




Mission:
 Proud of our history and confident in meeting future challenges, we commit to protect and preserve Manitoba infrastructure by upholding applicable statutes and regulations through education, enforcement, and partnerships with the industry, while developing safe and innovative ways of delivering our services.

MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

Leadership Bulletin

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MANITOBA MOTOR CARRIER ENFORCEMENT “Keeping Manitobans Safe Through Improved Road Safety”

Manitoba Motor Carrier Enforcement (MMCE) staff work diligently to keep Manitobans safe by monitoring and promoting the safe operations of motor carriers on our highways throughout the province. MMCE regulates Manitoba's motor carriers in a manner that enhances road safety, protects infrastructure and promotes economic development through innovation and collaborative stewardship.

MMCE protects all users of Manitoba’s vast 19,000 kilometers of provincial trunk highways and provincial roads by ensuring the safety of large trucks, motor coaches and school buses and their drivers through roadside inspection, enforcement, facility audits and investigations.

MOTOR CARRIER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO MANITOBANS

With a fleet of 25 highway patrol units staffed by Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers (MCEOs), MMCE operates throughout the province, conducting roadside mechanical inspections to ensure all commercial drivers are following Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) standards.

MMCE operates eight permanent highway traffic inspection weigh stations (HTIS) in the province, in addition to our fourteen dedicated Highway Patrol areas. The breakdown as to their locations are as follows:

Our Brandon-based **Western Region** Sergeant oversees the following:

- Killarney Patrol Area
- Neepawa Patrol Area
- Brandon Patrol Area
- Russel Patrol Area
- Dauphin Patrol Area
- Swan River Patrol Area
- Carroll HTIS – Highway 2 and Highway 10
- The Pas HTIS – Highway 10, north of The Pas
- Thompson HTIS – Highway 6 near the south end of Thompson

Our Winnipeg-based **Central Region** Sergeant oversees the following:

- Carman Patrol Area
- Portage La Prairie Patrol Area
- South West Capital Patrol Area
- North East Capital Patrol Area
- Interlake Patrol Area
- Emerson HTIS – Highway 75 (Canada / US border)
- RM of Rosser HTIS – Highway 7 just north of the perimeter highway

Our Steinbach-based **Eastern Region** Sergeant oversees the following:

- West Hawk Lake HTIS – Trans Canada Highway (Manitoba / Ontario border)
- RM of Hanover HTIS – Highway 59 & Highway 52
- Headingly HTIS – Trans Canada Highway just west of Headingly
- Emerson Patrol Area
- Steinbach Patrol Area
- Beausejour Patrol Area

MCEOs ensure driver's follow all applicable safety laws and regulations, including those that apply to:

- Vehicle Weights and Dimensions (to protect Manitoba's Infrastructure)
- Mechanical and Equipment Safety
- Driver and Vehicle Licensing
- Drivers Hours of Service
- Cargo Securement
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods
- Laws and Regulations under The Drivers and Vehicles Act

MMCE is the lead agency in Manitoba responsible for conducting CVSA roadside inspections, and providing the associated training to other law enforcement agencies. CVSA is an International standard agreement with all Canadian provinces, the United States and Mexico to promote uniform commercial motor vehicle safety and security.

Under the CVSA program, provincial enforcement officers train to be certified to conduct roadside mechanical inspections, helping to ensure the safety of all drivers on our provincial highway system. MMCE also has a motor coach inspection program with 2 certified inspectors who conduct mechanical inspections on motor coaches and school buses.

MCEOs are also regularly engaged to participate in educational seminars and trade shows to assist industry in the understanding and application of the laws relating to road transport operations and to provide carriers with updated changes to laws and regulations that apply to the transportation industry.

EVERY YEAR, ON AVERAGE, MOTOR CARRIER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS:

- Process over 395,000 large commercial (4500kg+) vehicles at the weigh stations and through roadside enforcement activities.
- Conduct over 35,000 detailed inspections of commercial vehicles
- Issue over 4,000 offence notices, resulting in \$1.5 million in fines
- Conduct over 100 facility audits of commercial vehicle operators

In addition to these duties, enforcement officers perform on average over 4,500 CVSA mechanical inspections of commercial vehicles. These inspections result in one in five of those vehicles being taken off Manitoba's roads for safety related violations.

Investigations & Audits Unit

Overseen by a Staff-Sergeant, MMCE also operates a Winnipeg-based Facility Audits and Investigations Unit. This team of investigators conducting facility audits and investigations into Manitoba-based motor carriers for a variety of reasons such as, but are not limited to:

- Unacceptable on-road performance thresholds
- Complaints received from the general public, policing agencies, jurisdictional enforcement partners and the transportation industry
- Wheel-off occurrences
- Serious collisions involving a MB regulated vehicle
- Misuse of the Safety Fitness Certificate (SFC)
- Coercing drivers to exceed Hours of Service limitations
- Unsafe vehicles
- Fatal collisions
- Investigations are usually specific to a single event or type of violation, however, they may include several aspects of a carrier's operation

Administration

The MMCE leadership team consists of a Chief Inspector, a Deputy-Chief Inspector, a Staff-Sergeant in charge of training, standards and inspections, a Staff-Sergeant in charge of the Investigations and Audits Unit, and the three regional Sergeants in the field.

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