

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CLASS SPECIFICATION

Class Title: Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer

Class Code: 60238

A. Purpose:

Identifies, pursues, and apprehends motor carriers who by-pass scales and are operating illegally to ensure proper enforcement of motor carrier laws, rules, and regulations.

B. Distinguishing Feature:

The Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer is a certified law enforcement officer and responsible for the apprehension of motor carriers attempting to by-pass state scales or evade motor carrier enforcement efforts.

The Motor Carrier Inspector has limited arrest authority and operates and maintains mobile and fixed motor carrier inspection stations.

Port of Entry Managers act as a lead worker over Motor Carrier Inspectors at a fixed port of entry and manages the day-to-day operation of the Port of Entry.

C. Functions:

(These are examples only; any one position may not include all of the listed examples nor do the listed examples include all functions which may be found in positions of this class.)

1. Apprehends motor carriers who by-pass scales to ensure motor carrier laws and regulations are enforced.
 - a. Identifies motor carriers by-passing fixed or mobile scales.
 - b. Pursues violators.
 - c. Stops violators and takes appropriate enforcement action.
 - i. Writes citations, issues permits, takes drivers and/or vehicles out-of-service, or places violators under custodial arrest.
 - ii. Escorts motor carriers to a scale, requests a portable scale, or weighs the violator.
2. Patrols an assigned area to detect motor carriers violating motor carrier laws and regulations and takes appropriate enforcement action.
 - a. Directs motor carriers to a portable scale.
 - b. Maintains highway safety during inspections.
 - c. Weighs or assists others in weighing vehicles.
 - d. Conducts diesel vehicle fuel supply tank tests for tax compliance.
3. Operates and maintains a police vehicle.
 - a. Cleans and services the vehicle and makes it ready for line inspections.
 - b. Aids stranded motorists.
4. Performs other work as assigned.

D. Reporting Relationships:

Typically reports to a Highway Patrol Sergeant. May provide work direction to and assists in training Motor Carrier Inspectors and Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers.

E. Challenges and Problems:

Challenged to pursue violators with a marked police vehicle. This is difficult because these violators may have by-passed a scale or inspection site for a reason.

Typical problems include potential physical confrontations with violators, approaching a vehicle at roadside and not knowing what to expect, operating a police vehicle in excess of highway speeds, keeping current with state and federal motor carrier laws and regulations, and dealing with irate and verbally abusive drivers.

F. Decision-making Authority:

Decisions made include whether to pursue a violator; whether to take a driver or their equipment out-of-service; what enforcement action to take; choosing a location to make a stop; whether to make a custodial arrest; and whether to escort a violator to a scale, call for a portable scale, or weigh the violator themselves.

Decisions referred to a superior include whether to continue a pursuit, final decision on whether a vehicle or its operator should be taken out-of-service, final decision on custodial arrests, and special duty assignments.

G. Contact with Others:

Daily contact with motor carriers when taking enforcement action and state radio communications and other law enforcement personnel to give and receive information; weekly contact with states attorney's offices and clerk of courts to process citations; and monthly contact with state and federal agencies to give and receive information. Occasional contact with injured victims at the scene of a traffic accident.

H. Working Conditions:

Operates a police vehicle in all kinds of weather conditions and on all types of highways in the detection, pursuit, and apprehension of motor carrier violators. Duties involve heavy lifting and may be subject to physical confrontations with angry violators. Has occasional contact with hazardous materials or substances such as fuels and hazardous cargo.

I. Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Knowledge of:

- motor carrier laws and regulations;
- motor carrier scale operations;
- proper enforcement techniques;
- custodial arrest procedures;
- use of force;
- operation of a marked police vehicle;
- hazardous materials laws and procedures;
- alcohol and drug impairment laws;
- search and seizure laws.

Ability to:

- deal tactfully with others;
- maintain composure under stress;
- interpret rules and regulations;
- recognize and act upon motor carrier violations;
- lift and maneuver scales and equipment weighing up to 75 pounds or more repeatedly;
- operate a police vehicle safely;
- maintain proficiency with assigned weapon(s) and in defensive tactics;
- use correct procedures in the operation of a mobile radio;
- communicate information clearly and concisely.

J. Licensure and Certification:

Must possess or successfully complete Law Enforcement Standards Training within six-months of employment and meet the requirements specified in Law Enforcement Civil Service Rule 55:02:14:02.01. Applicants must be twenty-one years of age to enter Law Enforcement Standards Training.

Must successfully complete North American Level I Standards Inspection Training within two years of employment.