

# NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

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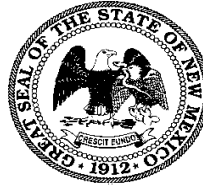
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**NEWS RELEASE**

# PRC-Transportation Investigators, State Police conduct joint inspections

**SANTA FE** – Investigators from the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission’s Transportation Division collaborated with New Mexico State Police for a joint compliance review of commercial vehicles Tuesday-Thursday, October 24-26, in Santa Fe. In all, 63 commercial vehicles operating in the area were scheduled for the routine, thorough inspection.

The Transportation Division-Investigations Bureau has conducted these operations since the beginning of last year, traveling throughout New Mexico where scheduled mass vehicle inspections are held in one location. The operations have resulted in higher compliance for commercial vehicle operators and business owners. The Investigations Bureau values the support received from State Police field enforcement officers during these operations.

Investigators aim to ensure that motor carriers are complying with equipment and driver safety requirement standards pursuant to the Motor Carrier Act, Transportation rules, and federal safety regulations.

The Investigations Bureau inspects equipment, required driver files, annual inspection reports, medical cards, drug and alcohol testing paperwork, and all other required documents. New Mexico State Police conversely checks the physical and mechanical operations of the vehicles.

If a commercial vehicle is deemed to have an “out of service” violation, it must remain parked on site until the violations have been corrected. Investigators cited 12 commercial vehicles with out of service violations during this latest operation.

The Investigations Bureau will travel to Las Cruces in November to inspect wrecker services. Future investigations will be scheduled as agency budget allows.

### **About the NMPRC**

*The NMPRC regulates public utilities, telecommunications companies, and motor carriers operating throughout New Mexico. The agency also administers the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Pipeline Safety Bureau, and the New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy in Socorro, N.M.*

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**PRC Transportation Investigation Bureau Chief Fidel Archuleta, Investigator Manuel Anaya, Investigator Jimmy Vigil, Investigator James Martinez, Investigator Vincent Crespin, along with New Mexico State Police SGT Windy Graft, SGT Carlos Perea, Officer Justen Davis, Officer Richard Marshall, Officer Johnathan Torrez, Officer Steve Suprenant, and Officer Bridget Ramirez conducted inspections of 63 commercial vehicles Tuesday-Thursday, October 24-26, in Santa Fe, citing 12 out of service violations.**

