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COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT CHECKPOINT NETS 36 CITATIONS

RIVERSIDE, CA – On May 2, 2018, The Riverside Police Department conducted a commercial vehicle checkpoint in the area of Main Street and Placentia Lane. 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 six (6) other allied agencies. State and Federal commercial vehicle safety regulations were enforced to help ensure the safety of both commercial and private motorists.

Results of the checkpoint:

- (70) commercial vehicles inspections conducted
- (36) citations issued
- (5) Hazardous Material type trucks were inspected and (6) violations were found
- (3) loading violations were found/ cited
- (6) vehicles were placed "Out of Service" for being unsafe to drive
- (1) truck was towed and stored for expired registration

Every year, mechanical defects and excessive driving can be attributed to collisions involving commercial vehicles. Thousands of trucks carrying hazardous materials drive

though our city every year. In addition, overweight vehicles cause damage to our city's roadways. In 2013, The U.S. Department of Transportation reported 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, the Riverside Police Department hopes to promote commercial vehicle safety and have a positive impact on the driving public.