



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT  
OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION



**GTACT**

**Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks**

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# GEORGIA TARGETING AGGRESSIVE CARS AND TRUCKS



# WHAT IS GTACT?

- ❑ Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks
- ❑ Project administered by the Georgia Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Compliance Division
- ❑ High-visibility traffic enforcement program.
- ❑ Program uses communication, enforcement and evaluation activities.
- ❑ Targets high-risk corridors to reduce fatalities and injuries from unsafe driving behaviors by passenger vehicles and commercial motor vehicles (CMVS).



# WHY GEORGIA?

- ❑ From 2004 to 2006, in the United States, 15,470 people were killed in crashes involving at least one large truck, and 336,000 people were injured in large truck crashes.
- ❑ Over 70 percent of the deaths and injuries in these 3 years were a result of collisions between passenger vehicles and CMVS.
- ❑ The State of Georgia is among the top 5 states in the nation where fatality accidents occur involving CMVS.



# HOW DOES TACT WORK?

- ❑ Congressional concern with Passenger Vehicle/ Commercial Vehicle collisions.
- ❑ Available funding from FMCSA for special CMV enforcement projects.
- ❑ Participation from the FMCSA, Georgia Motor Trucking Association, Georgia State Patrol, the Georgia Department of Transportation and local agencies



# GOALS

- ❑ Document a decrease in risky behavior around CMV's through the use of communications that target driver awareness of unsafe behavior.
- ❑ Test use of high visibility enforcement in high crash areas to determine impact in reducing high-risk driving behaviors.
- ❑ Test combined effectiveness of education, outreach and enforcement for violations occurring near CMV's.



# BEHAVIOR

## VIOLATIONS TARGETED:

Speeding

Changing lanes without signal

Driving in the “No Zone”

Crossing the gore

Left lane violations

Following Too Closely

Not allowing CMV to merge

Reckless Driving

Passing in emergency lane

Improper License



# ENFORCEMENT PLAN AND STRATEGIES

- ❑ The MCCD partnered with the Georgia State Patrol, as well as local agencies to staff a 25 mile corridor for eight hour selective traffic enforcement program (STEP) shift.
- ❑ After the initial campaigns, the MCCD engaged in at least two blitz periods in both corridor for a period of 3 days each.
- ❑ The primary focus of the STEP patrols was the driver behavior displayed by passenger vehicles, light trucks, and commercial motor vehicles. CMV operators were screened for compliance with the federal motor carrier rules and regulation with the primary focus being driver only inspections.
- ❑ Officers distributed educational outreach brochures to all violators.



# PRE-PATROL OBSERVATIONS

- ❑ Unmarked vehicle used to patrol selected corridor to observe targeted violations.
- ❑ Two days a week four hours a day prior to enforcement effort.



# POST PATROL OBSERVATION

- ❑ Unmarked vehicle used to patrol selected corridor to observe targeted violations
- ❑ Same as pre-patrol; Two days a week four hours a day following the enforcement effort.



# SURVEYS BY UGA

- ❑ UGA research survey center conducts one on one surveys at Department of Driver Services customer service center prior to enforcement effort and following the enforcement effort.



# TELEPHONE SURVEYS

- ❑ Conducted by UGA research survey center in the area of the selected corridor both pre and post enforcement effort.



# ANALYSIS

- ❑ UGA survey research center compiles all information and the findings are reported to the department.



# GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT

- Press Event
- Fully wrapped semi-trucks
- Road signs and billboards
- Radio message
- Posters
- Flyers
- Highway Signs
- Internet
- Specially-wrapped tractor trailers
- Newspaper ads



# PRESS EVENT



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# ROADS SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS





# SAVANNAH



# NEWS REPORTS



# ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE





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A message from the Georgia Department of Public Safety



Following Too Close?

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Safety Message from Project P.I.E. (Public Information and Education)

PICTURE SHEET #004

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# INATTENTIVE DRIVER ?

According to Trooper Blackwell, at 4:48pm a Forsyth Co. Deputy was stopped on SR 400 S due to the volume of traffic at the traffic light at SR 369. A tractor-trailer was traveling south in the right lane of SR 369 and realized he could not stop in time at the traffic light.

