

COMMERICAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (7/10-7/16)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 7/12 Highgate POE, I89, 3 Inspectors screened 58 vehicles. They completed 7 inspections which resulted in 8 vehicle and 1 driver violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.
- 7/12 Dorset, US Rte 7, 3 Inspectors screened 61 vehicles. They completed 6 inspections which resulted in 8 vehicle and 3 driver violations. One vehicle and two drivers were placed out of service.
- 7/14 Fair Haven, US Rte 4, 6 Inspectors screened 104 vehicles. They completed 15 inspections which resulted in 26 vehicle and 4 driver violations. Four vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.

Crashes:

- 7/15 Inspector responded to Industrial Ave in Williston for a CMV crash. A car crossed the center line into the path of an oncoming roll-off truck. The truck driver took evasive action, but the two vehicles collided. Both vehicles were towed due to disabling damage. The car driver was injured. There were no pre-existing defects on the truck.



Notables:

- 7/11 Inspector inspected a box truck in Orwell. The driver was placed out of service for 24 hours as he was in possession of marijuana in a commercial motor vehicle. The driver was ticketed for the violation.



- 7/11 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The trailer was placed out of service for having no operable brake lamps or turn signals. The electrical cord was not connected from the truck tractor to the trailer.



- 7/12 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Dorset detail. The driver was placed out of service as he was required to wear corrective lenses while driving and he was not.



- 7/12 Inspector placed a vehicle out of service for an inoperable parking break at the Highgate detail.



- 7/13 Inspectors attended the 2022 VTrans NSTI event (summer camp) at the Central Garage in Berlin.
- 7/13 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Pantou. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a flat tire.



- 7/13 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for an inoperable headlamp on US Rte. 2 in Williston. An inspection was conducted and the driver was placed out of service for improper use of personal conveyance.



- 7/14 Inspector conducted an inspection on a 5 axle tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The truck was placed out of service for numerous brake violations. Four brakes were found to have cracked shoes exceeding 1/16”.



- 7/14 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed the carrier was under a federal out of service order for not complying with a safety audit. The carrier was placed out of service and a ticket was issued for the infraction.



- 7/14 Inspector inspected a dump truck at the Fair Haven detail. The driver was placed out of service for driving a CDL required vehicle without a CDL. The driver was also placed out of service for being in possession of marijuana in a commercial motor vehicle.



- 7/15 Inspector responded to the intersection of US Rte. 2 and Johnnie Brook Rd in Richmond for a CMV that had lost its cargo in the roadway. The driver of the truck braked hard and the load sloshed out over the top of the truck and onto the pavement. The roadway was covered in food scraps and the fire department responded to clear off the hazard. An inspection was conducted and the truck was placed out of service until the load was properly secured.



- 7/15 A passerby on VT Rte. 22a in Orwell stopped an Inspector to report that the driver of a tractor trailer that just went by almost caused 4 accidents by crossing over the center line. The Inspector caught up to the CMV and observed the driver cross into the opposing lane twice. Upon stopping the CMV, it was observed that there were no operable brake lamps on the trailer. An inspection was conducted. The driver was unaware that he crossed over the center line. The trailer was placed out of service for no operable brake lamps.



Passenger Carrier:

- Nothing to report.

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 7/12 Lyndonville Rest Area, I-91S, 5 Inspectors screened 160 vehicles. Seventeen inspections were completed. Twenty-three vehicle (three out of service) and five driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.



- 7/13 Bradford Rest Area, I-91S, 3 Inspectors screened 153 vehicles. Twenty-eight inspections were completed. Sixteen vehicle (three out of service) and one driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.
- 7/14 I 89 corridor. Five Inspectors conducted roving/ covert patrol. Ten inspections were completed. One vehicle and eleven driver (one out of service) violations were discovered. Eight tickets were issued.
- 7/15 Derby Line Port of Entry, I-91S, 5 Inspectors screened 113 vehicles. Twenty-six inspections were completed. Thirteen vehicle (one out of service) and one driver violations were discovered.

Crashes:

- 7/13 Inspector responded to assist Newport PD with a two-vehicle crash involving a CMV. There were no injuries reported but both vehicles sustained disabling damage. A two axle delivery box truck failed to yield the right of way to an ambulance at an intersection. A Level 1 inspection was completed.



- 7/16 Inspector responded to assist VSP- St Albans at a single CMV rollover in Alburgh. The CMV, a five-axle tractor trailer transporting bottled water, went off the roadway and rolled onto its side. The driver and his minor passenger were transported with minor injuries. The CMV was uprighted and towed from the scene due to disabling damage. A Level 2 inspection was completed.

