

Halton Police with six other police agencies and inspectors from the Ministries of Transportation, Finance and Environment held a two-day truck blitz at the Mohawk Race Track.

Halton Police photo

301 charges in two-day truck inspection blitz in Halton

Halton Regional Police, in partnership with six other police agencies and inspectors from the Transportation, Finance and Environment Ministries, held a two-day commercial motor vehicle inspection & enforcement blitz on Oct. 7-8 at the Mohawk Race Track on Guelph Line in the Town of Milton.

This 10th-annual initiative is an integral part of Halton's Traffic Enforcement strategy and takes unsafe vehicles off the road as well as inspecting cargo and the corresponding administrative paperwork required to be carried by the drivers.

Light commercial vehicles such as small panel trucks, cube vans and pickup trucks with trailers were also part of this inspection.

Over the two days, a total of 457 trucks were inspected. This could entail a quick 30-minute inspection or a thorough one hour inspection of the entire vehicle from front to back.

Out of these inspected commercial motor vehicles the following results were achieved by law enforcement:

• 188 were taken out of service; a 41% failure rate.

• 22 drivers were taken out of service (for driving in excess of regulated hours, licence suspensions and improper training in Dangerous Goods transportation).

• 36 sets of plates were removed.

• 301 charges laid under provincial legislation (Highway Traffic Act, Ontario Regulations etc.).

• 5 tobacco seizures and charges.

• 3 federal drug arrests.

Of special note, officers conducted nine Dangerous Goods inspections. Out of these inspections, six trucks were taken out of service (67%) and 13 charges were laid.

Traffic issues are seriously addressed in Halton Region, stated Halton Police in a press release, adding "Enforcement campaigns such as this are essential to ensuring our roads and highways are safe for all users. We hope to send a message out to the thousands of commercial motor vehicle operators who travel on our roadways or through our region each day that compliance to rules and regulations is non-negotiable and community safety will not be compromised."

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