The driver of the CMV pulled his trailer brakes causing the tractor to jackknife to the right. This action caused the left rear trailer tires to run over the trunk of the deputy's patrol car and the trailer hit the guard rail and came to rest on the right shoulder of the roadway.

- 0 Fatalities
- 1 Injury
- 0 Hazmat
- 1.5 Hours of Road Closure



# GTACT ACTIVITY REPORT

Date of Activity	July 2008 – January 2009	
Reporting Agency	MCCD	
Officer Name		
Mileage		
Campaign Location	Gwinnett County and Richmond County (Augusta)	
Shift Time		

## *CMV Safety Inspections*

	Equipment Violations/OOS	Driver Violations/OOS	Number of Inspections
Total Safety Violations	619	1101	959
Out of Service Drivers	→	44	
Out of Service Vehicles	43		



# GTACT ACTIVITY REPORT

<i>Uniform Traffic Citations</i>	
<b>Violations</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Speeding</b>	822
<b>Following too Closely</b>	197
<b>Improper Lane Change</b>	121
<b>Improper Passing</b>	4
<b>Aggressive Driving</b>	1
<b>Seatbelts *</b>	213
<b>Other Citations *</b>	572
* Denotes Non-GTACT Violations	
<i>Warnings</i>	
<b>Violations</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Speeding</b>	264
<b>Following too Closely</b>	150
<b>Improper Lane Change</b>	68
<b>Improper Passing</b>	22
<b>Aggressive Driving</b>	0
<b>Seatbelts</b>	75
<b>Other Warnings</b>	740
* Denotes Non-GTACT Violations	
<b>Total Contacts: Inspections, Citations &amp; Warnings</b>	<b>4208</b>



# GTACT Statistical Comparison

<b>Citations</b>						
<b>Violation</b>	<b>NON-CMV</b>			<b>CMV</b>		<b>Totals</b>
	<b>#</b>	<b>%*</b>		<b>#</b>	<b>%*</b>	
Speeding	746	90.75%		76	9.25%	822
Following Too Closely	130	65.99%		67	34.01%	197
Improper Lane Change	55	45.45%		66	54.55%	121
Improper Passing	1	25.00%		3	75.00%	4
Aggressive Driving	1	100.00%		0	0.00%	1
Seatbelts	138	64.79%		75	35.21%	213
Other	371	64.86%		201	35.14%	572

\* percent of individual totals

<b>Warnings</b>						
<b>Violation</b>	<b>NON-CMV</b>			<b>CMV</b>		<b>Totals</b>
	<b>#</b>	<b>%*</b>		<b>#</b>	<b>%*</b>	
Speeding	209	79.17%		55	20.83%	264
Following Too Closely	70	46.67%		80	53.33%	150
Improper Lane Change	52	76.47%		16	23.53%	68
Improper Passing	17	77.27%		5	22.73%	22
Aggressive Driving	0			0	0.00%	0
Seatbelts	30	40.00%		45	60.00%	75
Other	340	45.95%		400	54.05%	740

\* percent of individual totals

☐ Citations

☐ Warnings



# GTACT ACTIVITY REPORT

Date of Activity	2/23/2009	2/27/2009
Reporting Agency	DPS MCCD	
Officer Name		
Campaign Location	I-75 Lowndes/Cook (MM 11 to MM 37)	
Total Hours	1,079	
Total Miles	12,339	
Number of Officers worked	24	

## *CMV Safety Inspections*

Total Safety Violations	147	434	230
Out of Service Drivers	→	28	
Out of Service Vehicles	14		



# GTACT ACTIVITY REPORT

<i>Uniform Traffic Citations</i>			
Violations	Non-CMV Citations	CMV Citations	Totals
Speeding	223	15	238
Following too Closely	12	14	26
Improper Lane Change	5	14	19
Improper Passing	0	4	4
Aggressive Driving	0	0	0
Seatbelts *	21	161	182
Other Citations *	76	94	170
			<b>Total GTACT Citations</b>
			<b>Total Citations</b>
* Denotes Non-GTACT Violations			
<i>Warnings</i>			
Violations	Non-CMV Warnings	CMV Warnings	
Speeding	51	23	
Following too Closely	15	12	
Improper Lane Change	13	8	
Improper Passing	0	0	
Aggressive Driving	0	0	
Seatbelts	10	10	
Other Warnings	115	54	
			<b>Total GTACT Warnings</b>
			<b>Total Warnings</b>
* Denotes Non-GTACT Violations			
<b>Total Contacts: Inspections, Citations &amp; Warnings</b>			<b>1180</b>



