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2016 Fatalities Increased: Badge on Board Enforcement Aims to Encourage Motorists To Safely and Legally Share the Road with Commercial Motor Vehicles

Troopers patrolling for dangerous driving around big rigs April 19 and 20, 2017

Following the successful March 1, 2017 education event The Nevada Department of Public Safety continues its Badge on Board program to educate motorists on how to safely and legally drive around commercial motor vehicles. Nevada Highway Patrol will be out in force April 19 and 20 and citing commercial and passenger vehicles for unsafe driving behaviors.

“Our goal is not writing tickets, it’s keeping everyone safe on our roadways,” said Lt. Roy Baughman, Nevada Highway Patrol. “Failing to yield, unsafe lane changes, speeding and driving in a truck driver’s blind spot is not just illegal, it can kill you.”

On March 1, 2017, law enforcement participated with media in a ride along in commercial motor vehicles to experience the real-world view from the seat of a semi truck the movements of motorists. The purpose of the ride along was to educate, through media and social media, the daily driving behaviors taking place on the roadways and offer safe driving guidelines.

The need for Badge on Board safety education is critical. Following a three-year decline of fatalities and non-fatal injuries sustained in large truck, bus and passenger vehicle crashes, fatalities increased during 2016. *(Source: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) summary report for calendar years 2011 – 2015.)*

Safe driving behaviors around large trucks and buses include:

- Allow at least five to seven seconds between you and the large vehicle in front of you. It takes 500 ft. for a fully loaded truck going 65 mph to come to a stop.
- To safely pass a commercial vehicle, remember unless you see “two lights in the mirror or steer clear.”
- Stay out of blind spots. If you can’t see the truck or bus side mirrors the driver can’t see you.
- Always buckle up.

For more information and safe driving tips, please visit BadgeOnBoard.com.

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