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The [insert your agency here], IACP, and FMCSA Partner to Promote Large Truck and Bus Safety

City, State – The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) have partnered to enhance enforcement of large truck and bus violations and increase safety on our nation's roadways.

Large trucks and buses account for approximately 4 percent of the registered vehicles on the road and 9 percent of vehicle miles traveled in the United States. However, these vehicles are overrepresented in crash data, accounting for approximately 13 percent of crashes involving at least one fatality, every year. In fact, since 2009, the number of fatal crashes involving at least one large truck or bus and the number of fatalities in these crashes, has increased every year since 2009. These crashes are often the result of driver-related factors such as speeding, improper lane changes, distracted driving, following too closely, and other unsafe driving behaviors.

In an effort to reduce these crashes and fatalities, the IACP and FMCSA have partnered to provide law enforcement with training and resources that focus on the unique circumstances that larger vehicles pose and on conducting enforcement activities on drivers of large trucks and buses that exhibit unsafe driving behaviors.

This partnership is yet another component of IACP's Drive to Save Lives Campaign. This targeted approach to highway safety focuses on implementing data-driven approaches to traffic safety and traffic incident management; enforcing laws addressing speed limits, seat belt use, impairment violations, distracted driving, and other highly visible behaviors; actively responding to unsafe driving behaviors by operators of motorcycles and large trucks and buses; and educating motorists about the importance of practicing safe driving.

For more information on this IACP and FMCSA partnership, the Drive to Save Lives Campaign, and large truck and bus safety and enforcement, visit www.theiacp.org/trafficsafety and www.fmcsa.dot.gov/trafficeenforcement.

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