

Sobriety and Compliance Checks

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Overview

- Every day, 28 people in the U.S. die in an alcohol-related motor vehicle crash. This adds up to over 10,000 people each year ¹
- According to the Nebraska Department of Transportation, 37.6% of all fatal crashes in Nebraska were alcohol-involved (compared to 32.6% in 2015). During the period 2014 – 2018, the following is the data related to total traffic fatalities as compared with alcohol-involved fatalities in the health district: ²

County	Total traffic fatalities	# alcohol-involved fatalities	Percent alcohol-involved fatalities
Burt	5	1	20%
Cuming	10	3	30%
Madison	30	9	30%
Stanton	7	2	29%
Overall	52	15	29%

Compliance Checks –Alcohol Sales

Healthy Communities Initiative (HCI) partners with the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) and Norfolk Police Division (NPD) to conduct alcohol sale compliance checks. Compliance checks involve using a minor to see if a business will check the I.D. and sell alcohol to them. Of the 132 businesses checked in 2019, 18 were found to be non-compliant. The HCI service area achieved an 88% pass rate. There was 108 total hours spent on this project by NSP and NPD.

Previous three-year pass/fail percentage comparison for the health district:

Year	% Passed	% Failed	Total Number
2018	89.0%	11.0%	142
*2017	97.5%	2.5%	79
*2016	98.6%	1.4%	71

*Denotes years that NPD was not contracted to conduct compliance checks

Sobriety Checks

The Nebraska State Patrol also completed D.U.I. checkpoints, saturation patrol, and regular patrols for ELVPHD/HCI. In total, the Nebraska State Patrol troopers participated in seventy-two hours of patrolling. This effort resulted in 87 total contacts and the following citations relevant to alcohol and/or drug violations:

- 3 Citations for driving under the influence

References:

¹ https://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/impaired_driving/impaired-driv_factsheet.html

² dot.nebraska.gov/media/10414/facts2016.pdf and dot.nebraska.gov/media/6225/comvcrhdata1.pdf