

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (10/24-10/30)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- **10/26 Williston NB, I-89, 8 Inspectors screened 303 vehicles. They completed 37 inspections which resulted in 39 vehicle and 10 driver violations. Eight vehicles and two drivers were placed out of service.**
- **10/27 Fair Haven, US Rte 4, 7 Inspectors screened 110 vehicles. They completed 24 inspections which resulted in 20 vehicle and 5 driver violations. Six vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.**
- **10/29 Ferrisburgh NB, US Rte 7, 3 Inspectors screened 55 vehicles. They completed 12 inspections which resulted in 4 vehicle and 4 driver violations. One vehicle and two drivers were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **10/28 Inspector responded to a 2-vehicle crash involving a CMV on US Rte. 7 in Vergennes. Investigation found that a passenger truck failed to stop at a stop sign and pulled out in front of a loaded 4 axle dump truck. The dump truck swerved and impacted the rear of the passenger truck, causing the dump truck to roll onto its left side. Minor injuries were reported from both drivers, they were transported to the hospital.**



Notables:

- **10/25 Inspector stopped a 6-axle log truck traveling west on US Rte. 4 for a possible overweight violation. The truck was escorted to the Fair Haven Scale**

House for a platform weigh. The truck was found to be 113,400 lbs., 14,400 lbs. overweight. The carrier was ticketed.



- **10/25 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer with a placarding violation. The vehicle was not transporting any hazardous materials.**



- **10/26 Inspector inspected an interstate truck and trailer at the Williston detail. The driver was placed out of service for no valid CDL, when a Class A CDL was required. The truck was placed out of service for an inactive USDOT #. The trailer was placed out of service for brake violations. The carrier was ticketed.**



- **10/26 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed the driver had not secured a piece of heavy machinery properly. Additionally, the driver's license had been downgraded to a non-CDL license due to not having a medical card on file in his home state. The trailer and the driver were placed out of service.**



- **10/26 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a fuel leak.**



- **10/27 Inspector conducted an inspection on a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed a flat tire and a cut and leaking air hose to the trailer brakes, both out of service violations.**



- **10/27 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed a steer tire had metal ply showing in the tread area. The truck tractor was placed out of service for repair.**



- **10/27 Inspector inspected a box truck on VT Rte. 22a in Orwell. The truck was placed out of service as it had no operable tail lamps and it was dark while being operated.**



- **10/27 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The driver was placed out of service as his CDL was not valid in his licensing State.**



- **10/27 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The trailer was placed out of service as there were no operable brake lamps on the trailer.**



- **10/28-10/30 NW Sector inspectors participated at the annual Wheels for Warmth events in Stowe, Williston, Montpelier, and Mendon.**



- **10/29 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer on VT Rte. 22a in Shoreham. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty for having no record of duty status as required.**



- **10/29 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer on VT Rte. 22a in Orwell. The carrier was grounded as they were suspended in VT.**



- **10/29 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ferrisburgh detail. The inspection revealed the driver had not secured a piece of heavy machinery properly. The trailer was placed out of service and the driver remedied the defect by adding the required binders.**



- **10/29 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Ferrisburgh detail. The inspection revealed the driver's log was false and efforts were made by the driver to conceal driving hours. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours. Shortly thereafter, the driver jumped the out of service and continued her trip to deliver merchandise. Inspectors located the driver at a loading dock in Essex Junction, VT. Another inspection was conducted, and the driver was cited for continuing her trip after being placed out of service. A ticket was issued to the driver and the box truck was towed.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **10/26 Coventry Rest Area, I-91 N. Four Inspectors screened 147 vehicles. Nineteen inspections were completed. Thirty vehicle (seven out of service) and one driver violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **None reported.**

Notables:

- **10/28-10/30, Sector Inspectors attended Wheels for Warmth in Montpelier.**
- **10/26 Coventry detail. An Inspector conducting an inspection on a five axle CMV placed the CMV out of service for chafed brake hoses. The Inspector noticed condensation leaking from the hose upon application of the service brakes.**

To view a video of the violation, please visit:

[Defective \(chaffed\) air brake supply hose to trailer - YouTube](#)



- **10/26 Williston detail. A CMV selected for Inspection was screened by K9 Jonah. K9 Jonah conducted an exterior sniff and indicated to the presence of narcotics within the cab. The driver was questioned in regards to the K9 indication and elected to freely turn over a green container from his possession which contained Marijuana. An inspection was completed and the driver was placed OOS for 24 hours. A ticket was issued.**



- **10/26 Williston detail. A CMV was placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **10/26 Williston detail. The driver of a CMV was placed out of service for not having the proper CDL. The driver was operating a Class A combination CMV while only possessing a Class B CDL.**



- **10/26 Coventry detail. An Inspector weighed a CMV transporting a large piece of equipment. The CMV was found to be 17,000 lbs over road limits without a permit. An inspection was completed and a ticket was issued to the company. The CMV was grounded until a proper permit was secured. *See next post.**



- **10/26 Coventry. An Inspector conducted covert patrol after the Coventry detail closed. The Inspector observed the CMV, which was grounded for not having a permit (above), operating on the interstate. At the end of the detail, the Inspector verified with CVO that the CMV had not been permitted yet. The CMV was stopped and an inspection was completed. The carrier was issued a ticket for the overweight violation.**



- **10/27 Beecher Falls, VT Rte 253. An Inspector stopped and weighed a six axle CMV transporting logs. The CMV was found to be 16,000 lbs over permitted limits. An inspection was completed and a ticket was issued to the carrier.**



- **10/29 Coventry, I-91 North. An Inspector placed the driver of a CMV out of service for a false log. The driver had operated in commerce from Massachusetts to Vermont while showing off duty in his ELD.**

New Entrant:

- **Nine carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Two audits completed. 28 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- No activity reported.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **10/26 Bridgewater WIMS, US Rte 4, 4 Inspectors screened 59 vehicles. They completed 11 (5 Level 1, 5 Level 2 and 1 Level 3) inspections which resulted in 5 vehicle violations.**



- **10/27 Emerald Lake- Dorset, US Rte 7, 7 Inspectors screened 96 vehicles and weighed 6 vehicles. They completed 18 (7 Level 1, 8 Level 2 and 3 Level 3) inspections which resulted in 12 vehicle violations and 1 driver violation; 3 vehicles were placed out of Service. Inspectors checked 6 over-dimension permits and issued 3 CVSA stickers.**



Crashes:

- **10/25 Inspectors responded to a super-load slide off on Vt Rte. 10 in Chester. The driver failed to navigate the s-turns and the rear of his trailer slid off the soft shoulder and broke a telephone pole. The length and height were measured and found to be in compliance with permitting. The company was ticketed for a permit violation. The transport was not permitted to move during inclement weather.**



Notables:

- **10/26 Inspector discovered loose wheel fasteners while conducting a level 2 inspection at the Bridgewater detail on US Rte. 4.**



- **10/27 Inspector discovered a cracked fuel tank mounting bracket during an inspection at the Emerald Lake detail. The condition did not meet the out of service criteria and the violation was documented as a violation only.**



- **10/27 Inspector stopped a Fed Ex van at the Emerald Lake Pull off for a state suspension. The Inspector worked with Fed Ex management to correct an administrative violation and lift the suspension.**
- **10/27 Inspector discovered several loose suspension bolts during an inspection at the Clarendon NB rest area. The defect was corrected on site.**



- **10/29 & 10/30 Southern Team Inspectors participated in the Wheels 4 Warmth initiative at the Mendon and Stowe locations.**