Notables:

- 7/12 Lyndonville detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 3 inspection placed the driver of the CMV out of service for not having the proper CDL. The driver was driving a Class A CDL required CMV while only possessing a Class B. The CMV was a 22,000 lb GVWR truck towing a 15,000 lb GVWR trailer.
- 7/12 Lyndonville detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a two axle CMV noted a violation for loose u-joint that didn't meet the out of service criteria. To view a video of the violation visit:
<https://youtube.com/shorts/iAj5rUqq8OI?feature=share>
- 7/13 Bradford detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a five axle CMV placed the CMV out of service for improper load securement. Only one strap was being used to secure a 5,000 lb pallet, which required two straps as it wasn't blocked or braced by other cargo or the vehicle structure to the front.
- 7/14 I 89 detail. Inspectors conducted covert surveillance on CMVs looking for prohibited use of handheld devices and failure to use seatbelt. Seven inspections were completed. Seven tickets were issued for drivers using handheld electronic devices (cellphones).
- 07/14 I 89 detail. An Inspector observed the driver of a CMV operating without his seatbelt on. A stop was initiated and an inspection was conducted. The driver of the CMV presented his boss' expired driver's license as his own. The driver was found to be under suspension in Massachusetts and not in possession of a medical certificate. The company owner arrived on scene to drive the vehicle home and advised that he had forgotten the license in the truck. The operator of the CMV was given a ticket for the seatbelt and suspended license violations.
- 7/15 Inspectors conducted outbound CMV screening at the Derby Line Port of Entry.
- 7/15 Derby POE. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection of a CMV noted a markings violation. The carrier name and US DOT number were not readable at 50 feet.



- 7/15 Derby Line POE. Inspector and CBP Officer provided assistance to a passenger vehicle operator. The vehicle's plastic fender shield had become displaced and was making a noise. After troubleshooting the issue, the officers were able to correct the issue.



New Entrant:

- Fifteen carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Two audits completed. 33 hours.

Passenger Vehicles:

- 7/15 Sector Inspectors set up the bus ramps at the Derby Line Port of Entry. No passenger carrying CMVs crossed through the port.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 7/12 Springfield NB Rest Area, I-91, Inspectors screened 158 vehicles. They completed 9 Level 2 and 1 Level 3 inspections resulting in 12 vehicle violations and 1 driver violation. One vehicle was placed out of service and 1 driver was placed out of service. Additionally, 3 OS/OW permits were checked with no violations found.



- 7/13 White River SB Rest Area, I-91, 5 Inspectors screened 261 vehicles. They completed 6 Level 1, 2 Level 1 HazMat inspections and 4 Level 2 inspections, resulting in 19 vehicle violations and 2 driver violations. One driver was placed out of service and one vehicle was placed out of service. Additionally, 12 OW permits were checked, and 16 OS permits were checked.



- 7/14 Guilford Truck Check Area, I-91 N, 4 Inspectors screened 158 vehicles. They completed 3 Level 1, 13 Level 2 and 2 Level 3 inspections resulting in 5 driver and 19 vehicle violations. Two drivers and seven vehicles were placed out of service.

Additionally, 1 OW permit checked for compliance and 1 minor overweight was documented.



Crashes

- 7/13 Inspector responded to a report of a Ford F-350 that was struck by a train in the town of Royalton. The truck was determined to not be a commercial vehicle and was investigated by the Vermont State Police.
- 7/12 Inspector responded to a report of a CMV that was being towed off I-91 after losing an entire dual wheel set. While on scene a secondary crash occurred when a motorist slowed quickly to travel through the emergency scene and was rear-ended by a second CMV. Inspector was called to the scene and conducted an inspection on the second CMV. No injuries were reported, both CMV's were towed from the scene.



- 7/15 Inspector responded to a single car MVA on Thundering Brook Road in the Town of Killington as no other Police units were readily available. Inspector

secured the scene and assisted with traffic control until Killington Police arrived to take over the crash investigation. No injuries were reported by the young operator.



Notables:

- 7/11 Inspector assisted Orange County Sheriff's Department with a man walking down Main Street in Randolph armed with a handgun and AK47 rifle. After the Deputy made contact with the man dispatch was unable to reach the Deputy. Inspector arrived on scene and assisted the Deputy. Investigation revealed no crime had been committed.
- 7/12 Inspector noticed an oversize load was not properly marked when it entered the Springfield NB. The rear Oversize Load sign was not displayed as required. An inspection was completed, and the driver corrected the defect before continuing.



