

COMMERICAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- **5/18 Rte. 4 Fair Haven Scale House, 7 inspectors, one DMV SI, and one FMCSA SI screened 240 vehicles. They completed 33 inspections which resulted in 39 vehicle and 12 driver violations. Eight vehicles and 12 drivers were placed out of service.**
- **5/20 I89 Georgia SB, 5 inspectors, and one FMCSA SI screened 180 vehicles. They completed 24 inspections which resulted in 22 vehicle and 2 driver violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **Nothing to report.**

Notables:

- **5/17 Sgt. Nesto instructed patrol procedures at the Vermont Police Academy for the 111th Basic Police Recruit Class.**
- **5/18 An Inspector inspected a tractor trailer unit at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed the rearmost stop lamps on the trailer were inoperative. The trailer was placed out of service for repair.**



- **5/18 An Inspector inspected a box truck at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed 2 out of 6 brakes on the truck measured out of adjustment in violation of the 20% defective brake infraction. The truck was placed out of service for repair.**



- **5/18 An Inspector inspected an interstate truck and trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The carrier was found to be under suspension in Vermont. The trailer was placed out of service for an inoperable rear turn signal. Both defects were corrected.**



- **5/18 Insp conducted an inspection of a tractor trailer transporting 9000 gallons of aviation fuel in a cargo tank at the Fair Haven detail. In addition to other**

discovered violations, the cargo tank was found to be leaking, several axle-securing u-bolts were loose, and 4 of the vehicle's 12 brakes were out of adjustment. The tractor and trailer were placed out of service.



- **5/18 Insp conducted an inspection of a tractor trailer transporting a large bulk quantity of corrosive materials at the Fair Haven detail. During the course of inspection, it was discovered that the driver did not have a tank endorsement on his CDL required for the load. Additionally, the non-bulk packagings of corrosive materials were not properly marked. The driver was placed out of service.**



- **5/18 Insp. stopped a tractor trailer for not pulling into the open truck detail in Fair Haven. The trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **5/18 Insp. stopped a truck and trailer on Rte. 4 in Castleton for not stopping at the open Fair Haven detail. The driver was placed out of service as he was under 21 years of age operating a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce. The trailer was placed out of service as there were multiple nails and screws on the bed of the trailer with no means to prevent them from falling onto the highway.**



- **5/19 Insp. inspected a tractor trailer on Rte. 22a in Shoreham. The driver was stopped for speeding. The driver was placed out of service as the driver's CDL status in the licensing State was not valid due to medical status issues.**



- **5/19 Insp. stopped a box truck on Rte. 22a in Orwell as the driver was speeding. An inspection was conducted, and the truck was placed out of service for a tire that had no tread, was flat, and had a hole in the sidewall. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.**



- **5/19 Insp. stopped a tractor hauling double trailers on Rte. 2A in Williston. The vehicle was going from Essex to Williston, which is not a permitted route. The vehicle did not have a valid permit for double trailers.**



- **5/20 Insp. met with Fairbanks Scales in Fair Haven for the annual scale certification.**
- **5/20 Insp. inspected an intrastate tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The vehicle was found to be 6,000 lbs overweight. The trailer was placed out of service for inoperable brake lamps. The carrier was ticketed.**



- **5/20 Insp. inspected a dump truck at the Georgia detail. The truck was placed out of service for not having any operable brake lamps.**



- **5/21 Insp. stopped a truck towing a trailer with an oversized load on Rte. 22a in Orwell for a permit check. An inspection was conducted and the CMV was placed out of service as the break away cable for the trailer brakes was not directly connected to the towing vehicle.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **5/19 Several members of NW Sector went to Premier Coach in Milton and conducted Level 5 terminal inspections. All re-certification requirements were completed for sector personnel.**

High Priority:

Details:

- **5/21 Rte. 4 Ira, 3 inspectors screened 64 vehicles. They completed 13 inspections which resulted in 12 vehicle and 2 driver violations. Three vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.**

Notables:

- **5/17 Insp. inspected a tractor trailer at the Rte. 107 Bethel HP detail. The trailer was placed out of service as it had one flat tire and another tire had a rubber plug in the sidewall.**



- **5/17 Insp. inspected a truck and trailer at the Rte. 107 Bethel HP detail. The truck was placed out of service for an inoperable parking brake.**



- **5/21 Insp. Morris inspected a straight truck at the Ira HP detail. The inspection revealed a container on the truck was not secured on either side to the truck. The truck was placed out of service and the driver remedied the defect.**

- **5/21 Insp. inspected an intrastate fuel hauler at the Ira HP detail. The identification numbers displayed misrepresented the hazardous materials on board. The vehicle was placed out of service until the correct markings were displayed.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR

Details:

