

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (10/11-10/17)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/13 Colchester NB WS, I-89, 7 Inspectors screened 390 vehicles. They completed 24 inspections which resulted in 20 vehicle and 1 driver violations. Four vehicles were placed out of service.
- 10/15 Ira, US Rte 4, 5 Inspectors screened 145 vehicles. They completed 17 inspections which resulted in 41 vehicle and 4 driver violations. Seven vehicles and two drivers were placed out of service.

Crashes:

- 10/12 Inspector was dispatched to a motor vehicle crash involving a tractor trailer and a delivery truck on VT Rte 22A in Pantou. Upon arrival, VSP personnel advised the delivery truck was parked on the west shoulder of VT Rte 22A. The tractor trailer was headed southbound and moved left to pass the delivery truck. The delivery truck began to maneuver from the right shoulder to a driveway on the east side of the road causing the crash. The driver of the delivery truck received non-incapacitating injuries and was transported to the hospital. The tractor trailer driver was uninjured however the truck struck a telephone pole and received disabling damage requiring a tow. The northbound lane of VT Rte 22A was shut down for a brief amount of time. Video footage of the crash was obtained, and the delivery truck driver was ticketed by VSP. Two post-crash inspections were conducted, and the truck tractor was placed out of service for a blown front steer tire.



- **10/14 Inspector responded to a tractor trailer truck roll over on US Rte 4 in Rutland Town. The driver encountered heavy fog, and traffic was stopped in front of him on the highway. The driver swerved to avoid hitting the stopped vehicles and overturned. The truck was loaded with 40,000 lbs. of wood pellets. A level 1 inspection was conducted, several pre-existing brake violations were discovered.**



Notables:

- **10/12 Inspector stopped a work truck hauling a trailer on US Rte 2 in South Burlington for an equipment violation. A subsequent inspection revealed the brake lights and turn signals were inoperative on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service for repair.**
- **10/12 Inspector stopped a dump truck hauling an excavator on I-89 in Bolton for a load securement infraction. A subsequent inspection at the Waterbury SB rest area revealed the excavator was not secured at all 4 corners and the pneumatic arm was not secured. Additionally, the driver's CDL was suspended and the lights were inoperative on the trailer, both out of service conditions. The driver and carrier were ticketed.**



- **10/12 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on I89 in Colchester for speeding, 15 mph over posted speed limit. The FMCSA drug and alcohol clearinghouse lists the driver as prohibited. The driver admitted he failed a pre-employment drug test last year. The owner of his current company advised he failed to check the driver in the clearinghouse before hiring him. An inspection was conducted. The driver was placed out of service and ticketed.**



- **10/13 Inspector conducted an inspection and portable weigh on this 3-axle dump truck at the Colchester detail. The truck was found to be 69,500 lbs., 9500 lbs. in excess of its 60K permit. The carrier was ticketed.**



- **10/13 Inspector inspected an oversized load at the Colchester detail. A subsequent inspection revealed the locking mechanism was not locked on the heavy-duty articulating dump truck and both sides of the machine were not secured at the articulation point. The trailer was placed out of service for the load securement infraction and the driver remedied the violation.**



- **10/13 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The CMV was placed out of service for not displaying oversize banners as required and for loose chains over the equipment.**



- **10/13 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the I89 Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service for an air hose that was leaking air from a large hole in it.**



- **10/13 Inspector discovered a cracked and leaking air supply valve, from the truck to the trailer service brakes during an inspection at the Colchester detail. The vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **10/14 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer operating on VT Rte 15 in Colchester for an equipment violation. A subsequent inspection revealed the trailer was a storage trailer bearing a transporter plate. The trailer had multiple defects to include two severely deflated tires for which the trailer was placed out of service. A ticket was issued to the carrier.**



- **10/14 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte 22a in Orwell. The truck was inspected and placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **10/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer hauling logs at the Ira detail. The subsequent inspection revealed a tire was severely deflated on the crib trailer. The trailer was placed out of service for the defect and the driver remedied the violation.**



- **10/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ira detail. A subsequent inspection revealed the brake lights were inoperative on the trailer, four out of ten brakes were defective and the frame on the trailer was cracked. Both the combination and the trailer were placed out of service. The carrier was ticketed.**



- **10/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ira detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a defective tractor supply valve.**



- **10/15 Inspector inspected a Covered Farm Vehicle at the Ira detail and noted several violations, to include contaminated brake pads, from an active leaking wheel seal and the operator was under suspension in NY. The driver and vehicle were placed out of service.**



- **10/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ira detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a severed air hose and the trailer was placed out of service for tire leaking air.**



- **10/15 Inspector responded to VT Rte 108 in Stowe (the Notch) for a tractor trailer on a prohibited section of the public highway. The driver was trying to get from NH to Bakersfield, VT. He stopped prior to becoming wedged, but required state police traffic control assistance to back down the road. He said he saw all the signs saying no tractor trailers, but said he often makes home deliveries on roads that say trucks are prohibited. During the inspection, the**

driver's GPS screen was displaying multiple warnings saying no trailers are allowed on the road. The driver was ticketed.



