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.
- 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.
MCCO Programs

**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.
- 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.
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.

**ITS**
- WIM, Prepass, TMC/Joint Dispatch, SAFER, and Laptop Technology

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