- **05/18, Concord & Lunenburg pull offs, Rt 2. Five Inspectors screened 90 vehicles while screening all CMVs traveling on Rt 2 both eastbound and westbound. Nineteen inspections were completed. Eighteen vehicle (two out of service) and three driver violations were found.**
- **05/20, Waterford Welcome Center, I-93. Five Inspectors screened 140 vehicles. Seventeen inspections were completed. Twenty-seven vehicle (five out of service) and four driver (two out of service) violations were found. Five tickets were issued.**

Crashes:

- **None reported.**

Notables:

- **05/17, Lyndonville, Rt 5. An Inspector stopped and weighed a four axle log truck. The CMv was found to be 10,600lbs over permitted road limits. An inspection was completed and the company was issued a ticket.**



- **05/18, Island Pond, Rt 105. An Inspector stopped an over dimension CMV transporting a mobile office trailer. Although the CMV was properly permitted, the trailer the office was being transported on did not have brakes to all wheels. The driver advised that brakes were not required on loaded house moving dollies. Further driver interview revealed the driver had exceeded the 20 MPH limitation on house moving dollies without brakes limit. A review of previous inspections showed that there were defects present on the CMV that were not repaired prior to redispach. An inspection was completed and a ticket was issued to the company. The CMV was placed out of service for the brake violations and a flat tire.**



- **05/18, Lunenburg, Rt 2. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a six axle CMV transporting wood chips placed the trailer out of service for leaking, blowing, spilling cargo. Due to the dry weather resulting in drier, lighter wood chips, motor carriers are attempting to put as much chips as they can into the trailers to attempt to reach the 99,000lb permitted limit. Trailers loaded in such a manner will leak woodchips onto the roadway, creating a hazard for other vehicles, including motorcycles.**



- **05/18 Lunenburg detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection discovered a defective tire. The tire had a bulge in the sidewall indicative of a defective steel belt. The violation was noted and didn't meet the out of service criteria.**



- **05/19, Derby Line Port of Entry, I-91. An Inspector responded after hours to a report of a CMV at the POE with no markings or USDOT number. A Level 2 inspection was completed. The driver of the CMV, who initially indicated that he did not speak/communicate well in English, suddenly became more fluent upon the arrival of the inspector. The motor carrier, which had a USDOT number, did not have active operating authority. The driver advised he was transporting the pallets of building materials for a friend and was not being compensated. The materials were improperly secured with damaged web straps. An inspection was completed and the CMV and driver were sent back to Canada after correcting the load securement issues. Tickets were issued to the company.**





- **05/20, Waterford detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a CMV transporting hazardous materials (diesel fuel) noted a violation for improper placards. The placard, which were not required but on the CMV under permissive rules, was placed on an auxiliary water tank and not on the left side of the diesel tank. The driver was provided guidance.**



- **5/20, Waterford, I-93. An Inspector stopped a CMV which failed to stop at the detail for inspection. The truck was registered for 10,099 and weighed 28,100 pounds. The vehicle was escorted off of the interstate where an inspection was completed. Several violations were noted on the inspection and a ticket for the weight violation was issued to the company.**
- **05/20, Waterford detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a carrier transporting hazardous materials, discovered that the tank was actively leaking diesel fuel. The CMV was placed out of service.**
- **05/21 Inspectors from the Northeast, Northwest, and South Sectors weighed and measured a thirty-two axle CMV that was transporting a transformer. The CMV was 246 feet long, 18 feet wide and has a gross weight of 942,000lbs. The CMV was found to be within the specified permit limits. The Inspectors were joined by CVO staff. The motor carrier was given the green light to proceed with the move on Sunday.**





New Entrant:

- **Twelve carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Four audits completed. 23.25 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

- **05/18, Putney Scale House, I-91SB. Sector Inspectors conducted a detail focusing on size and weight violations. 205 Trucks were screened and weighed**

on platform scales along with verifying ten oversize and weight permits. Inspectors completed one Level 1, two Level 2s and one Level 3. While at the detail, Inspector Cuttita trained Inspector Armstrong with a block of instruction on size and weight. One driver violation (one out of service) and ten vehicle violations were discovered.



- **05/20, Bennington, Rte 279 Weigh Station. Inspectors screened 87 CMVs. The primary focus was size and weight training with 2 new Inspectors. 51 CMVs were weighed- 45 platform scale slips were verified and 6 were weighed on portable scales. Chris Knox from the radio shop attended the detail and updated our portable and mobile radios. Three Level 2s and one Level 3 were completed.**



Crash:

None reported.

Notables:

- **Sgt. Heberts, Cpl. O'Brian, and Cpl. Beebe in a joint effort with the Southern DMV Criminal Investigative Unit at an unannounced school bus inspection detail at the Butler Bus Depot in Hartford.**
- **Inspector Armstrong spent most of the week learning size and weight regulations with other members of the southern team.**
- **Inspector Armstrong assisted a stranded motorist who ran over a piece of a metal hook cord and ended up getting a flat tire.**

New Entrant Safety Audits:

- **Sgt. Heberts continued to work on New Entrant Audits, 2 completed and uploaded safety audits to the FMCSA and four additional new audits started.**