7-02/120.07 Pre-trip Safety Inspection and Air Brake Test

Each Deputy assigned to the Bureau will attend the Bus Driver Training Course conducted by a Driver Trainer. This course will include the proper method and procedure for conducting a Pre-Trip Safety Inspection and an Air Brake Test for a bus. Once a Trainee has demonstrated an adequate knowledge and ability, he will be administered a Road Test which will require the Trainee to perform a Pre-Trip Safety Inspection and Air Brake Test. Upon successful completion of the Road Test, the Trainee will receive and sign for a copy of the MCI/Crown Bus Safety Inspection Procedures, an Air Brake System Check-Out Procedures handout, and sign a Declaration of Understanding.

When a vehicle is assigned to a Driver, his/her first responsibility shall be to conduct a Pre-Trip Safety Inspection, in accordance with the MCI/Crown Bus Safety Inspection Procedures handout, prior to leaving the Unit.

As indicated in the procedural handout, if any of the items with an asterisk cannot be corrected by the mechanic in a timely manner, the Driver will deadline the vehicle, notify the Watch Deputy, and submit a "Beef Slip."

If the Pre-Trip Safety Inspection is completed successfully, the Driver will then be required to conduct an Air Brake Test, in accordance with the Air Brake System Check-Out Procedure handout. If the vehicle fails the Air Brake Test, the Driver is to deadline the vehicle, notify the Watch Deputy, and submit a "Beef Slip."

Under no circumstances is a Driver to drive a bus without performing a Pre-Trip Safety Inspection and an Air Brake Test.