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ODOT Motor Carrier team offers truck inspection

LA GRANDE, Ore. – The Oregon Department of Transportation’s Motor Carrier Transportation Division is offering safety inspections on commercial vehicles (trucks) in Enterprise, Minam and La Grande, May 19-22. The level-one safety inspections are similar to those ODOT Motor Carrier officers perform at Point of Entry facilities and weight scale sites throughout Oregon and will help freight haulers by identifying potential safety issues on their commercial vehicles. The inspections will be performed at the following locations, dates and times:

- ODOT Maintenance Shop in Enterprise: May 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ODOT Minam truck scale site: May 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ODOT Equipment Shop in La Grande: May 21, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ODOT Equipment Shop in La Grande: May 22, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“Transport companies and truck drivers can contact us to schedule an inspection at one of the three locations,” said Senior Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer Roxanne Graves. “It’s an opportunity for companies to get an extra set of eyes on their equipment. If there are any mechanical violations they can get them fixed right away, rather than be shut down on the road.”

The inspections have been popular with trucking companies in the area who see them as another way to help improve safety.

“It keeps better equipment on the road, safer trucks, safety equipment,” said Dan Webster of Dan Webster Trucking during the inspections held in 2014.

To schedule a truck inspection appointment or to learn more about the program, contact Graves at 541-963-3170 or 541-805-5454, or by email at Roxanne.l.graves@odot.state.or.us.

To see a short one and a half minute video featuring the 2014 inspections, visit the ODOT Region 5 website at www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5.

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