- 7/12 Inspector located a defective tire and a damaged airline during an inspection at the Springfield NB Detail. The damage to the airline extended into the reinforcement ply and the vehicle was placed out of service. Repairs were made onsite.



- 7/12 Inspector placed two trailers out of service at the Springfield detail for a chaffed rubber air hose that was damaged through the reinforcement ply.



- 7/12 Inspector placed a trailer out of service at the Springfield detail for an inner wheel seal leak. The contamination extended onto the braking surface.



- 7/12 Inspector located an unsecure spare tire on a trailer during a traffic stop of a drive by vehicle from the Springfield. The trailer was placed out of service until the tire was secured.



- 7/12 Inspector responded to I-91 NB MM 58.8 to a report of a disabled tractor trailer. On arrival the driver advised he felt a vibration on his drive axle and then watched the wheel detached from the tractor and roll into the median. An inspection revealed that the driver failed to have a record of duty status. Both the driver and the tractor were placed out of service.



- 7/13 Inspector discovered a significant engine oil leak originating from several locations during a level 1 inspection at the WRJ detail. The oil contamination was so significant it covered most of the brake canisters and parts of the tire. The driver was warned that once the contamination extended onto the wheel surface or braking surface it would render the truck out of service.



- 7/13 Inspector discovered a plastic service airline that was chaffed through the outer core, indicated by a color change in the hose. The trailer was placed out of service.



- 7/13 Inspector discovered an engine oil leak originating from both the oil pan and the oil filter. The active leak was documented as a violation only.



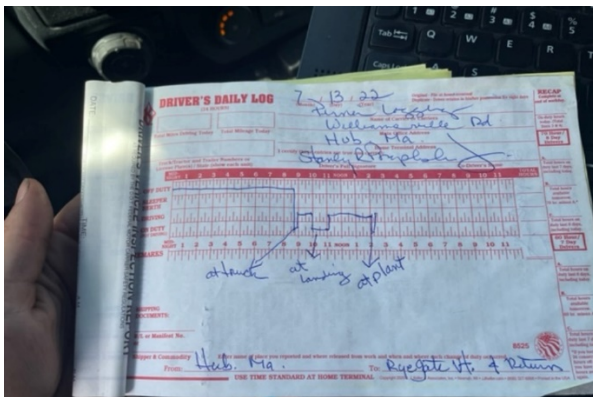
- 7/13 Inspector placed a CMV out of service for a tear in the side wall of a tire that exposed belt material in an area larger than 2 square inches. The driver admitted to having hit a curb and used glue to inappropriately secure the damaged section.



- 7/13 Inspector discovered missing steps on the passenger side of a cab during a level 2 inspection at the WRJ detail. The defect was marked as a violation only.



- 7/13 Inspector discovered several log violations during a level 3 inspection. The driver was semi-retired and only worked part time. He failed to note his off-duty days and had several form and manner violations.



- 7/13 Inspector placed a truck out of service after discovering a non-manufactured hole in an air brake canister.



- 7/14 Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a drive by CMV from the Guilford detail. The truck was placed out of service for a chaffed airline and the driver will be ticketed for failing to wear a seatbelt while operating a CMV.



- 7/14 Inspector discovered a crack in the cross member of a van-type box trailer. The damage did not extend into the adjacent cross members and was noted as a defect only.



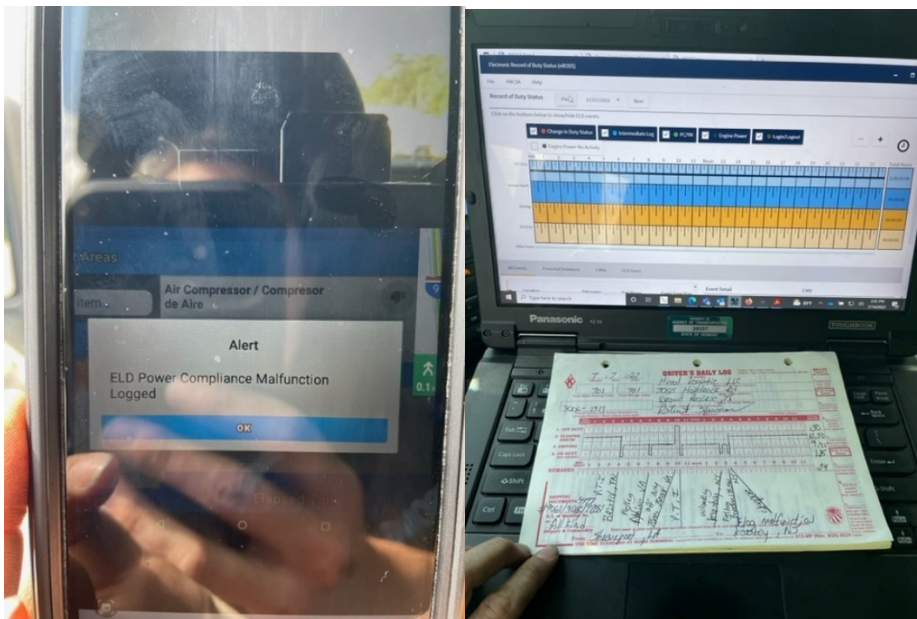
- 7/14 Inspector placed a truck tractor out of service for a chaffed air hose during a level 2 inspection. The damage frayed the reinforcement ply and wore into the inner core of the service air hose.



