

Coastal Cleanup

Saturday, Sept. 20 9 a.m. – Noon

Spend Saturday morning enjoying the coast while helping the environment. Hosted by Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in collaboration with the California Coastal Commission, this event will be the 29th annual Coastal Cleanup Day. Every U.S. state and more than 90 countries are taking part in the cleanup. Aquarium staff will provide bags, instructions and light refreshments. All participants must bring a signed waiver. For children under the age of 18 the waiver needs to be signed by a parent or guardian. **Download** waiver forms at the Cabrillo Website. Free and open to all! Parking: \$1/hour.

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Airports

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Checking for Safety

limousine and

Airport Police, other agencies inspect cabs, limos at LAX.

Amulti-agency law enforcement operation conducted July 31 at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) resulted in five commercial ground transportation vehicles and drivers removed from service, and 32 citations issued to drivers for various vehicle code, administrative and mechanical violations.

"This operation is part of a proactive measure by Los Angeles Airport Police and partner agencies to provide the traveling

public with safe commercial transportation to and from LAX," said Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon. "Air travelers rely heavily on commercial ground transportation services, so it is important to ensure these providers are complying with all laws."

More than 50 representatives from the Airport Police Commercial Enforcement and Motors Units, the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the LAX Regulatory



At the shuttle van holding lot.

Compliance and Standards Division, and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) conducted inspections starting at 8:30 a.m. Inspections were conducted at three locations: LAX's limousine holding lot (intersection of Westchester Parkway and Jenny Street); LAX parking lot F (intersection of Avion Drive At the holding lot for limousines and buse

and Century Boulevard); and the upper/departures level on the east end of Terminal 7.

A total of 267 door-to-door shuttle vans, limousines and buses were inspected during the four-hour operation.

The multi-agency team focused on proper driver and vehicle licenses, mechanical violations, transponders, PUC and airport operating permits, and proper commercial insurance. Thirteen drivers were issued Personal Service and Vehicle Code Citations for misdemeanor

violations. Another 19 drivers were cited for administrative violations, including serious mechanical problems, improper insurance, driving with an out-of-class license, bald tires and invalid or no PUC permits. Fines for these citations vary, and the drivers must show proof of correction before they can resume for-hire operation.

