



2014 Safety Inspections

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→ **October 10 MAYVIEW**
→ **October 15 FORISTELL**

→ **October 17 BLOOMSDALE**
→ **October 22 JOPLIN**

One of the activities that help the Missouri Trucking Association's Council of Safety Supervisors receive national recognition is the commercial vehicle inspections conducted at four locations in Missouri during the month of October. Each day started off with a tour of the scale house, introductions and an explanation of how everything inside works, and what the inspectors are looking for as they are looking out the window of the scale.



The council then followed a Commercial Vehicle Officer/Inspector or Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Trooper through a level one inspection. The inspector told the attending group what items they were checking, when it would become a violation and how they were measuring certain parts of the truck to see if there was a defect.



Attendees were able to crawl under the trucks with the inspectors or go into the pit at the "super coops" to see how they marked and measured the brakes and so they could visually see the items under the trucks as the inspector was checking them.



After the level one inspection was complete the safety council conducted inspections on MoTA members' trucks.

Members of the council asked the driver if they would allow them to do a walk around inspection of their vehicle. If the driver provided permission, an inspection was completed by Council members. If there were any violations observed, the driver was shown the defect and then furnished a copy of the report. The driver was instructed to get the defect repaired immediately if it would affect the safe operation of the vehicle.





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the max pressure), brake shoes below threshold/worn out, and brake hose chafing.

Over 40 inspections were conducted by the council in 2014 which were conducted over four days at Missouri Highway Patrol Weigh Stations in Mayview (October 10th), Foristell (October 15th), Bloomsdale (October 17th), and Joplin (October 22nd). During the inspections several violations were discovered including: two expired annual inspections, one trailer tire below 2/32, two audible air leaks (brake chamber and emergency valve), broken leveling valve, missing license plate, two flat tires (below 50% of



Through these inspections, it is the intention of the Council to educate the drivers on the inspection process and give them the knowledge to keep safer trucks on the road. This also benefits the company safety professionals and maintenance professionals by allowing them to see how the Highway Patrol is measuring and what items they are looking for while conducting inspections. Companies also have the opportunity to talk with the inspectors on neutral grounds to ask questions and get to know the individuals who enforce safety in our profession. This event benefits not only the drivers themselves, but their company, the motoring public and the industry as a whole.

