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### **CPUC JOINS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT ON STRIKE TEAM IN Q3 2013 TO ENFORCE SAFETY COMPLIANCE OF PASSENGER CARRIERS AT MAJOR AIRPORTS AND OTHER AREAS OF INTERESTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, October 31, 2013 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing commitment to safety and consumer protection, participated in five multi-agency strike force operations on passenger carriers (limousines, shuttles, tour buses) during the third quarter of 2013. The operations were conducted to ensure that companies are properly licensed with CPUC. The operations were conducted at the following locations:

**John Wayne Airport Inspection, July 10, 2013:** CPUC staff participated in a joint enforcement operation hosted by John Wayne Airport Operations and the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Of the 44 charter-party carriers stopped and inspected, 13 reports were issued for various violations such as no waybill or incomplete waybill, TCP name and number not shown on bumpers or side of vehicles, incorrect license plate and vehicle not on equipment list, no workers' compensation insurance, possible Z permit required, and operating without authority.

**John Wayne Airport Inspection, Aug. 16, 2013:** CPUC staff participated in a joint enforcement operation at the Orange County John Wayne Airport with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and John Wayne Airport enforcement officers. A total of 34 vehicles/shuttle vans were inspected with five resulting in reports and two in misdemeanor warnings for workers' compensation violations.

**San Diego State University, Aug. 30, 2013:** CPUC staff participated in the annual start of school Task Force Enforcement Detail at San Diego State University. Attendees included the CHP; San Diego State University Police Department; the University California, San Diego Police Department; Alcohol Beverage Control; Probation and Parole; and the San Diego Police Department. The CPUC and CHP were tasked with checking the party buses picking up students on campus. Eight visual inspections were conducted resulting in three reports and two misdemeanor warning reports. Two buses were put out of service, one for mechanical reasons and one for operating on a suspended permit.



**San Diego State University, Sept. 21, 2013:** CPUC staff participated in a second Task Force Enforcement Detail at San Diego State University with the same agencies again working together checking for various violations. Six active charter-party bus visual inspections were conducted resulting in a report for equipment not reported to the CPUC.

**Los Angeles World Airport, Sept. 19, 2013:** CPUC staff participated in a joint enforcement operation at the Los Angeles World Airport with the CHP, Los Angeles World Airport Police Department, and Los Angeles World Airport Regulatory Compliance and Standards. The CPUC observed and inspected 147 vehicles, 22 of which were given misdemeanor warnings, mainly for operating without workers' compensation insurance and equipment not listed with the CPUC.

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