

Construction traffic prompts blitz.

Trucks pulled from roads, charges laid

Almost 40 charges were laid and 13 vehicles pulled off the road during a four-and-a-half hour commercial truck inspection blitz conducted by the York Regional Police and Ministry of Transportation at an arena in Stouffville Wednesday.

Twenty-seven commercial vehicles, mostly dump trucks, were pulled off Whitchurch-Stouffville roads for inspection at the Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex on Weldon Road, which resulted in charges ranging from faulty brakes and tires to paperwork infractions such as improper pre-trip inspections.

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"If they don't do it first thing in the morning, who knows what condition the truck is in later in the day," Const. Andy Pattenden told The Sun-Tribune, noting a driver doesn't always operate the same vehicle.

Although the York Regional Police traffic unit routinely inspects commercial vehicles on Hwy. 48 and Bloomington Road, they partnered with MTO on this one because there has been a lot of concern surrounding the high volume of trucks due to construction recently, Const. Pattenden said.

- Sandra Bolan



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York Regional Police officer Fawaz Owayda, a commercial vehicle safety alliance inspector, checks the undercarriage of a dump truck during a blitz at the Clippers Sports Complex Wednesday. He is looking for defects, wear and tear and damage to the brakes.



York Regional Police officers Fawaz Owayda and Biagio Romita, commercial vehicle safety alliance inspectors, show Ministry of Transport officer John Douglas the engine area of a dump truck during blitz in Stouffville.

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