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DPS Inspects Nearly 8,000 Commercial Vehicles During Roadcheck

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) inspected 7,980 commercial motor vehicles as part of *Roadcheck 2018*, a national inspection initiative held annually aimed at enhancing commercial motor vehicle safety. The three-day inspection effort took place from June 5-7, and included DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Troopers, specially trained Highway Patrol Troopers, civilian inspectors, compliance review investigators and local partner agencies.

Approximately 24 percent (1,975) of the 18-wheelers, buses and other commercial vehicles inspected were placed out of service for a variety of safety violations until appropriate repairs could be made. Issues with brakes and defective tires were among the most common infractions that led to out-of-service violations.

Additionally, drivers were checked for compliance with state and federal laws, and 301 drivers were placed out of service. Among the violations were failing to have the proper type of driver license for the vehicle being driven and violation of hours-of-service requirements.

In all, DPS issued 1,258 citations and 18,178 warnings.

Sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, *Roadcheck* is designed to help reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle and driver safety, education and law enforcement activities throughout North America.

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