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MCCO TO PARTICIPATE IN BRAKE SAFETY WEEK/OPERATION AIR BRAKE CAMPAIGN

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA - Colonel David Dees, Director of the Florida Department of Transportation's Office of Motor Carrier Compliance (OMCC) announces participation in Brake Safety Week, which will take place Sunday, September 13, through Saturday, September 19.

During Brake Safety Week OMCC Officers will conduct commercial vehicle inspections with an added emphasis on brake components and provide educational materials to drivers. Inspection decals (valid for 90 days) will be placed on all vehicles that have no major violations discovered.

Brake Safety Week is part of the Operation Air Brake Campaign, an ongoing effort throughout North America dedicated to improving inspection, compliance, maintenance, and performance of commercial vehicle brake systems. Operation Air Brake is sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, North America's leading commercial vehicle safety enforcement organization.

Braking systems on commercial vehicles have many complicated parts requiring constant inspection to ensure proper operation. Poorly adjusted air brakes and brake system defects are a major cause of commercial vehicles being placed out of service. These air brake issues can reduce the braking capacity for large vehicles and further increase their stopping distance. This increases the risk to motorists and to the driver of the commercial vehicle when conditions require an immediate brake application.

If you would like to observe the activities in your area, or if you would like additional information about this event, please contact Lt. Jeff Frost at 850-245-7908, or 850-251-2088.

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