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

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28, 2010 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) participated in seven multi-agency strike force operations on passenger carriers (limousine, shuttles, tour buses) during the second quarter of 2010. These operations were conducted to ensure that companies are properly licensed with the CPUC. The operations were conducted at the following locations:

1. **Palm Springs Airport Vehicle Inspection – Palm Springs, April 10, 2010** – The CPUC; the California Highway Patrol (CHP), Banning Division; and Palm Springs Landside Operations participated in an unannounced joint agency bus inspection at the Palm Springs Airport. The CPUC inspected 19 vehicles and issued four Observation Notices with violations noted (TCP number not on the buses, and equipment list not current).
2. **Fantasy Springs Casino Vehicle Inspection – Indio, April 29, 2010** – The CPUC; the CHP, Banning Division; and the California Gaming Control License Section participated in an unannounced joint agency bus inspection at the Indio Fantasy Springs Casino. The CPUC inspected 12 buses and wrote two Observation Notices with violations noted (TCP number not displayed and equipment list not current).
3. **San Diego DUI Inspection – Pacific Beach, May 1, 2010** – The CPUC, along with San Diego, Oceanside, and National City Police Departments, the San Diego Sheriffs Department, the San

Diego State University Police, the University of California San Diego Police, and the San Diego County Probation Department, participated in an unannounced joint agency DUI inspection of buses, shuttles, and limousines at Pacific Beach. The CPUC inspected 12 vehicles, and issued four Observation Notices (operating during a period of permit suspension, engaging employees without workers' compensation insurance on file with the CPUC, no waybill, vehicle not listed with the CPUC, invalid Drivers' license).

4. **Sacramento International Airport (SMF) – May 13, 2010** – The CPUC, along with the California Highway Patrol, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Airport Detail, SMF Airside Operations, SMF Accounting and IT, Sacramento County Department of Weights and Measures, Employment Development Department, DIR Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, City of Sacramento, and County of Sacramento conducted an unannounced safety inspection at the Sacramento Airport. At least 117 vehicles were pulled over for the inspection. The CPUC interviewed 41 vehicles (airport shuttle vans and limousines) to ensure that these companies are properly licensed. The CPUC issued 20 Notices to Correct Violations (no decal displayed and vehicle not listed with the CPUC).
5. **San Francisco International Airport (SFO) – May 19, 2010** – The CPUC, along with the CHP, SFO Airport Police, and SFO Landside Operations conducted an unannounced passenger carrier inspection. Approximately 200 vehicles (limos, buses, and shuttles) were pulled over for the inspection. The CPUC interviewed 188 vehicles and issued four Misdemeanor Warnings (operation with suspended CPUC permit) and 64 Notices to Correct Violations (vehicles not filed with the CPUC, waybills, vehicle ID).
6. **Temecula Wine & Balloon Festival – June 5, 2010** - Working with the festival coordinator, the CPUC conducted an unannounced operation of balloon operators' chase vehicles in winery parking lots in the Temecula area. Of the eight companies that provided ground transportation incidental to its balloon business, three did not have a charter-party class C certificate as required by the CPUC. These three operators were issued Cease and Desist letters.

7. **Los Angeles International Airport (LAWA) – June 11, 2010** – The CPUC, along with the CHP, LAX Police Department, and LAWA’s Regulatory Compliance and Standards conducted an unannounced passenger carrier inspection. Approximately 289 vehicles (shuttles, limos, and vans) were inspected. The CPUC issued one misdemeanor warning for possible workers’ compensation insurance violation.

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