



# Public Service Commission of West Virginia

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## PSC Receives Grant to Increase Commercial Vehicle Inspections

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia has received a \$180,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to increase inspections of commercial motor vehicles. FMCSA's Increased Commercial Enforcement (I.C.E.) program is a competitive discretionary grant program that supports states' efforts to make highways safer by increased compliance and public awareness of commercial motor vehicle safety programs. I.C.E. Patrols will continue through September 2015 and will emphasize seatbelt compliance and the ban on drivers using handheld electronic devices.

"This grant from FMCSA will give officers more hours on the road, which translates to safer roadways for the citizens of West Virginia," said Commissioner Ryan Palmer. "We appreciate having this opportunity to improve conditions for everyone who travels our state roads."

The FMCSA grant is targeted at roadways that are considered "high crash areas." Target areas include:

- Route 33 in Barbour, Lewis, Randolph and Upshur Counties
- U.S. 460 in Mercer County
- Route 52 in Mingo, Wayne, Logan, Cabell and McDowell Counties
- U.S. Route 19 in Braxton, Fayette, Nicholas and Raleigh Counties
- U.S. Routes 35 & 817 in Putnam and Mason Counties
- W.V. Turnpike/I-77 in Kanawha, Raleigh, Fayette and Mercer Counties
- I-77 in Wood and Jackson Counties
- I-81 in Berkeley County
- I-70 in Ohio County
- I-79 in Monongalia, Marion and Harrison Counties
- Statewide enforcement on roads affected by Marcellus Shale drilling traffic

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