Vehicle inspection results released

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A three-day commercial vehicle enforcement inspection last week identified a number of safety violations.

The project ran last Tuesday through Thursday and 91 vehicles were inspected. Of those, 18 passed the inspection, 13 required attention and 60 were placed out of service. A total of 170 violation tickets were issued.

The joint forces operation included members of the Lethbridge Police Service, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Alberta Sheriffs, RCMP, the Lethbridge County Community Peace Officer and Alberta Transportation Dangerous Goods, Vehicle and Rail Safety.

Officers inspected commercial vehicles for mechanical and equipment violations, as well as proper driver credentials and vehicle documentation.

"It's always alarming the number of vehicles found on the road that have defects that are unsafe," said Const. Stewart Seefried, with the LPS Traffic Response Unit.

"When you're driving these trucks they're typically larger, heavier vehicles, heavy loads, so if something goes wrong there is potential for a much more significant collision or injury or damage resulting."

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