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Patrol to focus on commercial driver safety

COLUMBUS – The Ohio State Highway Patrol will be stepping up enforcement and educational efforts for “Operation Safe Driver,” which will take place tomorrow and Thursday. The campaign aims to ensure that commercial motor vehicle drivers are operating within federal motor carrier safety regulations and that commercial motor vehicles are safe to drive on Ohio roadways.

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspectors and Troopers will focus their efforts on driver inspections, which include, proper credentials, medical cards and hours of service (log books). They will also enforce a zero-tolerance policy for drivers in violation of Ohio’s safety restraint law.

From 2005 through 2007, commercial motor vehicle drivers were cited 4,421 times by the Ohio State Highway Patrol for not having the proper driving credentials and 17,246 times for log book violations.

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspectors and Troopers will also be handing out log book rulers, purchased through a federal grant from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, to drivers of commercial vehicles.

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