

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (11/1-11/7)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- **11/3 Ferrisburgh, US Rte 7, 5 Inspectors and 1 DMV SI Investigator screened 94 vehicles. They completed 24 inspections which resulted in 32 vehicle and 3 driver violations. Three vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.**
- **11/3 Ira, US Rte 4, 3 Inspectors screened 105 vehicles. They completed 6 inspections which resulted in 8 vehicle violations. One vehicle was placed out of service. Snow/ice delayed the opening of the detail. One Inspectors assisted VSP at a multi-vehicle crash while traveling to the detail location.**
- **11/4 Cambridge, VT Rte 104, 2 Inspectors screened 42 vehicles. They completed 11 inspections which resulted in 2 vehicle violations.**
- **11/5 Colchester NB, I-89, 6 Inspectors screened 165 vehicles. They completed 16 inspections which resulted in 24 vehicle and 2 driver violations. Five vehicles were placed out of service. The detail was closed at 1100 so NW Inspectors could attend training at Colchester PD.**
- **11/6 Barre, US Rte 2, 2 Inspectors screened 112 vehicles. They completed 18 inspections which resulted in 4 vehicle and 4 driver violations. This was a joint sector detail.**

Crashes:

- **11/2 Inspector was dispatched to the report of a crash involving a commercial motor vehicle on VT Rte. 104 in Fairfax. Upon arrival, he observed a tractor trailer hauling sand had crashed into two vehicles. The tractor trailer driver reported he lost steering due to the wintry road conditions. A pickup truck took the brunt of the collision and appeared totaled and the driver suffered non incapacitating injuries. While interviewing the CMV driver he commented he was traveling about 40 miles an hour and agreed he was likely driving too fast for the snowy conditions. The Inspector assisted the Franklin County Sheriff's department with traffic control until the wreck was removed from the roadway. Inspectors completed the post-crash inspection at the TDI facility in Swanton. The driver of the CMV was ticketed for driving too fast for road conditions and the carrier was ticketed as the truck tractor was not inspected.**



Notables:

- **11/3 Inspector assisted VSP New Haven with multiple vehicles off the roadway on VT Rte. 22A in Bridport. Weather conditions had caused a flash freeze making the roadway nearly impassable. The Bridport Fire Department responded to assist motorists and help with control traffic. After a few passes by AOT dropping salt the roadway cleared up and VSP arrived to assist with traffic at wreckers pulled vehicles back onto the roadway.**
- **11/3 Inspector inspected a straight truck at the Ira detail. The driver was transporting 1-ton pallets of pellets. The driver had secured a pallet with one strap and it was not blocked or braced against forward movement. The truck was placed out of service and the driver remedied the defect.**



- **11/3 Inspector assisted with a tractor trailer that was pulled over by a Shelburne Police Officer who reported that the trailer appeared to be being dragged down the road. It was described as the front of the trailer being on the yellow line and the back of the trailer on the fog line. A DMV Inspector was requested by Shelburne Police to inspect the CMV. Following the inspection, the trailer was**

placed out of service as none of the sliding suspension locking pins were engaged and the paper rolls in the trailer were not secured properly.



- **11/3 Inspector inspected a CMV at the Ira detail. He discovered the driver, whom was hauling an oversize load, did not have a current log book. The vehicle had two tire violations.**



- **11/3 Inspector inspected an intrastate tractor trailer hauling machinery at the Ferrisburgh detail. One of the chains had no binder and had come loose in transit. This was a required tiedown, placing the trailer out of service until corrected.**



- **11/3 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer hauling hazardous materials at the Ferrisburgh detail. The driver was placed out of service for failing to wear his required corrective lenses. The HM load was found to be unsecured against lateral movement. The load, pallets of HM cylinders, had shifted in transit as a result.**



- **11/4 Inspector discovered that a truck loaded with LPG HM was not up to date on the cargo tank inspections and one of the outlets was not marked during an inspection at a joint sector detail in Chester.**



- **11/4 Inspector discovered this truck loaded with 60,000lbs of talc, had 4 out of 10 lower fifth wheel bolts, connecting the fifth wheel assembly to the frame, loose during an inspection at a joint sector detail in Chester. The vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **11/5 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The inspection revealed a glad hand hose was chafed through the reinforcement ply and the ply was frayed and a tire on the trailer was flat. The combination and the trailer were placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed.**



- **11/5 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service for no operable brake lamps.**



- **11/5 Inspector discovered a leaking inner wheel seal on a tractor trailer which had contaminated the brake pads and friction surface at the Colchester detail. The vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **11/5 Inspector inspected an intrastate dump truck and trailer hauling machinery at the Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service until the machinery was secured using at least the minimum number of required tiedowns.**



- **11/5 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer hauling hazardous materials at the Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service for an inoperable turn signal.**



Passenger Carrier:

- Nothing to report.

