

# 18 WHEELS AND BUSTED

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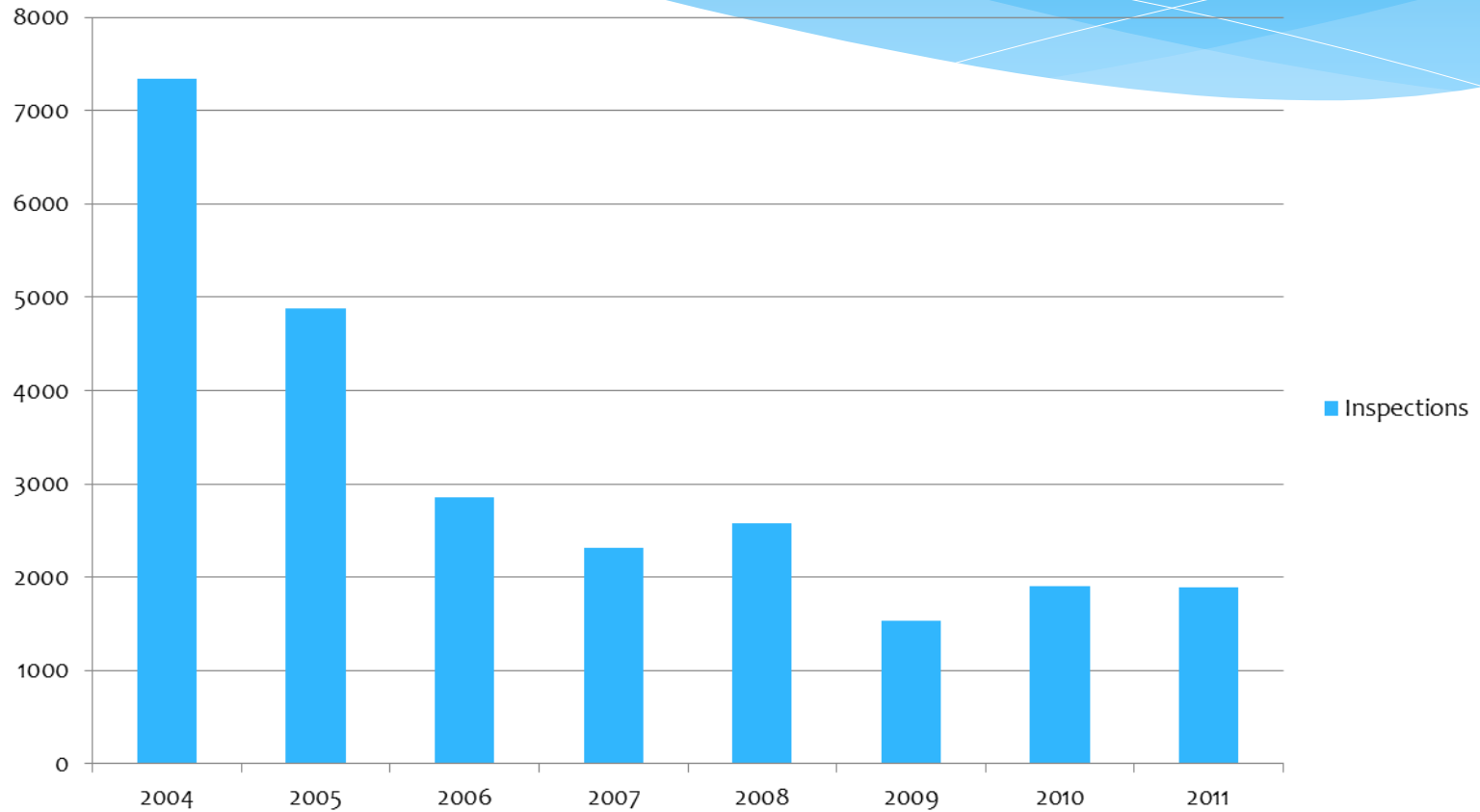
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- \* Since 2005 CMV inspection rests with the Montana Department of Transportation, Motor Carrier Services Division
- \* Montana is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest state geographically and the MHP is authorized 241 sworn Troopers.
- \* The role of the Montana Highway Patrol turned to being more roadside enforcement (speeding, complaints, crash investigation).

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- \* There was an administrative mind shift at that time which shifted the Division away from the safety inspections.
- \* We stopped sending our troopers to CMV Inspection schools and lost focus of the “Big Picture” as it related to CMV Safety.
- \* The Division noted that over the last six years that our overall enforcement efforts decreased and the CMV crashes started to increase.

