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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, October 27, 2008 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has participated in three multi-agency strike force operations on passenger carriers (limousines, shuttles, tour buses) during the third quarter of 2008. These operations were conducted to ensure that companies are properly licensed with CPUC. At the same time, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) inspected vehicles for Vehicle Code violations. Other agencies that participated in one or more of the joint inspections are:

1. Department of Weights and Measures (Alameda County)
2. Landside/Airside Operations (Los Angeles World Airport, Port of Oakland)
3. Police Departments (San Leandro, Alameda, and Oakland)
4. Alameda County Sheriff Office, DUI Unit and Office of Emergency Services

The operations were conducted at the following locations:

1. **Del Mar Race Track, San Diego - July 16, 2008** – San Diego Area, CPUC staff, along with the CHP, conducted a joint agency limousine and bus inspection on opening day at the races. Sixty-four limousine and 32 bus operators were interviewed, four misdemeanor warnings were given for operating without authority (denied, suspended, expired, and lack of permit], and 15 vehicles were found in violation of CPUC rules (no waybill, no identifying numbers, and invalid permits).
2. **Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) – July 16, 2008** – One hundred-eighteen vehicles (limousines, buses, and shuttles) were pulled over for the inspection. The CPUC issued two



misdemeanor warnings (operating with suspended, revoked, or lack of CPUC permit), and 40 Notices to Correct Violations (decals, maintain current vehicles with CPUC, waybills, vehicle ID, and possible workers' compensation insurance violations).

3. Oakland International Airport (OAK) – August 28, 2008 – 2nd inspection -

Approximately 296 vehicles (135 were shuttles, limousines, and vans subject to CPUC jurisdiction; and 161 taxi cabs) were pulled over for the inspection. The CPUC issued three misdemeanor warnings (operating without a CPUC permit or on a suspended permit), and 56 Inspection Observation Reports showing various minor violations (waybill failure, vehicles in operation not listed with the CPUC, vehicle identification (decals, livery plate)). Misdemeanor Warnings were issued to carriers currently suspended – one for lack of evidence of insurance on file and one for a safety violation related to required CHP inspection. Another Misdemeanor Warning was issued to the driver of a limousine who has no CPUC permit and could not prove ownership of the limousine.

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