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*Office of the Auditor General*  
**REPORT SUMMARY**

*Performance Audit*

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*Commercial Vehicle Enforcement*

*Michigan Department of State Police*

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*The mission of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE), formerly known as the Motor Carrier Division, is to provide the public with a safe motoring environment and to protect the highway infrastructure by promoting compliance with commercial vehicle laws through enforcement and education. CVE divides Michigan into districts to perform its enforcement activities through a combination of road patrols and the use of permanent weigh stations.*

***Audit Objective:***

To assess the effectiveness of CVE's efforts to conduct commercial motor vehicle (CMV) carrier inspections, compliance reviews, and safety audits in accordance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations.

***Audit Conclusion:***

We concluded that CVE's efforts were effective in conducting CMV carrier inspections, compliance reviews, and safety audits in accordance with FMCSA regulations. Our audit report does not include any reportable conditions related to this audit objective.

***Noteworthy Accomplishments:***

CVE was recognized by the U.S. Department of Transportation for its drug enforcement interdiction efforts related to its impact on criminal activity involving CMVs. In addition, CVE's efforts have resulted in several significant drug seizures and CVE has provided drug interdiction training to law enforcement agencies in Michigan and Canada.

CVE obtained funding from FMCSA to enhance safety and security at Michigan's three international border corridors. CVE deployed additional enforcement personnel to the border corridors and purchased communication and contraband detection equipment.

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***Audit Objective:***

To assess the effectiveness of CVE's efforts in impacting CMV compliance with Michigan CMV weight limits.

***Audit Conclusion:***

We could not determine the effectiveness of CVE's efforts in impacting CMV compliance with Michigan CMV weight limits primarily because of the lack of available data from which to assess the impact of CVE's efforts. In addition, a number of factors, such as the State's economic status, volume of CMV traffic, and seasonal CMV activity may have an effect on the number of overweight vehicles operating on Michigan roads. However, CVE's enforcement efforts are

required by federal grant requirements to deter overweight vehicles and the expectation is that such efforts have a positive effect on compliance with CMV weight limits. Our audit disclosed three reportable conditions (Findings 1 through 3).

**Reportable Conditions:**

CVE had not developed and evaluated outcomes for its weight enforcement activities (Finding 1).

CVE, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Transportation, did not maintain the functionality of all of its scales used to assist in the performance of its weight enforcement operations (Finding 2).

CVE should periodically analyze the disposition of its overweight CMV citations (Finding 3).

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**Agency Response:**

Our audit report includes 3 findings and 3 corresponding recommendations. The Michigan Department of State Police's preliminary response indicates that CVE agrees with all 3 of the recommendations.

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