

**CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**

**GENERAL ORDER 84.1**

**MARCH 2008**

**OFFICE OF PRIMARY INTEREST FOR MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY MATTERS**

1. PURPOSE. This General Order is established to ensure statewide uniformity, ensure regulatory compliance, and maintain the highest possible level of safety in the operation of the Department's commercial vehicles.
  
2. POLICY. Commercial Vehicle Section is designated as the OPI for all matters related to motor carrier safety with regard to the Department's commercial vehicles. This includes:
  - a. trucks operated by Supply Services Unit;
  - b. trucks operated by Telecommunications Section;
  - c. buses operated by the Academy;
  - d. fuel trucks operated by Air Operations;
  - e. controlled substances and alcohol testing of non-uniformed commercial drivers; and
  - f. all associated maintenance, documentation, and inspection matters relating to commercial vehicle operations.
  
3. PROCEDURES. Commercial Vehicle Section will have oversight and a consulting role for the various commands that have personnel or vehicles subject to safety compliance inspections. The commands are responsible for funding vehicle operations, vehicle maintenance, and maintaining required documentation. Commercial Vehicle Section will conduct drug and alcohol testing of non-uniform commercial drivers. Prior to any inspection required by statute, Commercial Vehicle Section will establish an auditing and inspection process on a scheduled basis. This process is to ensure the Department's operation of commercial motor vehicles is in compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations. Affected commands shall cooperate fully with Commercial Vehicle Section regarding all motor carrier safety compliance matters.

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