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PSC TRUCK SAFETY OFFICERS FOCUS ON ATLANTA HIGHWAYS THIS WEEK

ATLANTA -- Beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday and continuing through the end of the week, twenty-two enforcement officers from the Georgia Public Service Commission will be inspecting trucks on Atlanta's highways as part of a "high crash corridor" road check.

The PSC truck enforcement officers will be pulling over trucks checking for unsafe vehicle equipment and driver sobriety and fatigue levels in an effort to raise truck safety awareness and decrease the number of accidents occurring in known high crash corridor areas.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, Georgia ranks sixth in the nation in the number of fatal accidents involving commercial motor vehicles. The top twenty Georgia counties where these fatal accidents occur are located predominantly on interstate highways in the more heavily populated areas of the state.

During the first crash corridor check of the year last February in Fulton County, PSC officers inspected 319 commercial vehicles. As a result, 121 vehicles were taken out of service and 41 drivers were grounded due to the serious nature of the violations observed.

Thirty-four PSC enforcement officers perform an average of 30,000 inspections per year. For the first time in a decade, the General Assembly this year expanded the number of truck enforcement officers in the state by seven. The additional officers will be located in Atlanta, Augusta and Savannah.

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