



# PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **County Police, VSP Target Unsafe Trucks, Drivers During "Roadcheck 2009" Campaign**

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . The Police Department's Crash Investigation and Motor Carrier Safety Unit is conducting commercial motor vehicle (CMV) inspections today through Thursday in conjunction with the Virginia State Police as part of the international "Roadcheck 2009" campaign.

The local campaign is designed to remove unsafe or defective trucks from the County's roadways, remove those drivers who have exceeded the safe, federally mandated number of hours that they are allowed to drive, and educate drivers and the public on the federal regulations pertaining to safe operations of commercial motor vehicles, according to Sgt. Rich Noble of the Crash Investigation and Motor Carrier Safety Unit.

"Roadcheck" is the largest targeted enforcement program on commercial vehicles in the world, with approximately 14 trucks or buses being inspected, on average, every minute from Canada to Mexico during a 72-hour period in early June. Each year, approximately 10,000 CVSA-certified local, state, provincial and federal inspectors at 1,500 locations across North America perform the truck and bus inspections.

CVSA sponsors "Roadcheck" with participation by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, Transport Canada, and the Secretariat of Communications and Transportation (Mexico).

"Roadcheck" is one of a series of activities that occur year round whereby CVSA-certified inspectors conduct compliance, enforcement and educational initiatives targeted at various elements of motor carrier, vehicle, driver and cargo safety and security.

Since its inception in 1988, there have been more than one million roadside inspections during "Roadcheck," resulting in more than 220 lives saved and 4,045 injuries avoided. It has also provided for the distribution of countless pieces of educational literature and safety events to educate industry and the general public about the importance of safe commercial vehicle operations and the roadside inspection program.

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