- 7/14 Inspector discovered a damaged air suspension bag on a dump trailer. The defect did not meet the out of service criteria because it was not missing or deflated. The driver was advised and stated it would be changed out upon return to the shop. A blown suspension bag could result in the tipping of the trailer during loading and offloading of product.



- 7/14 Inspector placed a driver out of service for false logs at the Guilford detail. The driver was claiming an ELD malfunction and was utilizing both paper and electronic logs. There were multiple discrepancies between the two sets of logs. Several paper logs showed conflicting dates duplicating days worked and days off duty. Several malfunction codes were found, The ELD company was called and noted the power malfunction was likely the driver unplugging the unit. The driver made contradictory statements, had no receipts to prove locations and claimed personal conveyance once confronted with a 3 hour/ 198 mile off duty drive.



- 7/14 Inspector located a loose air suspension bag mounting bolt during a level 1 inspection at the Guilford truck check area. Additionally, a broken air reservoir tank mount was located. Neither violation met the out of service criteria and the CMV continued to its destination at the conclusion of the inspection.



- 7/14 Inspector located a significant oil leak from the rear output shaft of an axle during an inspection at the Guilford Truck check Detail. The oil was pooling on the ground during the inspection.



- 7/14 Inspector located a disengaged slider guide hold down bracket on a sliding trailer suspension during an inspection in Guilford. The other three hold down brackets were engaged so the violation did not meet the out of service criteria.



- 7/14 Inspector located severely corroded spring hangers on a trailer during an inspection at the Guilford Detail. Due to the axle not shifting from its normal position the violation did not meet the out of service criteria.



- 7/14 Inspector located two deflated air suspension bags on a trailer during a level 1 inspection at the Guilford Truck Check Detail. The trailer was placed out of service and repaired on site.



- 7/14 Inspector located a brake shoe with a missing lining during a level 1 inspection at the Guilford Truck Check Detail. Three additional brakes were also out of adjustment and the vehicle was placed out of service for more than 20% of the brakes on the combination being defective.



- 7/14 Inspector discovered a kinked air brake line during a level 1 inspection at the Guilford truck Check Detail.



- 7/14 Inspector located a loose air reservoir tank and a crack in the cross member above the suspension of a trailer during a level 1 inspection at the Guilford Truck Check Detail. The vehicle was placed out of service.



- 7/14 Inspector located a defective brake due to a cracked brake lining and a leaking inner wheel seal during a level 1 inspection at the Guilford Truck Check Detail. The leaking wheel seal had not yet contaminated the brake friction material with oil and the cracked brake lining was the only defective brake on the combination so neither violation met the out of service criteria. Both violations were documented, and the vehicle continued to its destination at the completion of the inspection.



- 7/14 Inspector completed a Level 1 inspection on a 5 axle combination vehicle and found a two ruptured diaphragms (brake chamber), conspicuity violations and an

expired annual inspection. Additionally, the driver was prohibited from operating as a result of the Drug & Alcohol Clearing House. The trailer was placed OOS for the defective brakes, exceeding the 20% defective brake criteria and the driver was placed out of service for prohibited operation. The driver was in contact with the carrier for a roadside service.

- 7/15 Inspector came upon a truck and trailer that had experienced a catastrophic brake failure on I-89. All four trailer brakes became inoperable because of air pressure loss. Several fire extinguishers were used to exterminate smoke and flames. With the assistance of another Inspector, the vehicle and trailer were relocated to a safe place and a level one inspection was completed. The trailer was placed out of service.

