



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Deputies Contact Hundreds of Aggressive Drivers**

June 7, 2013—Sheriff's Deputies were out in force working to identify aggressive commercial vehicle drivers and other people who drive aggressive around the commercial vehicles. This was a cooperative effort between the Washington County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Team and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Large commercial vehicles have decreased visibility and noted braking efficiency compared to passenger vehicles. They take a much longer distance to stop and their crashes are more severe due to their weight. Deputies concentrated their two-day mission on a 10-mile stretch of Interstate 5 that included the Highway 217 interchange.

Listed are the results collected during the traffic safety detail on June 5 and 6, 2013:

- Total drivers contacted: 273
- Total citations issued: 212
- Total aggressive driver contacts including following too closely, speeding, and unsafe lane usage: 197
- Speeding citations: 96
- Distracted driving citations: 9
- Driving with a suspended license citations: 4

There were 17 commercial vehicle safety inspections completed. Of those 17 inspections, three trucks and one driver were taken out of service for various safety violations. The number of trucks in compliance with safety regulations has increased over the last year of targeted enforcement.

The Sheriffs Office and ODOT will continue traffic safety efforts to include targeting aggressive commercial vehicle driving.