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NORTHERN COMMAND EAST

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Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were 63 crashes that occurred in March 2014. This is an 8.6% increase from last month and a 14.9% decrease from last year. Property crashes decreased by 3.6% compared to March 2013. Injury crashes decreased by 11 or 61.1% as compared to March 2013. There were three fatal crashes occurring this month, which was a 200% increase as compared to March 2013 and a 200% increase as compared to last month. There were two crashes involving impaired drivers, which is no decrease from March 2013 and a 50% decrease as compared to February 2014. Of the 63 accidents, 14 or 22.2% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 12 or 85.71% of these accidents. Seven of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity for March 2014 was 2,871 cited violations. This was an increase of 487 violations or 20.4% as compared to February 2014. Compared to March 2013, the Command showed an increase of 416 violations or 16.9%. Speed violations increased by 562 or 59.9%, as compared to February 2014 and increased by 34.9% compared to March 2013. Hazardous moving violations increased 20.7% from the prior month and increased 9.4%, compared to March 2013. Occupant restraint violations decreased 50.8% compared to February 2014 and decreased by 56.3% as compared to March 2013. There were 24 arrests of impaired drivers made in March 2014. The total persons arrested for March 2014 decreased by 12 individuals or 15.8% compared to February 2014 and decreased 8.6% compared to March 2013.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 3.9% or 27 inspections as compared to February 2014. Safety violations/repair orders written in March 2014 increased 23.7% as compared to February 2014. Commercial operations showed a decrease of 3 citations issued compared to February 2014 and was up 5 citations as compared to March 2013. Troopers placed 26 vehicles and 39 drivers, "Out of Service", in March 2014. Vehicles placed out of service increased 4% and drivers placed out of service increased by 15 or 62.5% compared to February 2014. Vehicles placed out of service increased by 16.1% and drivers placed out of service increased by 116.7% as compared to March 2013. Traffic personnel conducted 281 commercial inspections during March 2014 and issued 43 safety violation citations and 182 safety repair order violations. This is an increase of 43 inspections from the previous year. Additionally, 5 drivers and 9 vehicles were placed out of service by traffic personnel during this reporting period.

Front office staff processed a total of 61 accident reports. This is an increase of 1.67% as compared to March 2013. Arrest reports processed increased by 39 or 105.41% compared to March 2013. Processed incident reports decreased by 2 compared to March 2013.

Total costs collected for contract services were increased from \$24,989.37 in March 2013 to \$31,231.30 in March 2014.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

Northern Command East	March-14	Same Period Previous Year	% Change	Prior Reporting Period	% Change
Total Crashes	63	74	-14.9%	58	8.6%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	53	55	-3.6%	47	12.8%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	7	18	-61.1%	10	-30.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	1	200.0%	1	200.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2	2	0.0%	4	-50.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3	1	200.0%	1	200.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3	1	200.0%	1	200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
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	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	14	18	-22.2%	14	0.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	11	15	-26.7%	13	-15.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	3	-33.3%	1	100.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ◆ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 4.8%
- ◆ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.2%
- ◆ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100%
- ◆ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 22.2%
- ◆ Total crashes were down 29.3% compared to last year.
- ◆ Commercial vehicle crashes were up 16.7% from last year.
- ◆ Fatality crashes are up by 0 or 0% as compared to last year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Total Contacts	4,738
Total Interdiction Contacts (ICE) (No ICE Team in Central Command.)	K9 team (3 teams) contacts 282
Total Traffic Safety Program Operations OTS/Joining Forces	One event for March 2014 for Impaired Driving

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

	March-14		Same Period Previous Year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	2		2	0.0%		4	-50.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	24		25	-4.0%		24	0.0%
Other Arrests	130		103	26.2%		159	-18.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	64		70	-8.6%		76	-15.8%
Speed violations	1500		1112	34.9%		938	59.9%
Hazardous moving violations	175		160	9.4%		145	20.7%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	94		215	-56.3%		191	-50.8%
Total violations [above violations included]	2871		2455	16.9%		2384	20.4%
Total Contacts	4738		3910	21.2%		3705	27.9%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	39		22	77.3%		16	143.8%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	22		20	10.0%		45	-51.1%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 &6]	665		591	12.5%		692	-3.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	60		55	9.1%		63	-4.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	439		304	44.4%		355	23.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	26		31	-16.1%		25	4.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	39		18	116.7%		24	62.5%
Total school buses inspected	0		26	-2600.0%		0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		5	-500.0%		0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	191		1110	-82.8%		120	59.2%
Total overweight citations	17		2	750.0%		10	70.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	665		555	20.0%		859	-22.5%
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		281		0
Safety Violations Citation	0		43		0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0		182		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		5		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		220		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.142% on breath tests.
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 35 years old.
- ✱ 57% of the DUI drivers arrested are pending blood draw results for controlled substance or BAC.
- ✱ 9% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	March-14		Same month prior year	% Change		Prior Reporting Period	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	61		60	1.67%		67	-8.96%
Arrest Reports Processed	76		37	105.41%		70	8.57%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	9		11	-18.18%		17	-47.06%
Vehicle Impound Releases	16		10	60.00%		11	45.45%
Visitors at Counter	88		107	-17.76%		92	-4.35%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	33		55	-40.00%		33	0.00%
CONTRACT SERVICES							
Total Contracts	6		6	0.00%		2	200.00%
Total Hours	348.5		288.25	20.90%		60.75	473.66%
Total Billed	\$31,231.30		\$24,989.37	24.98%		\$5,282.68	491.20%

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
30	3	20	7	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
20	15	4	3	3	0

Community service appearances:

Trooper Stewart and Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspector Dan Mawson gave a traffic safety and Commercial Drivers License presentation to Atlas Copco.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

Sergeant Jackson, Sergeant Aten, and Trooper Stewart taught a DRIVE PROGRAM in Elko.

Trooper Stewart attended Elko High School's Career Interview Days for three days of student interviews.

PIO Projects:

Trooper Stewart is preparing to teach Traffic Incident Management for region. Classes will be scheduled across the Command for May.