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## **Joint Emphasis Patrols Target Commercial Vehicles in Grays Harbor County**

Troopers and Commercial Vehicle Officers of the Washington State Patrol and Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a joint emphasis patrol in Grays Harbor County on February 12th and 13th with the overall goal of reducing commercial vehicle vs. passenger vehicle collisions and the promotion of safer operation of all vehicles on the county roadways.

A summary of the activity conducted by the joint emphasis patrols:

- Conducted over 163 commercial motor vehicle (CMV) inspections.
- Issued 81 citations for violations observed including excess speed, aggressive driving, lack of seatbelt use and CMV weight and equipment.
- Found 153 CMV equipment violations with 56 CMV's placed out of service, (majority were due to brake problems).
- Found 33 CMV document and permit violations.

"Additional WSP personnel were utilized in the emphasis along with Deputies from the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Department. The cooperation between agencies was outstanding. I believe our goal of promoting the safe operation of commercial vehicles and passenger vehicles in Grays Harbor County was achieved," said Captain Darrin Grondel, Commercial Vehicle Division, Washington State Patrol.

CVD Troopers and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers manned several fixed scales and inspected commercial vehicles for weight and safety violations. In addition, WSP and Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Department personnel conducted inspections and weighing operations all over the county utilizing portable scales.

CVD Troopers and Grays Harbor County Sheriffs Department patrolled extensively looking for moving violations of commercial vehicles. They also focused on passenger vehicles operating in a hazardous manner (following too closely, hazardous lane changes, etc.) in close vicinity of trucks.

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