# Inspections



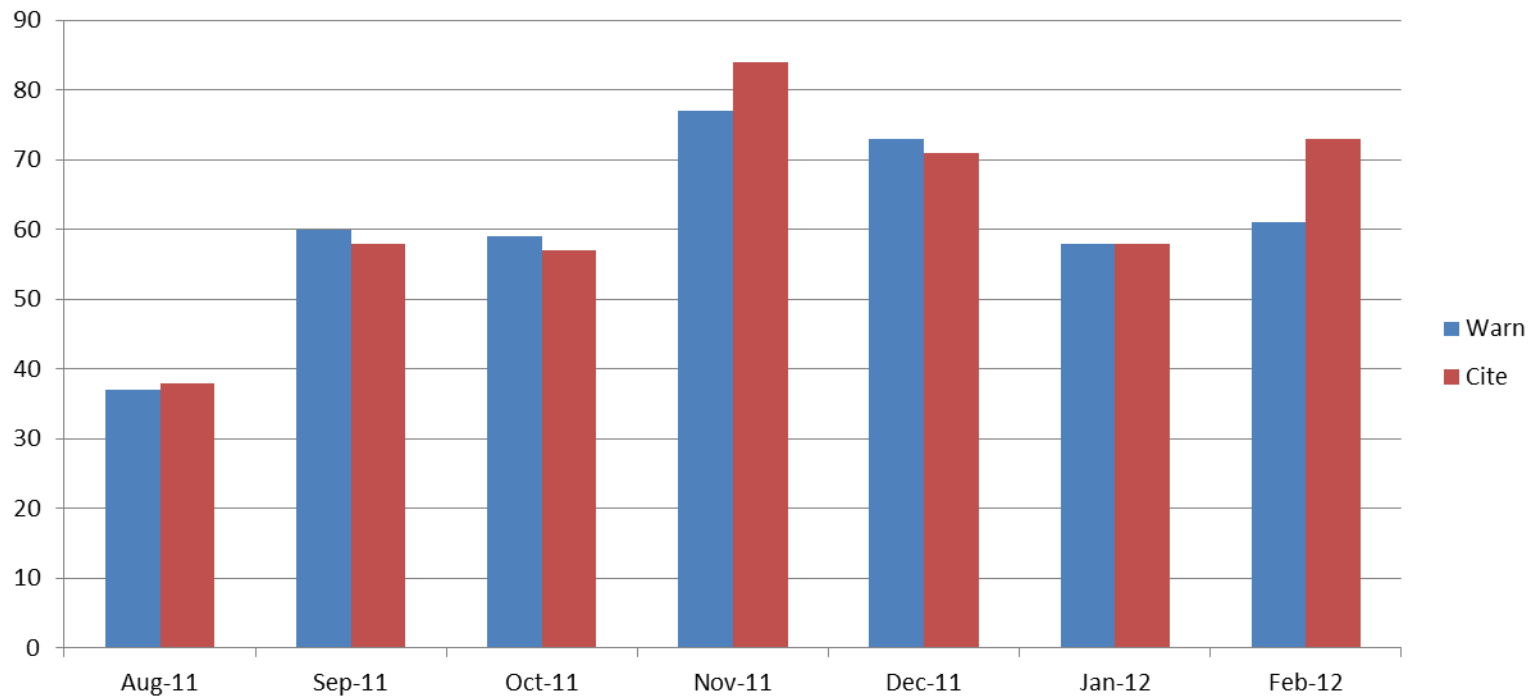
# 18 WHEELS AND BUSTED CRASH STATS

- \* In 2011 Montana had a total of 870 crashes involving CMV. Of those we had 25 CMV crashes resulting in 34 deaths.
- \* This was a 92% increase in CMV fatal crashes and a 100% increase in overall deaths from 2010.
- \* These numbers along with the gradual reduction in overall CMV enforcement since 2005 left us looking for a strategy to address this issue.

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- \* On September 19, 2011 AAMVA rolled out the “18-Wheels and Busted”.
- \* Col. Tooley looked at this video as a opportunity to refocus the MHP’s mission as it relates to CMV enforcement.
- \* On Oct 12, 2011 the video became mandatory training for all sworn MHP Troopers.
- \* As of February 29, 2012 we have 100% of the state troopers who have viewed this video.

# CMV Speed Enforcement Snapshot



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- \* According to other District Commanders around the state, it is a bit too early to really tell if we are seeing an increase in overall CMV stops (about 4 months).
- \* We will continue to follow-up on the training with the troopers in hopes that the simple idea of just treating a CMV like any other traffic stop, will spark more contacts and provide for safer travel across Montana.