

23 of 72 fail inspection

Two-day truck blitz results in 35 charges

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A two-day truck blitz done by Halton police and Ontario Ministry of Transportation officers in Georgetown recently resulted in 23 trucks taken out of service and 35 charges being laid.

The blitz, which was part of Halton Regional Police Service's Spring Into Safety Campaign, was conducted last Wednesday and Friday in the parking lot at Gordon Alcott Arena. Const. Al Stennett said a total of 72 trucks, from gravel trucks to garbage trucks, were brought in from various streets in town including Maple Ave., Trafalgar Rd., Guelph St. and Mountainview Rd.

Of the 72, 40 received complete safety inspections, and 23 failed the inspections. Stennett said the blitz resulted in a 31 per cent failure rate.

Of the 23 trucks that failed the inspection, 17 drivers were able to repair the defects quickly and get back on the road while licence plates were removed from six trucks.

Stennett said charges were laid for a variety of infractions including improper tires, failing to conform to safety standards, having an unsecured load, and having no brake light.

He said a couple of loose lug nuts on truck wheels had to be



Several trucks were inspected last Wednesday and Friday as Halton Regional Police and the Ontario Ministry of Transport (MTO) conducted a truck safety blitz in the parking lot of Alcott arena. MTO enforcement officer Sylvie Nickerson was one of the officers checking the brakes and suspension of one of the trucks.

Photo by Ted Brown

tightened before the vehicle could go back on the road. Of the trucks that had their plates removed one truck had a trailer with a non-functioning braking system on its trailer, another had tie-rod and braking problems and a cracked suspension.

Stennett said the most common problems they came across during the inspections were with tires, suspensions and brakes.

Stennett said seven fail to conform charges were laid against the drivers or truck owners which

come with a \$375 fine. A \$485 fine was levied against a truck owner with faulty brakes.

He added the trucks that had their plates removed had to be towed away at the owners' expense, the owners had to fix everything that was found wrong with the truck, they had to have it safety inspected by the MTO, and pay for replating it before it could be taken back on the road.

Stennett said police will continue to conduct truck blitzes throughout the year.

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