

Strong Communities

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Transport officers issue 43 commercial vehicle violations in the Fort McMurray area

Fort McMurray... Over a two-day period in August, more than 1,000 commercial vehicles went through a commercial vehicle checkstop location in the Fort McMurray area. Of these, 139 vehicles were checked and 43 violation tickets were issued.

Checkstops will continue to ensure the mechanical fitness of commercial vehicles on Highways 63 and 881. Transport officers conduct 18-point visual inspections looking at safety essentials such as load securement, driver credentials, brakes, tires, log books, exhaust systems, coupling devices, fuel systems, turn signals, steering, lamps and wheels. It takes about 20 minutes to do an inspection.

Alberta also uses a thermal-imaging technology as a pre-screening device to identify unsafe vehicles for commercial inspections. The thermal imaging units use infrared imaging to measure the heat emitted from an object. These units can perform brake inspections on moving commercial vehicles to identify defective brakes, tires and other mechanical deficiencies. Alberta is the first province in Canada to use this technology for this purpose.

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