Division Overview and Commercial Motor Vehicle Initiatives



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Florida Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Compliance Office

- Created in 1980 by merging FHP's Weight Troop and Safety Enforcement Function of the Public Service Commission.
- Statewide Law Enforcement Agency with Para-Military Organizational Structure/Five (5)
 Operational Regions & Central Command.
- 467 Fulltime employees in Division.
- 253 sworn law enforcement officers with full police power appointed pursuant to Chapters 334, 943 & 316, Florida Statutes.

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- 159 civilian weight inspectors operating 26 weigh stations throughout Florida.
 Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Budget is \$28.5 M which includes \$3.8 M MCSAP Safety Grant.
- Agency Currently Undergoing Professional Law Enforcement Accreditation Process.

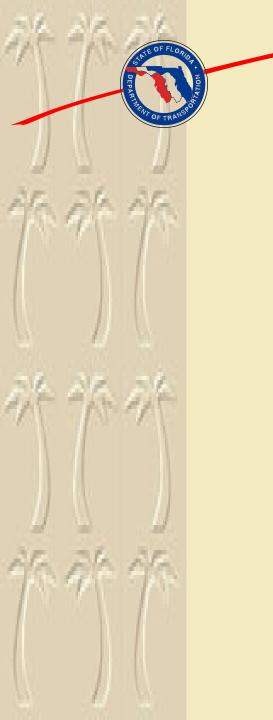


Commercial Vehicles Weight & Size Enforcement

- Stationary Scale Facilities
- Portable Scale Enforcement
- Permitting & Registration Enforcement

Commercial Vehicles Safety & Enforcement Programs

- Roadside Vehicle & Driver Inspections to detect violations such as unsafe equipment, hours of service violations, alcohol & drug possession and impairment, failure to possess a medical certificate, and other violations.
- CDL & Insurance Violation Enforcement.
- Hazardous Materials Enforcement.
- Compliance Review Investigations to inspect Carrier's records regarding vehicle maintenance, driver qualifications, drug and alcohol testing, etc...
- Traffic Enforcement targeting unlawful speed, following too closely & reckless driving violations aimed at reducing crashes.





MCCO Officer using portable scales at roadside

Truck Entering for an Inspection



Vehicle Inspection of Hazardous Material Transporter Cargo Tank

Programs Continued

Post Crash Inspection Program –

Provides detailed investigations of fatal crashes involving CMVs in order to identify possible causes of crashes and target problem carriers for compliance review. MOU with FHP sets up protocols.

Domestic Security Efforts

- Conducts Security Contact Reviews (SCRs) at HM Carriers to review drivers hired within last two years and make security recommendation for vehicles & carrier terminals. Conducted over 1,000 SCRs since 9/11.
- Conducted over 3000 HM vehicles in Florida since 9/11.
- Referrals made to Regional Domestic Security Task Forces.
- Participates in RDSTF, Federal Homeland Security Task Force/Northern District, & State Domestic Security Fiscal Planning Committee.



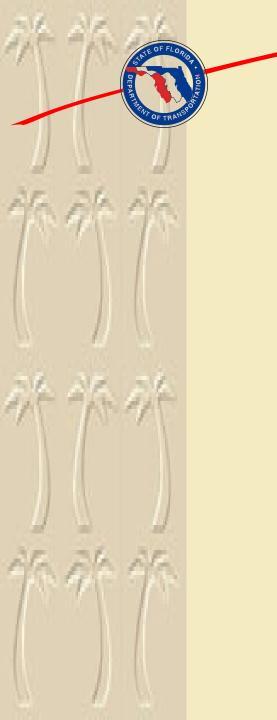
Post Crash Scene



Programs Continued

Contraband Interdiction Program

- Drug Interdiction Teams includes 7 K-9 Handlers, and 7 Felony Officers statewide.
- Commercial Vehicle/Cargo Theft Enforcement Program
 - TOMCATS Miami-Dade with FDOT, MDPD, FHP, FDLE, FBI, & Customs.
 - Since 1998 700 arrests and 120 million in recovered property.
 - Florida CMV and Cargo Task Force with S.O.s P.D.s, FDOT, FHP, and FDLE.
 - Since formation cargo theft decreased 25 % statewide with a 91% decrease in Marion County alone.





Highlights

Last Calendar Year Activities

Trucks weighed 17,856.507

Trucks Inspected 65,480

Total Penalties Assessed over \$11 Million

UTCs issued 21,401

2,759 Criminal Arrests including drug, theft, and traffic cases.

• <u>ITS –</u>

WIM, Prepass, TMC/Joint Dispatch, SAFER, and Laptop Technology

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