



## PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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### **County Police, VSP Sideline 136 Defective Trucks During Recent "Roadcheck 2009" Campaign**

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . More than 500 commercial motor vehicles (CMV) were inspected over three days by members of the Police Department's Crash Investigation and Motor Carrier Safety Unit, in conjunction with the Virginia State Police, as part of the international "Roadcheck 2009" campaign.

Of the 509 CMVs that were inspected, 136 (or 26 percent) were found to be defective to the degree that they were immediately placed out of service and removed from the road for repairs. The nationwide average for out-of-service vehicles is 15 percent. A total of 477 vehicle violations were cited during Roadcheck 2009, and 107 driver violations were issued.

The 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.

"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.

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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