

# Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Reporting Procedure

Citizens can now report bad actors when they observe commercial vehicle operators in violation of traffic laws, vehicle equipment laws, and dumping loads illegally. Any citizen that has a complaint may report it to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) by completing and then returning, by mail or email, the linked form below:

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/FormDetail.aspx?Id=1819&FormNumber=CVE-5.doc>

This form replaces the need to call DPS and is the preferred method by DPS. The DPS has a shortage of manpower that handles these complaints and this method provides a more efficient approach for the officers to utilize and also allows them to follow-up with the party at fault. All reports are investigated but it can take several months because of the manpower shortage.

Examples of violations that are easily observed and identifiable are:

- 1) Loads not covered
- 2) Material blowing off the truck
- 3) Illegal dumping of rock, asphalt, chemicals, etc.
- 4) Equipment failures (i.e. no brake lights, etc.)
- 5) Traffic violations
  - a. Speeding
  - b. Reckless driving
  - c. Aggressive driving
  - d. Failure to stop at signals or signs
  - e. Failure to yield to right of way, etc.

Citizens need to report as much information as possible to identify the vehicle/operator in violation. DPS said that including pictures with your complaint is very helpful. Getting license plate numbers, trucking company name, unit number and description of truck or driver if possible are useful tools in identifying the perpetrator.

Holding the trucking companies, truck owners and truck operators responsible for safe driving and following all rules and regulations of commercial vehicle operation will help keep the roads safe for all Texans.



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Stop 3009 Vulcan Quarry is an all-volunteer grassroots organization opposing plans by Vulcan Construction Materials to set up a 1500-acre open-pit limestone quarry in a residential area between Bulverde and New Braunfels, Texas. Visit [www.stop3009vulcanquarry.com](http://www.stop3009vulcanquarry.com) for more information.