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

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7, 2009 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) participated in three multi-agency strike force operations on passenger carriers (limousine, shuttles, tour bus) during the first quarter of 2009. These operations were conducted to ensure that companies are properly licensed with CPUC. The operations were conducted at the following locations:

1. **Limousine/Taxicab Enforcement, San Francisco – January 16, 2009** – CPUC staff participated in a joint sting operation with the San Francisco Police Department Taxi Detail to assist in the curtailment of illegal limousine operations in San Francisco. Numerous complaints of unlicensed carriers as well as legal carriers operating without pre-arrangement have been received by CPUC staff and the San Francisco Police. Some CPUC staff worked as decoys, while others assisted in supervision and providing computer backup. Nine citations were written of which three resulted in vehicle tows.

2. **Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim – February 26, 2009** – Assisted by the Anaheim Police Department and the Anaheim Convention Center Parking and Facility Staff, CPUC staff participated in a surprise bus inspection. There were 112 buses at the annual Catholic Youth Day Event activities for Catholic School students. The CPUC wrote 22 Observation Notices, 13 of which are Notices To Correct Violations (General Order violations, including

no identifying numbers), and five have no violations noted. The CPUC also issued four Misdemeanor Warnings (operating with an invalid permit), and two cease and desist notices.

3. **Harrah's Rincon Indian Gaming Casino, Valley Center, San Diego County – March 26, 2009** – Assisted by the California Highway Patrol and Harrah's on-site security, CPUC staff participated in a surprise bus inspection. Of the 21 buses inspected, CPUC wrote six Observation Notices, and issued three Misdemeanor Warnings (operating with a suspended permit), and three Notices to Correct Violations (General Order violations, including no identifying numbers).

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