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31st Annual International Roadcheck Yields Measurable Results

LITTLE ROCK (6-15) – Each year, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) sponsors the annual International Roadcheck and counts inspection results across North America. This year, the 31st Annual International Roadcheck in Arkansas took place June 5th through June 7th at the Alma Weigh Station on Interstate 40.

All eastbound and westbound commercial vehicles were required to exit Interstate 40 and pass through the Alma inspection weigh stations. Arkansas Highway Police randomly selected vehicles for a North American Standard Level I Inspection, a 37-step procedure that is considered the most thorough roadside inspection and includes examination of both driver operating requirements and vehicle mechanics.

The event this year resulted in a total of 675 inspections in Arkansas. Of those, 188 received CVSA decals, indicating no violations.

Drivers were required to provide items such as their commercial driver's license, hours-of-service documentation, motor carrier registration and shipping documentation, and inspectors check for seat belt usage and the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The vehicle inspection includes checking items such as the brake systems, cargo securement, coupling devices, driveline/driveshaft, exhaust systems, frames, fuel systems, lighting devices (required lamps), steering mechanisms, suspensions, tires, van and open-top trailer bodies, wheels, rims, and hubs, windshield wipers, and emergency exits (on buses).

Arkansas Highway Police reported more than 1,800 total violations during the 72-hour period. Of the 675 inspections, 419 violations were related to brakes, while 285 were because of lighting. Final inspection totals yielded 77 drivers placed out of service for violations and 364 vehicles pulled out of service for violations.

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The Arkansas Highway Police is a Division of the Arkansas Department of Transportation and is responsible for protection of the more than 16,400 miles of highways in Arkansas.