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PRESS RELEASE

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

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The Redding Police Department in recent months has increased its enforcement on commercial vehicles operating on the surface streets within the city of Redding. The size of these combination tractor/trailers presents a safety hazard when they are operated on streets that are not designed to accommodate them. Their length does not allow them to safely negotiate turns and operate within their proper lanes of travel in a safe manner. This became evident while investigating the recent collision at Cypress Avenue and Athens Street in which an over length tractor/trailer was unable to complete a safe turn from southbound Athens Street onto eastbound Cypress Avenue and collided with two passenger cars.

Vehicle Code Section 35401 prohibits the operation of tractor/trailers off the Federal Highway System established by the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, if the combination of tractor/trailer is over sixty five feet in length. The highway systems within the city include Interstate 5, Sections of Highway 44, 299 and 273. These routes through the city are clearly marked with road signs designating them as truck routes.

There are two commercial enforcement trained officers at the Redding Police Department.

For a full detailed map of the Federal Highways allowing over length trucks in California visit the Cal Trans website www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/trucks

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