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**Pennsylvania State Police, Federal Motor Carrier Safety
Administration, and Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association Announce
Interstate 81 Crash Reduction Initiative**

Newville, PA - The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) today joined the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA) to announce a joint initiative to reduce commercial motor vehicle crashes along the Interstate 81 corridor.

PSP joined with FMSCA and other state police agencies to conduct extra patrols and proactive traffic enforcement along the entire length of I-81 this summer. During two five-day enforcement periods last month, PSP traffic stops on the interstate resulted in 1,322 traffic citations and 1,119 written warnings. Additionally, 299 commercial vehicles were inspected.

Major Robert Krol, Director of the PSP Bureau of Patrol, appealed to all drivers to focus on driving safely, especially around commercial vehicles.

"Remember that when you're passing commercial vehicles, avoid hanging in their blind spots and give ample space in front of the vehicle before completing your pass," Krol said. "These vehicles often weigh 80,000 pounds or more, and stopping distance is about three times that of a passenger vehicle."

"The purpose of this initiative is to increase education of all vehicle operators, not just commercial vehicle operators, how to share the road," FMCSA Deputy Administrator Earl Adams Jr. said. "Let's all work together to keep our roads safe."

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