

## **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (10/18-10/24)**

### **NORTHWEST SECTOR:**

#### **Details:**

- **10/27 Williston, I-89 SB, 5 Inspectors screened 325 vehicles. They completed 24 inspections which resulted in 32 vehicle and 3 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service.**
- **10/28 Cambridge, VT Rte 104, 3 Inspectors screened 39 vehicles. They completed 19 inspections which resulted in 5 vehicle violations. One vehicle was placed out of service.**
- **10/28 Bridgewater, US Rte 4, 2 Inspectors screened 45 vehicles. They completed 12 inspections which resulted in 3 driver and 6 vehicle violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.**
- **10/28 Cpl. Morris inspected a straight truck at the Cambridge detail because of a load securement violation. The truck was hauling pallets of stone and had only secured the freight with one strap. An inquiry revealed the load weighed 1750 pounds and two straps were required. The truck was placed out of service and driver remedied the defect.**



- **10/29 Clarendon, US Rte 7 SB, 6 Inspectors screened 65 vehicles. They completed 16 inspections which resulted in 20 vehicle and 2 driver violations. Six vehicles were placed out of service.**

#### **Crashes:**

- **10/28 Inspector responded to the report of a car vs tractor trailer crash in Williston. Upon arrival, it was observed the car had sustained disabling damage and needed to be towed. No injuries were reported at the scene. There was some dispute about who ran the red light causing the collision. The**

**Inspector observed the truck tractor was equipped with a camera and requested the footage. A review of the recording clearly showed the CMV had the green light and the passenger car operator was the responsible party for the crash. A post-crash inspection was conducted.**



- **10/29 Inspector responded to the report of a tractor trailer that overturned on I89 in Williston. Upon arrival, he observed a recovery effort and clean up underway. According to Vermont state police and the driver, the UPS tractor trailer had crashed trying to avoid a deer and spilled a large amount of freight packages as the trailer had split open. The heavy wrecker service secured the trailer and transported it at low speed to the Williston rest area for an off load. The Inspector conducted the post-crash inspection the next day and the truck tractor was placed out of service for a significant air leak and the trailer was placed out of service for cracked, split, and sagging upper and lower frame rails and missing side posts.**



**Notables:**

- **10/26** Inspector stopped a tractor trailer traveling south of I89 in Colchester for a load securement violation. The trailer was loaded with 1-ton pallets of bagged wood pellets and the forward pallets were only secured with one strap. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service. The driver remedied the defect.



- **10/26** Inspector stopped a one-ton truck hauling an equipment trailer on I89 in the Chittenden County corridor as the trailer was not displaying a registration plate or an inspection sticker. The driver admitted the 7-ton trailer was not registered and a subsequent inspection revealed the combined GVWR was 28,000 lbs and the driver did not have a commercial driver's license. The driver was placed out of service and the trailer was grounded. A ticket was issued.
- **10/26** Inspector stopped a truck hauling hazmat cylinders for speeding on US Rte. 7 in Salisbury. An inspection was conducted, and the truck was placed out of service as one of the full cylinders was not secured on the bed of the truck.



- **10/27 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed a glad hand hose was chafed and the reinforcement ply was frayed constituting an out of service defect. The combination was placed out of service for repair.**



- **10/27 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **10/27 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed the yolk mounting hardware was loose in the driveshaft and the Inspector was able to manipulate the hardware with hand pressure. The truck tractor was placed out of service for the defect and the carrier was ticketed for the violation.**
- **10/29 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Clarendon detail. The truck was placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **10/29 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Clarendon detail. The inspection revealed a wheel seal was leaking on the front axle and had contaminated the brake surface and brake friction material. The truck was placed out of service and towed for repair.**



- **10/29 Inspector conducted an inspection on a truck carrying hazardous material in cylinders at the Clarendon detail. The operator, in hast, did not print off a copy of his Haz Mat shipping papers. The truck was being operated with no HM shipping papers with commodity description or quantity. The vehicle was placed out of service until a shipping paper was created.**



- **10/29 Inspector conducted an inspection on a straight truck at the Clarendon detail. Several items on the flatbed were unsecured, and a pile of sand was spilling over the side boards. The vehicle was placed out of service for these violations.**



**Passenger Carrier:**

- Nothing to report

**NORTHEAST SECTOR:**

**Details:**

- 10/27 Lyndonville Rest Area, I-91, 4 Inspectors screened 90 vehicles. A total of ten inspections were completed. Ten vehicle (two out of service) and two driver violations were discovered.
- 10/29 Coventry NB Rest Area, I-91, 5 Inspectors screened 115 vehicles. Twenty inspections (one hazardous materials) were completed. Sixteen vehicle (three out of service) violations were discovered.

