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PSC and State Police Work Together to Increase Safety on I-64

The West Virginia State Police and the West Virginia Public Service Commission Transportation Enforcement Division recently partnered to address a seeming increase in traffic crashes and unsafe driving habits on Interstate 64 from Huntington to Charleston. An increase in patrols by both agencies over the first few weeks of November have resulted in nearly 300 traffic stops for various violations including but not limited to speeding, driving on a suspended license, cellular phone use, and no insurance. Additionally, 65 commercial carrier vehicle inspections were performed. Of those 65 inspections, 198 violations were identified and 13 trucks were put out of service.

The West Virginia State Police and the West Virginia Public Service Commission Transportation Enforcement Division believe that these concentrated, intensive patrols will positively impact highway safety on Interstate 64. Improving highway safety is the goal of this initiative. Both agencies would rather accomplish this goal and deter careless drivers through education and a mere increase in law enforcement presence rather than issuing citations. However, the reality is that a multi-pronged approach is necessary to improve highway safety and save lives.

Any questions or requests for interviews should be directed to Lieutenant Michael Bayous at 304-746-2198.

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