

## ***Under the Trooper's Hat***

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This month's article's focus is on the vital role of the Motor Carrier Operations division of the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

After years as a traffic enforcement trooper, I've recently transitioned into a specialized role as a Size and Weight Enforcement Trooper. Size and Weight Enforcement Troopers are the officers driving the NDHP three-quarter ton pickups that are equipped with portable scales. The focus of these Troopers is to ensure vehicles comply with size and weight regulations to protect roads and enhance public safety.

Motor Carrier Operations play a critical role in maintaining the safety and efficiency of highways. This division works in close coordination with the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Together, we are working to uphold federal and state regulations through a mix of education, enforcement, and proactive outreach.

The goals of the Motor Carrier program are clearly defined and focused on enhancing safety, preserving infrastructure, and improving operational efficiency. The primary objective is to reduce commercial vehicle crashes by conducting thorough inspections, safety audits, and compliance reviews. Additionally, the program aims to protect the state's highway infrastructure by enforcing size and weight regulations and managing the transport of overweight or over-dimensional loads. To further support commercial transportation, the program also works to streamline operations through an efficient and effective permitting system.

Size and Weight Troopers work to implement the State's Size and Weight Enforcement Plan and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan, which ensure roads remain safe, infrastructure stays intact, and transportation systems function efficiently.

As I step into this new role, I look forward to continuing my service to the people of North Dakota in a different capacity—now helping to maintain the safety and integrity of the commercial transportation network.

If you see that NDHP pickup with scales in the bed, give a wave—it's just me, still under the trooper's hat, doing the job a little differently now.

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