
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE

Media Contact: Terrie Prosper, 415.703.1366, news@cpuc.ca.gov

**CPUC JOINS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT
TO ENSURE SAFETY COMPLIANCE OF PASSENGER CARRIERS**

SAN FRANCISCO, January 26, 2011 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) participated in two events regarding passenger carriers (limousine, shuttles, tour buses) during the fourth quarter of 2010, at the following locations:

1. **Hollywood Strike Force – December 10, 2010** – CPUC staff joined with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), and Los Angeles and Culver City Police Departments to conduct a surprise inspection of passenger carrier buses in an effort to ensure that only licensed and insured passenger carriers are transporting passengers on the public highways. Forty-seven citations were issued for violations ranging from lack of operating authority or evidence of insurance to the driver not properly licensed to drive a bus. Eleven buses were towed and impounded.

2. **Bus Impound – Santa Clara - December 20, 2010** – CPUC staff received a complaint that Serendipity Land Yachts LTD based in San Jose (TCP 8430), was providing charter services under contract with businesses to shuttle its employees to and from the Caltrain station and workplaces in the Fremont/Santa Clara areas. Serendipity’s permit was suspended on August 17, 2010, and subsequently revoked on November 15, 2010, for failure to procure and maintain evidence of public liability insurance coverage. CPUC staff scouted the areas of pickup and drop-off and provided the CHP with locations and pictures of vehicles in operation. On December 20, 2010, in a joint operation, the CPUC and CHP observed from afar Serendipity’s

vehicle dropping employees off at the ACE/Caltrain station in Santa Clara. After the last drop off, the CHP cited the driver and towed the vehicle for operating after revocation of its permit.

For more information on the CPUC, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov.

###