# DETAIL: Lowndes/Cook Region 8 totals GTACT Statistical Comparison

Citations					
Violation	NON-CMV		CMV		Totals
	#	%*	#	%*	
Speeding	176	92.63%	14	7.37%	190
Following Too Closely	7	38.89%	11	61.11%	18
Improper Lane Change	4	33.33%	8	66.67%	12
Improper Passing	0	0.00%	2	100.00%	2
Aggressive Driving	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Seatbelts	14	9.33%	136	90.67%	150
Other	54	41.22%	77	58.78%	131

\* percent of individual totals

Warnings					
Violation	NON-CMV		CMV		Totals
	#	%*	#	%*	
Speeding	48	72.73%	18	27.27%	66
Following Too Closely	11	50.00%	11	50.00%	22
Improper Lane Change	10	58.82%	7	41.18%	17
Improper Passing	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Aggressive Driving	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Seatbelts	8	50.00%	8	50.00%	16
Other	99	67.81%	47	32.19%	146

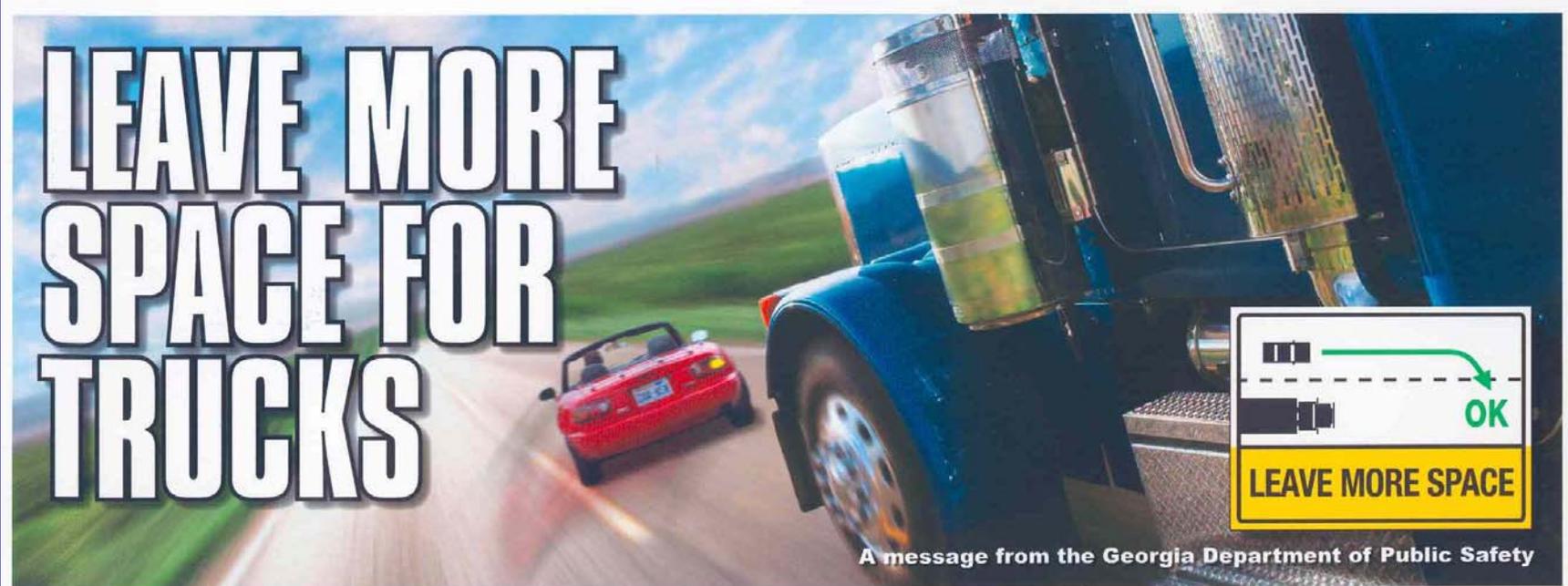


# CONTACT INFORMATION

❏ Website: [www.dps.georgia.gov](http://www.dps.georgia.gov)



# QUESTIONS?



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