



**Operation Roadcheck** is the largest targeted enforcement program on commercial vehicles in the world with an estimated 14 trucks or buses being inspected, on average, every minute from Canada to Mexico during the three day period.

As in past events, this year's Roadcheck will focus on commercial vehicle and driver safety and security. However, with the advent of CSA, these roadside inspections now play an even more important role.

**That's because all inspection violations will become part of your CSA record.** The Safety Measurement System (SMS) uses the on-road safety performance of carriers and drivers to identify candidates for interventions, determine the specific safety problems a carrier or driver exhibits, and to monitor whether safety problems are improving or worsening.

Here are five steps you can take to make sure you survive Roadcheck 2011:

- 1) **Understand the inspection process.** The roadside inspection involves a comprehensive 37-step procedure which includes items related to vehicle, driver and cargo safety.
- 2) **Know the most frequently cited violations.** Last year, CMV enforcement conducted 65,327 inspections across the US. Of those, almost 49,000 were Level 1. 4.4 percent of the drivers and 19.6 percent of the vehicles were placed out of service. The specific driver violations include hours of service, false logs, license issues, age, drug and alcohol issues. For equipment, the most frequent violations include brake issues, tires and wheels, lights, load securement, steering, frames, and suspensions.
- 3) **Keep your vehicle clean and well maintained.**
- 4) **Conduct thorough pre- and post-trip inspections.**
- 5) **Treat the inspector with courtesy and respect.**

