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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were 69 crashes that occurred in April 2014. This is a 9.5% increase from last month and a 9.5% increase from last year. Property crashes increased by 14.6% compared to April 2013. Injury crashes decreased by 3 or 13.6% as compared to April 2013. There were three fatal crashes occurring this month, which was a 300% increase as compared to April 2013 and a 0% increase as compared to last month. There were five crashes involving impaired drivers, which is no increase from April 2013 and a 150% increase as compared to March 2014. Of the 69 accidents, 16 or 23.2% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 11 or 68.75% of these accidents. Twelve of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for April 2014 was 2,838 cited violations. This was a decrease of 33 violations or 1.1% as compared to March 2014. Compared to April 2013, the Command showed an increase of 469 violations or 19.8%. Speed violations decreased by 18 or 1.2%, as compared to March 2014 and increased by 48.5% compared to April 2013. Hazardous moving violations decreased 26.3% from the prior month and decreased 17.3%, compared to April 2013. Occupant restraint violations decreased 0% compared to March 2014 and decreased by 56.1% as compared to April 2013. There were 22 arrests of impaired drivers made in April 2014. The total persons arrested for April 2014 increased by 15 individuals or 23.4% compared to March 2014 and increased 46.3% compared to April 2013.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 18.3% or 122 inspections as compared to March 2014. Safety violations/repair orders written in April 2014 decreased 33.9% as compared to March 2014. Commercial operations showed a decrease of 28 citations issued compared to March 2014 and was down 28 citations as compared to April 2013. Troopers placed 20 vehicles and 17 drivers, "Out of Service", in April 2014. Vehicles placed out of service decreased 23.1% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 22 or 56.4% compared to March 2014. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by 4.8% and drivers placed out of service decreased by 0% as compared to April 2013. Traffic personnel conducted 305 commercial inspections during April 2014 and issued 73 safety violation citations and 238 safety repair order violations. This is an increase of 58 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, 7 drivers and 12 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 78 accident reports. This is an increase of 13.04% as compared to April 2013. Arrest reports processed increased by 33 or 68.75% compared to April 2013. Processed incident reports decreased by 3 compared to April 2013.

Total costs collected for contract services were increased from \$19,268.31 in April 2013 to \$29,685.03 in April 2014.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

Northern Command East	April-14	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	69	63	9.5%	63	9.5%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	47	41	14.6%	53	-11.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	19	22	-13.6%	7	171.4%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	0	300.0%	3	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	5	5	0.0%	2	150.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4	0	400.0%	3	33.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	3	-33.3%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	16	14	14.3%	14	14.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	13	12	8.3%	11	18.2%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	2	50.0%	2	50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 4.3%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 7.2%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 75%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 23.2%
- ◆ Total crashes were up 9.5% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes were up 14.3% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are up by 3 or 300% as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	4,526
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 320
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	One event for April 2014 for Distracted Driving

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

	April-14	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	5	5	0.0%	2	150.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	22	19	15.8%	24	-8.3%
Other Arrests	190	100	90.0%	130	46.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	79	54	46.3%	64	23.4%
Speed violations	1482	998	48.5%	1500	-1.2%
Hazardous moving violations	129	156	-17.3%	175	-26.3%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	94	214	-56.1%	94	0.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	2838	2369	19.8%	2871	-1.1%
Total Contacts	4526	3612	25.3%	4738	-4.5%
Commercial Enforcement					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	47	7	571.4%	39	20.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	36	5	620.0%	22	63.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	543	633	-14.2%	665	-18.3%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	32	60	-46.7%	60	-46.7%
Total safety violations -- repair order	290	368	-21.2%	439	-33.9%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	20	21	-4.8%	26	-23.1%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	17	17	0.0%	39	-56.4%
Total school buses inspected	0	23	-2300.0%	0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	4	-400.0%	0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	407	110	270.0%	191	113.1%
Total overweight citations	11	5	120.0%	17	-35.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	500	598	-16.4%	666	-24.9%
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		305		0
Safety Violations Citation	0		73		0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0		238		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		7		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		217		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✿ Average BAC 0.152% on breath tests.
- ✿ Average age of DUI arrests: 39 years old.
- ✿ 50% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✿ 11% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	April-14		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	78		69	13.04%		61	27.87%
Arrest Reports Processed	81		48	68.75%		76	6.58%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	12		15	-20.00%		9	33.33%
Vehicle Impound Releases	15		18	-16.67%		16	-6.25%
Visitors at Counter	114		93	22.58%		88	29.55%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	49		45	8.89%		33	48.48%
CONTRACT SERVICES							
Total Contracts	5		5	0.00%		6	16.67%
Total Hours	333.25		223	49.44%		348.5	-4.38%
Total Billed	\$29,685.03		\$19,268.31	54.06%		\$31,231.30	-4.95%

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
10	6	15	1	0

Community service appearances:

Trooper Stewart attended the Eureka County High School Career Fair.

Trooper Stewart attended the Great Basin Community Colleges Career Fair in Elko.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Command Staff and Troopers attended the Elko VFW awards ceremony where Elko Sergeant Justin Ames was honored as the local Peace Officer of the Year for 2013.

PIO Projects:

Trooper Stewart attended several meetings to coordinate logistics and planning for the May Tip a Cop event being hosted at the Elko Red Lion Casino Restaurant.