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Media Release

I-80 Challenge a Success as No Fatal Accidents Occur in Nevada over the Weekend

Eleven State Police and Highway Patrol agencies completed the three day effort to eliminate fatalities across the 2900 mile Interstate I-80 at midnight on August 31, 2015.

Motorists were sure to have seen a noticeable law enforcement presence as Nevada Highway Patrol was in full force focusing on the I-80 corridor throughout the weekend.

Nevada had Zero Fatalities across our 410 mile stretch of I-80. This is of special note this year due to the ingress of the Burning Man Community this same weekend. Thousands of vehicles over our normal traffic flow traversed across Nevada's stretch of I-80 to attend the annual Burning Man event located in Black Rock City about 110 miles north of Fernley.

The goal of the I-80 Challenge is simple: saving lives. Saving lives starts with a change in driving behavior. With local media assisting in the distribution of the message and its importance, the weekend here in Northern Nevada concluded Fatality free.

Our local (California Stateline to Lovelock) I-80 Statistics are as follows:

Number of Crashes: 12 Number of Fatal Crashes: 0 Number of Fatalities: 0

Number of Speed Citations: 62 Number of Seat Belt Violations: 2 Number of Traffic Citations: 119 Number of Warnings: 111 Number of DUI Arrests: 7 Number of Drug Arrests: 0

Number of Stops: 245 Number of Commercial Vehicle Inspections: 21

Mileage Driven: 8,057 miles

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Statewide I-80 Statistics are as follows:

Number of Crashes: 18 Number of Fatal Crashes: 0 Number of Fatalities: 0

Number of Speed Citations: 294 Number of Seat Belt Violations: 11 Number of Traffic Citations: 182

Number of Warnings: 359 Number of DUI Arrests: 8 Number of Drug Arrests: 4 Number of Stops: 840

Number of Commercial Vehicle Inspections: 21

Mileage Driven: 20105 miles

As of the time of this release, no information has been gathered on other States involved in the Program. Although this years I-80 Challenge has concluded, the State wants to reiterate that every day is an opportunity to focus on driving safe and staying alive.

