



Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Compliance Office



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DOT OFFICERS CONDUCT COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT OPERATION

Colonel Graham Fountain, Director of the Florida Department of Transportation's Motor Carrier Compliance Office announced the results of a commercial motor vehicle safety enforcement operation conducted in a 10-hour period on 4/28/04 in Broward County.

MCCO officers were watching for load securement violations as well as violations of weight and safety laws contained in Florida Statutes and Federal Regulations.

Officers issued 14 traffic citations to vehicles for improperly securing their load. In addition they conducted 51 commercial motor vehicle inspections, placing 17 vehicles and 5 drivers out of service, issued 21 citations for safety violations, 6 weight citations, and made 5 criminal arrests.

In 2002 the Florida Legislature mandated that violations of Florida's load securement statute require a mandatory court appearance. MCCO will continue to work with our state and local law enforcement partners to crack down on vehicles that do not properly secure their cargo in an effort to reduce accidents and protect the motoring public.

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