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Roadcheck 2008 features 72-hour focus on commercial vehicle safety

COLUMBUS – Focusing on commercial vehicle safety and homeland security issues, the Ohio State Highway Patrol will participate in Roadcheck 2008, which promotes 72 hours of continuous commercial vehicle inspections throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico starting tomorrow through June 5.

A primary emphasis of Roadcheck 2008 is to promote both safety and security on North American highways through the inspection of commercial vehicles and drivers. Troopers and motor carrier enforcement inspectors will be on the job during the 72-hour period checking vehicles and their drivers. In addition to at least 20 inspection sites along major Ohio highways, roving patrols will inspect vehicles and drivers traveling other highways. Motor carrier enforcement inspectors will also be inspecting other passenger carrying vehicles, including charter busses, as part of the program.

“Although certified safety inspectors perform this work every day on Ohio roads, Roadcheck places a special emphasis on commercial vehicle and driver safety issues, including safety belt compliance, aimed at saving lives on Ohio highways,” Colonel Richard H. Collins, superintendent of the Patrol said.

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) sponsors the annual Roadchecks, with participation by state law enforcement agencies, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, Transport Canada, Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration, and the Secretariat of Communications and Transportation (Mexico).

During last year's Roadcheck in Ohio, troopers and motor carrier enforcement inspectors conducted 2,025 inspections and issued 4,740 safety violations on Ohio roadways. From those inspections, 564 commercial vehicles, and 109 drivers were placed out of service for various violations.

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