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Greenwood Village Police Find Many Commercial Trucks Unsafe To Drive on Roads

In September and October, the Police Department launched weight and inspection check points in cooperation with Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Port of Entry to contact and identify unsafe commercial vehicles using the roadways. The outcome of the Police Department's efforts during their two month safety operation was disturbing as nearly 94 commercial vehicles were removed from the road due to weight, safety, and other commercial vehicle violations.

"According to research it has shown that one overweight truck can cause the same amount of damage to the roadway as 9,600 passenger cars," said Chief of Police John Jackson. "We are taking a proactive approach to find these violations and make our roads safer as these unsafe trucks are accidents waiting to happen."

For the past few years, the Police Department has been enforcing and educating commercial truck violators in Greenwood Village as part of the department's safety initiative. When a patrol officer identifies a violator through a traffic stop, the driver is escorted to a portable weigh station set up at location in the Village. Certified agents with the CSP Port of Entry then weigh the vehicles and complete an operable inspection which will deem the vehicle either safe or unsafe to travel. If deemed unsafe, the vehicle is taken out of service and parked in a nearby parking lot until the driver makes the vehicle safe to drive.

As a result of the Police Department's two month operation, 94 commercial vehicles were processed through the check point, including 11 road inspections conducted, with the following violations issued:

- 38 out of service violations (required several commercial vehicles to be parked and declared out of operation).
- 21 overweight violations (some resulting in several thousand dollars in fines).
- 141 safety violations.
- Several drivers did not have a commercial driver's license to operate the vehicles.

"Your decision as a motorist to avoid driving close to commercial trucks may be a good one until all commercial vehicles on the roadway comply with commercial vehicle operation laws and restrictions," added Chief Jackson. "It is safe to say that the data we present both qualifies and quantifies how our efforts prevented accidents and made a difference in the safety of the community."

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