

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (10/4-10/10)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- **10/6 Fair Haven Scale House, 5 Inspectors screened 147 vehicles. They completed 24 inspections which resulted in 54 vehicle and 4 driver violations. Four vehicles were placed out of service.**
- **10/8 Williston NB, I-89, 5 Inspectors screened 330 vehicles. They completed 30 inspections which resulted in 27 vehicle and 2 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service. One inspector had to leave the detail to assist Colchester PD with a fatal/non-MCSAP crash investigation.**

Crashes:

- **10/5 Inspector was dispatched to a motor vehicle crash involving a tractor trailer on I89 in South Burlington. Upon arrival, the tractor trailer was parked in the breakdown lane and the passenger car had been towed from the scene. VSP personnel advised the crash was caused by the tractor trailer driver failing to clear the driving lane before making a lane change maneuver and striking the passenger car causing disabling damage / no injuries. The tractor trailer did not sustain significant damage. A level I post-crash inspection was conducted, and the driver was cited for the improper lane change maneuver and grounded due to a VT driver's license suspension.**



Notables:

- **10/5 Inspector worked traffic enforcement in the I-89 Burlington area.**
- **10/5 Inspector stopped an intrastate wrecker towing a box truck on Mountain View Rd. in Williston. The driver failed to use tow lights, so there were no working lights on the rear vehicle. This was a Class A combination vehicle and**

the driver had a Class D license. The carrier was ticketed, and the towed vehicle was dropped until someone with the appropriate licensure could come tow it.



- **10/5 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for inoperable lamps on the trailer on VT Rte. 22a in Bridport. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service as the spare tire under the trailer was not secured. The carrier was placed out of service for not having operating authority as required.**



- **10/6 Inspector, at the Fair Haven detail, inspected an interstate tractor trailer. The trailer was placed out of service for inoperable turn signals.**



- **10/6 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer hauling logs at the Fair Haven detail. A platform weigh indicated the combination weighed 106,500 on a 99,000 pound excessive weight permit. The carrier was ticketed for the overweight infraction.**
- **10/6 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed the driver's side rearmost turn signal on the trailer was inoperative. The trailer was placed out of service for repair.**
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- **10/7 Inspector stopped an intrastate truck on I89 in Williston for an inoperable lamp. The driver was found to be operating without his required corrective lenses. The driver was placed out of service.**



- **10/8 Inspector assisted Colchester Police in weighing a small homemade trailer that had been involved in a fatal crash.**
- **10/8 Inspector inspected an intrastate haz-mat (HM) tanker at the Williston detail. The HM shipping papers were incorrect. The emergency response number provided was no longer accurate, but someone had crossed out the expiration date to make it appear as if it hadn't expired 9 years ago. The HM registration was also expired. The carrier was ticketed.**
- **10/8 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The CMV was placed out of service for multiple defective brakes.**



- **10/8 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a leaking wheel seal which soaked the brake friction surface.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **10/6 Ryegate NB, I-91, 4 Inspectors screened 110 vehicles. Sixteen inspections were completed. Twenty-two vehicle and two vehicle violations were discovered.**
- **10/8 Northeast Patrol. Two Inspectors patrolled the sector with a focus on detecting operating authority/failure to register with US DOT. Six inspections (five level 1 and one Level 2) were completed. Ten vehicle and one driver violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **10/7 Barton, I-91 NB. Inspector responded to I-91 to assist VSP-Derby at a single CMV crash. The CMV, a five axle tractor trailer, went off the roadway and struck several guardrails before entering the median. The driver was processed by VSP for DUI. A Level 2 inspection was conducted. The driver was issued two tickets, one for driving a CMV under the influence and a second ticket for possession of alcohol in a CMV. A white powdery substance in a baggie on the floor of the truck tested positive for cocaine. The truck was not registered. An investigation is continuing. Multiple tickets will be issued to the driver and the carrier.**

- **10/8 Morrisville, VT Rte 12. Inspector responded to assist Morrisville PD at a single CMV crash. The CMV, a loaded four axle dump truck, lost steering and struck a telephone pole. A Level 2 inspection was completed. The king pin spindle on the left side of axle #1 failed, resulting in the loss of steering. There were no reported injuries. There was evidence that the defect existed prior to the crash. There was rust on approximately 75% of one side of the broken component indicating that the component had been cracked prior to the crash.**



Notables:

- **10/6 Inspector stopped a CMV that failed to stop at the Ryegate detail area. The driver of the CMV was found to be in possession of 1.4 grams of marijuana. The driver was also operating without a valid medical card. The driver was placed out of service and issued a ticket.**
- **10/6 Inspector conducting a Level 1 on an empty flatbed wrecker discovered that the driver was en route to pick up a motor vehicle and deliver it to a second address, not either the wrecker company's business nor the owner. The driver**

and the carrier were advised that the carrier needed operating authority, which it did not have at the time of the inspection.

