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COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT CHECKPOINT NETS 21 CITATIONS

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Riverside Police Department conducted a commercial vehicle checkpoint on November 9, 2016, in the area of Main St and Alamo St., within the city of Riverside. The checkpoint was conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Members of the Riverside Police Department's Traffic Bureau worked in conjunction with California Highway Patrol's Level One Commercial Vehicle Officers and seven other allied agencies enforcing State and Federal commercial vehicle safety regulations, in order to help ensure the safety of both commercial and private motorists.

Results of the checkpoint:

- 95 commercial vehicles inspections conducted
- 41 citations issued
- 1 drivers cited for various driver license violations
- 17 various brake violations were found/ cited
- 11 vehicles were placed "Out of Service" for being unsafe to drive
- 1 Hazardous materials violation



Every year, collisions can be attributed to mechanical defects and debris that was dropped from vehicles, amongst other things. A study done by the AAA Foundation revealed that more than 200,000 crashes resulted from debris on roadways across the nation from 2011 to 2014. AAA's study said there were 45 debris related crashes and 47 deaths reported in California during that time period.

Thousands of trucks carrying hazardous materials drive through our city every year. In addition, overweight vehicles cause damage to our city's roadways. Through enforcement and education programs like this, the Riverside Police Department hopes to promote commercial vehicle safety and have a positive impact upon the driving public.