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Sheriff Schmidt Announces Truck Safety Inspections MPD, State Patrol and MCSO Joint Initiative

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff Richard Schmidt will hold a news conference on Monday, April 9 to outline a truck safety inspection and enforcement initiative. The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, Milwaukee Police Department and Wisconsin State Patrol join together with their deputies and police officers who are trained truck inspectors. MPD Chief Alfonso Morales will join Sheriff Schmidt at the news conference.

A Brookfield citizen, Joleen Tichelaar, will also attend the news conference as part of her effort to make people aware of the importance of keeping their trucks well maintained. She lost her husband, Jay, in May 2017 when a brake drum broke off a truck traveling in front of his car on the freeway and crashed through his windshield.

Sheriff Schmidt said, "The massive size of trucks when not properly maintained provides a significant danger to the motoring public. The enforcement efforts will hold companies accountable for equipment violations, as well as aggressive operators who speed, tailgate and drive without due regard for the safety of the vehicles around them. We are changing the culture to avoid catastrophic consequences."

Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) and large truck enforcement entails both the operator's driving behavior and the vehicle's safety equipment. There are many state and federal regulations that govern their operation. The inspections are random and typically turn up violations for logbooks, equipment, operating without a CDL, load securement, and size/weight of loads. CMVs that don't meet regulations are taken out of service.

DATE: Monday, April 9, 2018

TIME: 11:00 AM

**LOCATION: Patrol Substation Roll Call Room
10320 Watertown Plank Road
Wauwatosa**

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