



CPUC Transportation Enforcement Branch Yosemite Joint Bus Inspections



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Bi-Annual Bus Inspection





A Bus Fire at Yosemite View Lodge Three Weeks Ago





There is a Potential for Disaster





Joint Agency Inspection

- CPUC's Transportation Enforcement Branch
- National Park Service Law Enforcement Rangers
- California Highway Patrol – Central Division
- Modesto Police Department
- San Francisco Police Department
- US Department of Transportation (USDOT)
- California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS)





Inspection Site





The Process...

- Buses arrive and drop off its passengers who spend time in the park sightseeing
- An officer takes possession of the bus driver's license and log book.
- The bus is brought back to the inspection site.
- The CHP or DOT does a safety inspection of the bus.
- CARB checks its emissions equipment.
- TEB checks the carrier's license and insurance status; that the vehicle is on the equipment list.





Ramps for Buses with Air Shocks





Another Bus about to be Inspected





A Bus that doesn't Need a Ramp





TEB Conducting its Inspection





Checking the Break Rotor through the Rim





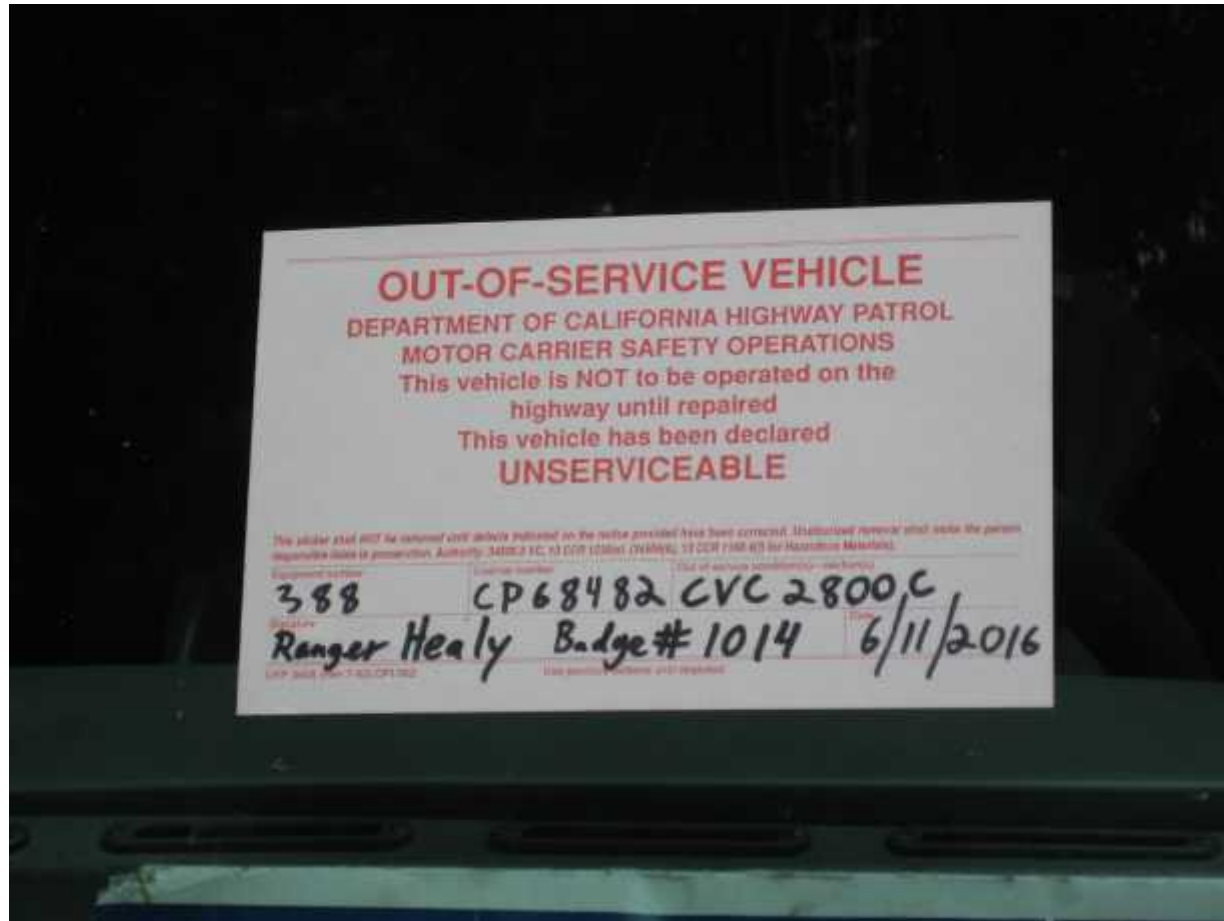
2015 Statistics

- 112 Buses Inspected
- 66 Vehicles without violations
- 70 Total violations found
- 33 Warnings issued
- 12 Violation Notices Issued
- 8 Violations Issued by CARB
- 2 Drivers put out of service
- 7 Bus Out of Service Violations
- 13 Buses not listed on Equipment Statement





Out of Service Sticker





What if a Bus or Driver is put out of Service?

- The park has a bus maintenance yard on standby for most repairs
- A mobile mechanic can be called from Modesto
- The bus company sends another bus
- The bus company hires another bus company
- If the driver is out of service for a log book issue, the driver has to have a break before they can drive again.





Challenges

- Inspections cancelled due to forest fires.
- State budget limitations.
- Construction in Yosemite Valley limiting 2016 and 2017 work.





A Past Inspection Team