- **10/16 Inspector stopped and inspected an interstate tractor trailer hauling machinery in Ferrisburgh. The trailer had a spare chain dragging on the pavement as the vehicle drove on the public highway, this chain could have easily struck a pedestrian or bicyclist. The trailer was placed out of service for the loose chain and for improper load securement.**





Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **10/13 West Danville, US Rte 2, 4 Inspectors screened 43 vehicles. Twelve inspections were completed. Eleven vehicle violations were discovered. Two vehicles were placed out of service.**
- **10/15 Northeast Patrol, US Rte 2, 4 Inspectors participated in Operation Darkwing. The focus of the operation was a motor carrier operating in interstate commerce without registering with US DOT and while operating a Class A CDL required CMV without a CDL license. After the CMV was stopped (see notables), the Inspectors opened US Rte 2 North Concord for a detail. A total of eight inspections (one hazardous materials) were completed. Ten vehicle and one driver violations were discovered.**



Crashes:

- **10/16 Barton, I-91, Inspector responded to assist VSP-Derby at a single CMV crash. The CMV, a five axle CMV transporting logs, went off the roadway and rolled onto its side. The driver advised he was choking on some food and had swerved off the roadway while reaching for some water. A Level 2 inspection was completed.**



Notables:

- **10/14 Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on US Rte 5 in Derby placed the CMV, a two axle garbage truck, out of service for a fuel leak. The driver of the CMV was found to be operating after suspension-criminal and was arrested and**

processed. Tickets were issued and the driver was cited to appear in Orleans Court at a later date.



- **10/15 US Rte 2 Saint Johnsbury. An Inspector stopped a targeted CMV for an equipment violation. An inspection was completed and the driver was placed out of service for not having a CDL Class A license when required. Additionally, the carrier was not registered with US DOT to conduct interstate operations. A ticket was issued and the driver was placed out of service.**



- **10/16 Inspector responded as a DRE to a CMV reportable crash that another Inspector was conducting a post crash inspection for. The DRE evaluation was completed.**

New Entrant:

- **Four carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. 5.5 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **10/12 Searsburg, VT Rte 9, 2 Inspectors completed 8 inspections resulting in 4 vehicle violations. One vehicle was placed out of service for broken and separated springs.**



- **10/14 Vernon, VT Rte 142, 2 Inspectors completed 5 inspections resulting in 6 vehicle violations and 3 vehicles were placed out of service. While at the detail one of the inspectors was requested to respond to a rural road's incident on Vt Rt 123. A tractor trailer unit failed to obey traffic control signs on a bridge height and then became wedged under the railroad trestle. The driver was placed out of service for defective tires and issued tickets for Failing to Obey Traffic Control Device.**



- **10/15 Guilford, I-91N, 4 Inspectors screened 156 trucks. They completed 16 inspections resulting in 7 driver violations and 7 vehicle violations. Three drivers and one vehicle were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **No crashes to report.**

Notables

- **10/12 Inspector discovered cracked steering axle brake linings that met the out of service criteria exceeding 1 ½ inch long and 1/16 of an inch wide that placed the commercial vehicle out of service per the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Out of Service Criteria**



- **10/14 Inspector at the Vernon detail was notified by a passerby of car off the road into a tree. Inspector responded with a request by the Vermont State Police as they had no Troopers in the area. The Inspector found a Connecticut operator had been driving a Vermont passenger car when he went off the road on a straight way and into tree in Vernon on VT Rte 142. The driver sustained minor injuries and the car was towed from the scene.**



- **10/14 Inspector observed passenger side bundle of piping not secured on a tractor trailer entering the check point. The inspection was completed and found addition steel panels lying on deck unsecured. The vehicle was placed out of service for unsecured load as result.**



- **10/15 Inspector discovered a driver was operating a commercial vehicle and was prohibited from safety sensitive functions in the drug and alcohol clearing house. During the inspection, the vehicle was also weighed on portable scales and found to be 5,000 lbs. overweight. The driver was placed out of service. The vehicle was also placed out of service for an inner wheel seal that has contaminated the brake.**



New Entrant Safety Audits:

- **Two Offsite New Entrant Safety Audits were completed and uploaded to the FMCSA.**
- **One carrier has failed to contact an auditor after numerous attempts and in the initial stages of being considered a no contact carrier, two carriers were inactivated for failing to contact the auditor within prescribed amount of time.**
- **Four carriers are in the process of document review and pending contact for further documentation needed.**
- **One Canadian New Entrant carrier was contacted after document review and a CDLIS (Commercial Driver's License Information System) check showed the only driver the carrier employed had a Canada Only Restriction. The carrier was told they had to cease operations in the US until the restriction was lifted by Canada or the carrier employed a qualified driver.**