

Roadcheck 2003: For Truck and Bus Safety throughout North America

The sixteenth annual International Roadcheck will be held June 3-5 throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Approximately 9,000 truck and bus safety inspectors will be on the job night and day at inspection sites along major highways. In addition, roving patrols will inspect commercial vehicles traveling other highways.

The annual 72-hour Roadchecks focus on the year-round commercial vehicle and driver roadside inspection program and draw the public's attention to the combined efforts of law enforcement and the truck and bus industries to save lives on North American highways. With approximately three million roadside inspections conducted last year throughout North America by CVSA Certified inspectors, it is important to recognize the influence they have in keeping our highways safe for the traveling public. Evidence of their success and that of industry is demonstrated by out of service rates and crashes involving commercial vehicles, which have been continually declining over the past several years.

The Roadchecks also provide an opportunity to distribute educational and safety information to the drivers. This year, drivers will receive information on the new hours of service regulations and the new requirements for cargo securement in the United States, both of which will go into effect in January 2004.

Nearly 50,000 vehicles and drivers were inspected during Roadcheck 2002, with both vehicles and drivers showing lower out-of-service rates than in previous years. Additionally, approximately 200,000 pieces of educational literature on security awareness and hazardous materials safety were distributed to drivers last year.

CVSA's President, Peter Hurst from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, says, "Roadcheck is a critical and unifying presence for advancing commercial vehicle safety and reducing crashes across North America. We are out there, and we are getting results."

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance sponsors the annual Roadchecks, with participation by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, Transport Canada, the Research and Special Programs Administration and the Secretariat of Communications and Transportation (Mexico). CVSA is the leading commercial vehicle safety enforcement organization in North America. Its members include enforcement agencies and industry representatives in Canada, Mexico and the United States.