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 11/3 Derby Line Port of Entry, I-91. Two Inspectors conducted nine inspections. Two driver and four vehicle violations were discovered.
- 11/5 Waterford Welcome Center, I-93. Three Inspectors screened 90 vehicles. Fourteen inspections were completed. Twelve vehicle and two driver violations were discovered.

Crashes:

- None reported.

Notables:

- 11/3 Inspector provided a block of instruction on Motor Vehicle Law at the Vermont Police Academy to the Basic Recruit Class.
- 11/3 Inspector provided guidance and instruction on electronic logging devices to Customs and Border Protection officers. The officers had requested the training to better understand how drivers record their hours of service and locations. The officers were shown the upload procedures and how to read the graphs.
- 11/5 Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a CMV not requiring an ELD discovered violations of the 11 and 14 hour rules. The violations did not place the driver out of service.

1. OFF DUTY 2.05
 2. SLEEPER DUTY 5.5
 3. DUTY 14.15
 4. OFF DUTY 1.15

REMARKS:
 KITNEY SERVICE PLAZA I-395 CT
 PARAMS YONKERS NY
 NEWPORT ME

From WOODSTOCK To PARAMS MS

- 11/5 Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a five axle CMV discovered a defective web strap. The web strap had numerous defects which rendered the web strap ineffective. The web strap was required to meet load securement minimum standards and as a result, the trailer was placed out of service. The driver replaced the strap and was back into service.



New Entrant:

- Seven carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. 7.75 hours

Passenger Vehicles:

- No activity reported.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **11/3 Putney Scale House, I-91S, 5 Inspectors screened and weighed 128 vehicles. They completed 7 inspections resulting in two driver and 7 vehicle violations. No vehicles were placed out of service and no tickets were issued. There was a delayed opening because Inspectors were assisting other agencies.**



- **11/4 Searsburg, VT Rte 9, 2 Inspectors completed 8 inspections resulting in 5 driver and 7 vehicle violations.**
- **11/5 White River Jct, I-91S, 4 Inspectors screened 235 vehicles. They completed 14 inspections resulting in 4 driver violations and 12 vehicle violations. One driver and three vehicles were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **11/3 Inspector was on his way to Springfield for a report of at least two dozen CMV's stopped on the Interstate due to ice. While en route, the Inspector was asked by VSP to respond to the area of MM 8N for reports of two motor vehicle crashes by the VT Rte 9 over pass. VSP advised all their troopers were busy in Springfield area. Another Inspector arrived to assist on the scene of the first two crashes when a third crash involving a tractor trailer occurred just behind him on the bridge. Due to the icy and untreated condition on the roadway and bridge, one Inspector went to Exit 1 and diverted traffic onto US Rte 5 in Brattleboro. The Brattleboro Fire Dept, Rescue Inc, and multiple tow companies responded to the scene to assist. A Level I Inspection on the tractor trailer was completed at a safe secondary location in Brattleboro.**



Notables:

- **11/3 Inspector stopped to assist a motorist who slid off the travel portion of the roadway on VT Rte 100 in Killington. There were no injuries, and the vehicle did not sustain any significant damage.**



- **11/4 Inspector discovered a leaking inner wheel seal during an inspection on VT Rte 103 detail in Chester. The oil contaminated the brake friction material, and the vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **11/4 Inspector found a flat tire during an inspection on VT Rte 103 in Chester. The vehicle was placed out of service.**



New Entrant Safety Audits:

- **One New Entrant carrier failed to contact the auditor after more than three attempts to contact them. The carrier was placed in a no contact procedure and if they fail to contact FMCSA with a predetermined date they will be placed out of service.**
- **One safety audit was completed and sent to FMCSA.**
- **One New Entrant audit was initiated.**
- **Two New Entrant carriers were inactivated for not meeting the criteria for US DOT number.**

Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report**