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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 18, 2010 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) participated in four multi-agency strike force operations on passenger carriers (limousine, shuttles, tour buses) during the first quarter of 2010. These operations were conducted to ensure that companies are properly licensed with CPUC.

The operations were conducted at the following locations:

1. **Sacramento Airport (SMF) – February 17, 2010** – The CPUC’s Consumer Protection and Safety Division (CPSD) staff, along with the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Airport Detail, SMF Airside Operations, and SMF Accounting, conducted surprise vehicles inspection from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Seventy-five vehicles (40 taxicabs, 35 shuttles or limos) were pulled over for the inspection. The CPUC interviewed 22 vehicles (shuttles and limousines) to ensure that these companies are properly licensed. The CPUC issued 13 Notices to Correct Violations (waybill documentation, and vehicle not listed with the CPUC).

2. **San Diego Airport (SAN) - February 17, 2010** – CPSD staff, along with SAN Landside Operations, California Highway Patrol (CHP), MTS, and the Employment Development Department (EDD), participated in a surprise joint agency inspection. CPUC staff inspected 23 shuttles and wrote 13 inspection observation notices. The CPUC also issued two Misdemeanor

Warnings (unlicensed or suspension) and eight Notices to Correct (equipment list not current and possible workers' compensation violation).

3. **Wildcat Task Force Inspection - San Ysidro Border – February 24, 2010** – CPSD staff, along with Department of Homeland Security, California Highway Patrol, SD Police Department Border Crimes Unit, MTS, and the U.S. Border Patrol and Custom Agency, participated in a surprise joint agency strike force. The CPUC checked 24 vehicles (shuttles, vans and buses), and issued 13 Notices to Correct for CPUC violations (nine unlicensed, two fail to display TCP#, and two equipment list not current).

4. **Hollywood Strike Force – March 19, 2010** – CPSD staff, along with the CHP, Culver City Police Department, Santa Monica Police Department, and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, participated in a surprise agency strike force. Seventy-two vehicle and 38 citations were issued for various reasons. The CPUC issued three misdemeanor warnings. Five vehicles were impounded for operating either during suspension or revocation of authority or due to violations of the vehicle code.

5. **Anaheim Convention Center Vehicle Inspection – March 18, 2010** – CPSD staff participated in a surprise joint agency bus inspection at the Anaheim Convention Center. Agencies participating included the San Diego based Rainbow Division of the CHP, San Diego Border Division Motor Carrier Specialist Unit, Anaheim Police Department, and the Anaheim Convention Center Parking and Facility Staff. CPUC staff inspected 112 buses and issued two misdemeanor warnings (operating with a suspended authority and engaged workers' without evidence of workers' compensation insurance on file with the CPUC) and seven notices to correct violations (failure to display their TCP # on the buses and failure to maintain a current equipment list).

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