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2016 International Roadcheck Kicks Off With Tuesday News Conference

LITTLE ROCK (6-2) – The Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) and the Arkansas Trucking Association (ATA) will kick off the 2016 International Roadcheck with a news conference on Tuesday, June 7 at 9:00 am at the I-30 eastbound inspection pad in Benton, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials. The three-day event is coordinated by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA).

“Our effort is to assure that commercial vehicles are compliant with the rules and regulations to assure safe travel on the roadways,” said AHP Chief Ron Burks.

“We stand with the Highway Police in the enforcement efforts to keep our highways safe through programs like Roadcheck,” added ATA President Shannon Newton.

“The trucking industry’s workplace is on our nation’s highways, and we are committed to keeping them safe for everyone that we share the road with,” said David O’Neal, director of safety services for the ATA. “Inspections help us remember that commitment every day.”

Inspectors will conduct compliance, enforcement and educational initiatives targeted at various elements of motor carrier, vehicle, driver and cargo safety and security. Inspections will begin 6:00 a.m. Tuesday and last through 6:00 a.m. Thursday. The CVSA estimates that each minute nearly 17 commercial vehicles will be inspected by some 10,000 certified inspectors from Canada to Mexico.

Highway Police will primarily conduct a North American Standard Level 1 Inspection - a 37-step procedure that includes the examination of both the driver and vehicle that includes braking systems, driveshaft, suspension, lights and other common items.

This year the program has a special emphasis on tire safety, including tread depth, air pressure, visible bulges and overall condition.

All commercial vehicles are required to roll through checkpoint areas, however, only obvious violations and random vehicles are selected for inspection.

Drivers should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel information can be found at IDriveArkansas.com or ArkansasHighways.com. You can also follow us on [Twitter @AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

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