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COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT CHECKPOINT NETS 28 CITATIONS

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Riverside Police Department conducted a commercial vehicle checkpoint on January 24, 2018, in the area of Jurupa Ave and Payton 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 eight (8) other allied agencies. They enforced State and Federal commercial vehicle safety regulations in order to help ensure the safety of both commercial and private motorists.

Results of the checkpoint:

- 71 commercial vehicles inspections conducted
- 28 citations issued
- 5 drivers cited for being over length on a city street
- 7 loading violations were found/ cited
- 4 vehicles were placed "Out of Service" for being unsafe to drive



Every year, collisions can be attributed to mechanical defects and excessive driving hours involving commercial vehicles and drivers. Thousands of trucks carrying hazardous materials drive through our city every year. In addition, overweight vehicles cause damage to our city's roadways. The U.S. Department of Transportation reported in 2013 that in California, 249 trucks were involved in collisions which resulted in 33 fatalities. California ranked second only to Texas in commercial vehicle collisions and fatalities that year.

Through enforcement and education programs like this, the Riverside Police Department hopes to promote commercial vehicle safety and have a positive impact on the driving public.