**Crashes:**

- None reported.

**Notables:**

- **10/26 St Johnsbury, I-91.** An Inspector stopped an out of state CMV for not displaying the carrier name or US DOT number. An Inspection was conducted and the carrier was provided education.



- **10/27** Two Inspectors started an early shift to get to the Hardwick area in response to a complaint about a heavy log truck that was reported to be leaving town daily at 0500. The Inspectors were able to locate the CMV, a four axle log truck, as it was leaving town. The CMV was fully loaded. The CMV was weighed and an inspection was completed. The CMV was found to be operating within its permitted tolerance for weight. The CMV was found to be in good mechanical condition and the driver was properly licensed. No action was taken against the driver or the carrier. Afterwards, the Inspectors joined the other members of the Northeast at the Lyndonville detail.



- **10/27 Lyndonville Rest Area, I-91.** An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a five axle CMV discovered this cracked fifth wheel support. The CMV was placed out of service in combination.



- **10/29 Coventry Rest Area, I-91.** An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection discovered a defective exhaust system. The exhaust system was discharging onto the fuel tank resulting in the CMV being placed out of service.



**New Entrant:**

- Thirteen carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. One audit completed. 12.25 hours.

**Passenger Vehicles:**

- No activity reported.

**SOUTH SECTOR:**

**Details:**

- **10/27 White River Jct, I-91N**, Inspectors screened 267 vehicles. They completed 19 inspections resulting in six driver and eight vehicle violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.
- **10/29 Bradford, I-91S**, 5 Inspectors screened 163 vehicles. They completed 11 inspections resulting in two driver and six vehicle violations. One vehicle was placed out of service and repaired on site.

**Crashes:**

- **10/26** Inspectors responded to a CMV crash involving two tractor trailers on VT Rte 9 in the Town of Brattleboro. One 5 axle oversize load carrying a single concrete I-beam, was traveling eastbound on VT Rte 9 in Brattleboro. Another 5 axle tractor van trailer traveling westbound crossed the centerline and hit the concrete I-beam on a sharp corner next to the Maple Museum. The oversized load sustained no damage and the tractor of the van trailer sustained major damage to the driver' side door, cab and sleeper birth. The van trailer sustained major structural damage to the refer unit and driver's side rear. No injuries were reported, and the oversized load was driven away. The 5 axle truck van trailer was then towed from the scene. Both vehicles were inspected and no significant pre-existing violations were found.



- **10/28** Inspectors were requested to conduct a post-crash inspection for single commercial vehicle crash into the guard rails with no injuries on VT Rte 30 in the Townshend. A two-axle box truck was traveling south on at an estimated 35 mph as it was dark and foggy at the time. The passenger side front tire side wall blew out causing CMV to immediately go to the right and then hit more

**than 50 feet of guard rails causing it to go off the south side shoulder. The box truck sustained damage to its passenger side front tire, rim, rear box, rear axle, and rear brake. The box truck was towed from the scene. A Level 1 post-crash inspection was completed.**



- **10/30 Inspectors were requested for a post-crash inspection of a tractor trailer on Interstate 91 around mile marker 8. The driver of a passenger car was traveling to fast for the conditions and hit the tractor trailer. At the time of the crash the air temperature was between 33-36 degrees with limited visibility due to snow and fog. The driver of the tractor trailer stated that he witnessed the car in front of him suddenly begin to rotate in a circle. The tractor trailer driver attempted to avoid the passenger car spinning but ended up hitting the car with the driver side front bumper.**

#### **Notables:**

- **10/28 Inspector assisted Vermont AOT, Vermont State Police, and the Brattleboro Fire Department on I-91 between Exits 2 and 3 in Brattleboro for a vehicle fire. A cargo van transporting cabinet's caught fire after a mechanical failure occurred. The truck and its contents were a total loss and was removed from the scene.**
- **10/28 Inspector discovered a tractor trailer did not have functioning brake lights on the rear of the trailer during an inspection on US Rte 4 in Bridgewater. The vehicle was placed out of service and repairs were made on site.**
- **10/28 Inspector located an air chamber with a ruptured diagram during an inspection on US Rte 4 in Bridgewater. Several other violations were also discovered, and the vehicle was placed out of service.**

- **10/30 Inspector assisted the Vermont State Police with an incident where a tractor trailer went off I-91 in Dummerston. A Level 2 inspection was completed, and the driver was placed out of service for fatigue, 11 hour violation, and a 14 hour violation. The tractor trailer only received minor damage and was escorted to a pull off just down the road because the driver was out of service.**



#### **New Entrant Safety Audits:**

- **One New Entrant Safety Audit was completed and two carriers had no contact initiations started.**

#### **Passenger Carrier:**

- **Nothing to report.**