COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (3/22-3/28)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:
Details:
• No details conducted

Crashes:
• No crashes to report.

Notables:
• Nothing to report.

Passenger Carrier:
• Nothing to report.

NORTHEAST SECTOR:
Details:
• No details conducted.

Crashes:
• None reported.

Notables:
• 3/24 Inspector responded to US Rte 2 in Marshfield to assist VSP- Middlesex with a five axle CMV that had become stuck due to the inclement road conditions. A Level 3 inspection was conducted using safe information gathering and the electronic transferring of records of duty. The vehicle had tires not suited for the snow/ice covered roadways and the driver was not familiar with driving in inclement weather.
3/25 Sector Inspectors met in Royalton for a unit meeting. Inspectors had boots/duty gear/cruisers judged for Best in Sector. Inspectors then had a quick driving competition and firearms training.

Inspector demonstrating his driving skills.
Inspector preparing his cruiser for judgement.

The Northeast Sector Inspectors

• 3/26 Inspector responded to a Waterford based crane motor carrier to assist them with getting their crane within permit weight specifications. The Inspector weighed the vehicle as the carrier removed articles to get to the targeted weight limit for the permit.
• 3/26 Inspector and K9 assisted VSP-Derby at a shoplifting complaint at the Circle K in Barton. A subject that looked like he was underage took a “Four Loco” malt liquor from the cooler then walked into the shelved area and put it in his pants and left the store without paying. The subject was wearing a tan vest and was last seen running west on US Rte 5 towards Orleans. Footprints were located in the sand on the edge of the road west of Circle K. K9, who is certified to track, was given the command to track and she took off west. The team traveled 2.34 miles to Pine Crest Motel and Cabins. K9 then proceeded to track across the front of all the cabins to the east end and around to the rear of the cabins. At the west side of the cabins, the K9 sat without any commands. Inspector caught up to her and observed a “Four Loco” can. After an investigation, a suspect who was staying at the cabins was cited by VSP-Derby for Petit Larceny for 2 separate cases.

• 3/27 Inspector stopped an over dimension CMV. Upon passing, it appeared to have improper load securement. After stopping the CMV, the Inspector was able to determine that the CMV was properly permitted and the load was properly secured. No inspection was conducted, and limited contact was made verbally with the driver.
New Entrant:
  • Five carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. Two audits completed and uploaded. 5 hours.

Passenger Vehicles:
  • No activity reported.

SOUTH SECTOR:
Details:
  • Cancelled

Crashes:
  • Nothing to report.

Notables:
  • Inspectors patrolled their assigned areas. Inspectors reported a significant decline in the volume of traffic due to the Governor’s stay at home order.
• Inspectors received calls from industry with questions on both the FMCSA and State of Vermont emergency declarations.
• Hazmat carrier called and needed help with deciphering placarding requirements and if certain exemptions existed. The HM carrier had a potential carrier from Massachusetts who wanted to come to Vermont and load 55 gallon drums of Class 3 and not be placarded then travel back to Massachusetts.
• Inspector received information from environmental agencies with information from a 2-month-old case involving a chemical company loading large barrels into an unmarked and placarded rental truck in the Windham County area.
• Inspector was contacted by a medical provider of a potential CDL driver who had signed their name to obtain a valid medical certificate. The medical provider stated the CDL driver is not a client of there and they were not even working at the time the medical certificate was issued.

New Entrant:
• Two safety audits were completed, inactivated two carriers, and started six new safety audits.