- Ryegate detail- Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection of a five axle CMV discovered a loose air reservoir. The violation did not meet the out of service criteria.



- Ryegate detail- Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection discovered a defective brake hose meeting the out of service criteria. The brake hose had damage extending through the outer reinforcement later due to chaffing on the inner fender flap.



- 10/8 Lunenburg, US Rte 2 Operating authority detail- Inspector stopped and conducted an inspection on a truck transporting a trailer. The carrier was not registered with the US DOT for interstate operations. Guidance was given to the carrier and an inspection was completed.
- 10/8 Lunenburg, US Rte 2 Operating authority detail- Inspector stopped and conducted an inspection on a CMV transporting a tent. The carrier was not registered with the US DOT for interstate operations. Guidance was given to the carrier and an inspection was completed.



New Entrant:

- **Three carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. One audit completed. 9.5 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **10/6 Emerald Lake, US Rte 7, 5 Inspectors completed 8 inspections resulting in 12 vehicle violations.**



- **10/8 Bennington Chain Up Area, VT Rte 9, 5 Inspectors completed 15 inspections resulting in 13 driver violations (2 out of service) and 27 vehicle violations (4 out of service).**



Notables:

- **10/6 Inspector discovered a CMV driver to be under 21 years of age in interstate commerce and the co-driver did not have the previous 7 days of logs so both the driver was placed out of service and they have to call for another driver.**
- **10/7 Inspector responded to assist VSP on I-91 near the Guilford Welcome Center after a box truck's left front steer axle tire ruptured while the truck was traveling north bound. The driver was able to get the truck stopped safely without crashing. A level 2 Inspection was completed on scene. The truck wheel was damaged and tie rod appeared to be bent. The driver was able to move the truck into the Welcome Center lot to await road service.**



- **10/7 Inspector conducted a level 1 inspection in Searsburg. Both the truck and trailer were placed OOS. An air leak was found on the tractor. The trailer was found to be loaded with fence posts. Two of the fence posts were found loose at the rearmost bundle and able to be slid off the trailer by hand. The driver was able to re-secure the load.**



- **10/8 Inspector completed a level 1 inspection at the Bennington chain up area on a truck towing a modular home. Both rear lower brake linings on the truck had small cracks. Four of the trailer wheel seals were leaking and oil/ grease had contaminated the braking surface. In addition, one of the trailer hub caps was missing. The carrier was issued a ticket.**



- **10/8 Inspector completed a level 3 Inspection at the Bennington Chain Up area. During the inspection the driver produced an ELD, which was not connected to the truck and had been malfunctioning since 10/5. He failed to switch to required paper logs when the malfunction occurred. The driver was placed OOS for no ELD. Due to the ELD malfunction the device only recorded**

approximately 9 hours of driving time since the driver left Nebraska before arriving in Vermont. The carrier failed to produce any record of duty status documents at the time of inspection and the driver was given two opportunities to make up his missing log using paper and he failed to re-create any of it.

- 10/8 Inspector found cracked steering axle brake pads (see below) which caused the vehicle to be placed out of service and had to be towed and fixed before finishing the trip.



- 10/8 Inspector conducted a level 1 inspection at the VT Rte 9 Chain Up Area. Four brakes on the tractor trailer combination were out of adjustment. The vehicle was placed out of service and repairs were made onsite.



- 10/9 Inspector found a carriers US DOT authority to have been inactivated. The carrier was placed OOS at the VT Rte 9 pull off.
- Southern Team Inspector is assisting the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources with a fuel spill investigation in the Town of Fair Haven.

New Entrants:

- Two New Entrant Safety Auditors completed 3 audits and initiated 3 more audits. One owner operator New Entrant from Quebec Canada was advised to

cease interstate operations as his Canadian Commercial Driver's License had a restriction to be able to operate a CMV in Canada only.