

Canadian Jurisdictions Conduct Yearly Inspection Blitz

June 23, 2011 – The annual North American roadside safety inspection blitz *Roadcheck* was conducted June 7-9 by enforcement agencies in Canada, the United States and Mexico. The event is coordinated by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) in partnership with CCMTA member jurisdictions.

As part of this year's event, some 82% of commercial vehicles inspected successfully met the CVSA's most comprehensive and stringent on-road inspection procedures. Inspections were conducted at 132 sites across Canadian jurisdictions, with only those vehicles not bearing a valid CVSA decal subjected to inspection. *(Figures do not include vehicles waved through and considered 'passed' due to the presence of a valid CVSA decal.)*

Over the three-day event, 7,834 vehicles and drivers underwent full inspection for mechanical and driver fitness. Of those, 6,373 vehicles and 7,608 drivers successfully passed. Roadside enforcement officials issued 7,003 new decals to individual trucks, trailers and passenger-carrying vehicles across Canada, signifying CVSA's highest degree of safety and mechanical fitness.

In total, 1,431 trucks, 30 passenger-carrying vehicles and 226 drivers were placed out of service for various defects and violations. An out-of-service condition can occur for infractions as simple as a rear signal light not working to the extreme of faulty steering or brakes. Other defects may include wheels, tires, frame and load security. In many cases, drivers are able to make the necessary adjustments on site, are re-inspected and continue on their way. A total of 2.9% of drivers were placed out of service for log book, driver qualification or paperwork problems, a figure in line with last year's improvement. *(Results from this year's initiative as well as Roadcheck 2010 and 2009 are shown in the attached tables.)*

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This year's average vehicle out-of-service rate of 18.6% continues an overall downward trend in the national OOS rate over the past several years. Again this year, brake-related defects continue to account for close to half of all out-of-service violations. As such, CVSA Region V officials strongly encourage governments, industry associations and individual carriers and drivers alike to take an active part in the upcoming 2011 Brake Safety Week planned for September 11-17. The event is dedicated to enhancing knowledge, regulatory compliance and performance of commercial vehicle braking systems. Enforcement and industry officials know that education and awareness are key to improving commercial vehicle safety. All industry players – carriers, drivers and enforcement officials – are urged to continue working together to achieve a further sustained drop in the out-of-service rate nationwide in the years ahead.

Roadcheck 2011 was planned and carried out as a joint effort involving the Canadian provinces and territories, CVSA International, CVSA Region V (Canada), CCMTA and industry partners as part of an ongoing commitment to introduce safety measures and programs that result in safer vehicles, safer operators and safer highways.

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APPENDIX A

ROADCHECK 2011 RESULTS

Jurisdiction	# Trucks Inspected	# Trucks OOS	# Drivers OOS	% Trucks OOS	% Drivers OOS	# Buses Inspected	# Buses OOS	# Drivers OOS	% Buses OOS	% Drivers OOS
BC	601	136	29	22.6	4.8	52	3	1	5.8	1.9
AB	644	166	30	25.8	4.7	82	10	1	12.2	1.2
SK	513	93	15	18.1	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
MB	314	68	7	21.7	2.2	4	1	0	25.0	0
ON	3304	602	79	18.2	2.4	71	11	0	15.5	0
QC	923	120	4	13.0	0.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NB	232	45	2	19.4	0.9	34	5	0	14.7	0
PE	79	14	0	17.7	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NS	253	44	10	17.4	4.0	1	0	0	0	0
NL	517	103	43	19.9	8.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YT	126	23	2	18.3	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NT	84	17	3	20.2	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cdn Total	7590	1431	224	18.9	3.0	244	30	2	12.3	0.8

Notes

OOS: Out of service

General: The procedure for Roadcheck allows jurisdictions the flexibility of conducting the blitz for a minimum of 48 hours over the 72-hour period up to the full 72 hours.

Figures do not include vehicles waved through and considered 'passed' due to the presence of a valid CVSA decal. Only vehicles without a valid CVSA inspection decal were inspected and reported on.

n/a: Denotes jurisdictions that did not participate in passenger-carrying vehicle inspections.

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ROADCHECK 2010 RESULTS

Jurisdiction	# Trucks Inspected	# Trucks OOS	# Drivers OOS	% Trucks OOS	% Drivers OOS	# Buses Inspected	# Buses OOS	# Drivers OOS	% Buses OOS	% Drivers OOS
BC	676	166	35	24.6	5.2	62	8	2	12.9	3.2
AB	576	143	21	24.8	3.6	110	9	5	8.2	4.5
SK	594	87	11	14.6	1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
MB	333	67	5	20.1	1.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
ON	2742	597	85	21.8	3.1	54	10	3	18.5	5.6
QC	677	78	5	11.5	0.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NB	422	88	7	20.9	1.7	18	1	0	5.6	0
PE	104	7	0	6.7	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NS	228	39	11	17.1	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NL	576	134	8	23.3	1.4	2	1	0	50.0	0
YT	91	14	1	15.4	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NT	46	14	0	30.4	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cdn Total	7065	1434	189	20.3	2.7	246	29	10	11.8	4.1

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ROADCHECK 2009 RESULTS

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BC	637	138	28	21.7	4.4	55	6	1	10.9	1.8
AB	549	151	51	27.5	9.3	114	16	2	14.0	1.8
SK	431	57	20	13.2	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
MB	446	82	6	18.4	1.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
ON	2814	469	85	16.7	3.0	89	13	1	14.6	1.1
QC	1254	203	18	16.2	1.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NB	285	79	6	27.7	2.1	9	1	0	11.1	0
PE	135	16	4	11.9	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NS	245	23	4	9.4	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NL	555	99	16	17.8	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YT	131	28	6	21.4	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NT	51	8	2	15.7	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cdn Total	7533	1353	246	18.0	3.3	267	36	4	13.5	1.5

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