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**Officer in LPPD's commercial vehicle inspection unit excels for
another year**



**2014 Region 2 Truck Challenge winners
(LPPD's Hoffman – far right)**

During the second week of April 2014, members of the nationally-based Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) joined Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) officials for the Region 2 Texas Truck Challenge inspection compliance competition. LPPD commercial vehicle inspector Dan Hoffman took the second place trophy among all county and municipal agencies represented.

The MCSAP is a Federal grant program which provides financial assistance to States in an effort to reduce both the number and severity of crashes, and hazardous materials incidents, involving commercial motor vehicles (CMV). The goal of the MCSAP is to reduce CMV-involved crashes, fatalities, and injuries through consistent, uniform, and effective CMV safety programs. Investing grant monies in appropriate safety programs has been shown to increase the likelihood of detecting safety defects, driver deficiencies, and unsafe motor carrier practices while ensuring they are corrected before they become contributing factors to crashes.

The MCSAP also sets forth the conditions for participation by States and local jurisdictions and promotes the adoption and uniform enforcement of safety rules, regulations, and standards compatible with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) and Federal Hazardous Material Regulations (HMRs) for both interstate and intrastate motor carriers and drivers. Being one of La Porte's first commercial motor vehicle inspectors, Officer Hoffman has been supportively working under MCSAP guidelines for the past 18 years.

An impressive finish considering the 1st place finish Hoffman achieved in 2013, LPPD's high ranking in the competition is not only an indicator of Hoffman's skill level, but is also a reflection on the dedication and knowledge of each member of La Porte's Traffic Division. With Hoffman's performance, he now qualifies to compete in the State Challenge later this year. For more information on La Porte's traffic safety initiatives, please call 281-842-3167.