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# **COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **Weight Enforcement Operation NEWS RELEASE – October 1<sup>st</sup> 2009**

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On Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 the Albemarle County Police Department Traffic Unit, with supplemental support from the Department of Motor Vehicles Motor Carrier Service Operations established a weighing and inspection station in the parking lot of the old Monticello Visitor's Center off Scottsville Road at College Drive. The purpose of this operation was to ensure compliance with the federal and state laws related to size, weight, licensing, and equipment requirements for trucks, trailers, and towed vehicles.

A total of 26 trucks, trailers, and towed vehicles were weighed. Twelve of these vehicles were found to be overweight resulting in \$2,640 in penalties, fees and damages being assessed. The most overweight vehicle was a locally owned tractor trailer truck loaded with logs which was found to be 6200 pounds overweight.

Six trucks were submitted for safety related inspections. Two of these trucks were subsequently placed out of service for serious equipment problems. These include deficiencies with the braking system, suspension, and a fuel leak.

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