 80% compared to May 2014 and an increase of 28.6% compared to June 2013. The total persons arrested for June 2014 decreased by 10 individuals or 17.9% compared to May 2014 and decreased 7% compared to June 2013.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 2.5% or 17 inspections as compared to May 2014. Safety violations/repair orders written in June 2014 decreased 7% as compared to May 2014. Commercial operations showed a decrease of 37 citations issued compared to May 2014 and was down 38 citations as compared to June 2013. Troopers placed 33 vehicles and 19 drivers, "Out of Service", in June 2014. Vehicles placed out of service increased 160% and drivers placed out of service increased by 6 or 35.3% compared to May 2014. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 36.5% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 17.4% as compared to June 2013. Traffic personnel conducted 220 commercial inspections during June 2014 and issued 69 safety violation citations and 159 safety repair order violations. This is an increase of 16 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, 10 drivers and 7 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 85 accident reports. This is an increase of 21.43% as compared to June 2013. Arrest reports processed decreased by 26.32% compared to June 2013. Processed incident reports decreased by 7 compared to June 2013.

Total costs collected for contract services were increased from \$77,833.68 in June 2013 to \$78,358.66 in June 2014. This is a \$524.98 or a .67% increase.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

Northern Command East	June-14	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	79	74	6.8%	66	19.7%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	58	53	9.4%	40	45.0%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	17	20	-15.0%	22	-22.7%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4	1	300.0%	4	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	3	3	0.0%	3	0.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4	1	300.0%	8	-50.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	2	-200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	1	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	2	-200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	3	-300.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	14	21	-33.3%	15	-6.7%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	9	15	-40.0%	9	0.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5	5	0.0%	5	0.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 5.1%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.8%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 66.7%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 17.7%
- ◆ Total crashes were up 6.8% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes were down 33.3% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are up by 3 or 300% as compared to last year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Total Contacts	4,340
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 440
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	Two events for June 2014 for Speed and Impaired Drivers

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

	June-14		Same Period Previous Year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	3		3	0.0%		3	0.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	18		14	28.6%		10	80.0%
Other Arrests	112		93	20.4%		134	-16.4%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	46		43	7.0%		56	-17.9%
Speed violations	1490		1113	33.9%		1564	-4.7%
Hazardous moving violations	140		122	14.8%		103	35.9%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	82		130	-36.9%		164	-50.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	2523		2101	20.1%		2743	-8.0%
Total Contacts	4340		3474	24.9%		4187	3.7%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>							
Hazardous moving violations -citations/arrests	40		38	5.3%		100	-60.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	26		21	23.8%		63	-58.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4. & 6]	684		620	10.3%		667	2.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	32		70	-54.3%		69	-53.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	388		338	14.8%		417	-7.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	33		20	65.0%		52	-36.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	19		26	-26.9%		23	-17.4%
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	765		79	868.4%		380	101.3%
Total overweight citations	2		1	100.0%		14	-85.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	731		563	29.8%		649	12.6%
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		228		0
Safety Violations Citation	0		43		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	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 0.120% on breath tests.
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 39.5 years old.
- ✿ 55.6% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✿ 5.6% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

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<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	June-14		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	85		70	21.43%		53	60.38%
Arrest Reports Processed	42		57	-26.32%		63	-33.33%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	12		19	-36.84%		18	-33.33%
Vehicle Impound Releases	14		16	-12.50%		17	-17.65%
Visitors at Counter	106		118	-10.17%		115	-7.83%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	71		58	22.41%		58	22.41%
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>							
Total Contracts	11		14	-21.43%		9	22.22%
Total Hours	743.25		866.75	-14.25%		361.76	105.45%
Total Billed	\$78,358.66		\$77,833.68	0.67%		\$31,175.12	151.35%

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
30	3	15	5	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
10	25	6	8	8	0

Community service appearances:

Trooper Stewart, Trooper Goicoechea, and Sgt. Justin Ames worked the Elko Mining Expo.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Trooper Stewart gave a traffic safety presentation to Lowry High School seniors in Winnemucca.

Trooper Stewart gave a Pilot Car safety class to Bureau of Land Management staff.

Trooper Stewart and Lieutenant Hughes met with the National Weather Service for a Storm Ready Presentation.

Sergeant Jackson and Trooper Bowlen gave safety presentations to students at the Wells Elementary School.

PIO Projects:

Radar trailers were deployed on State Route 227 near Spring Creek High School for graduation and on I-80 during the Elko Mining Expo and Elko Motorcycle Jamboree.

Trooper Stewart, along with Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) instructors, taught a Traffic Incident Management class in Wendover, Nevada. Ten Utah Highway Patrol officers also attended this training.

Trooper Stewart, along with NDOT taught a Traffic Incident Management class in Wells, Nevada.