

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (11/29-12/5)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- **12/1 Ira, US Rte 4, 4 Inspectors screened 231 vehicles. They completed 18 inspections which resulted in 25 vehicle violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service.**
- **12/1 Highgate POE, I-89, 3 Inspectors screened 105 vehicles. They completed 11 inspections which resulted in 7 vehicle violations. One vehicle was placed out of service.**
- **12/2 Clarendon, US Rte 7N, 2 Inspectors screened 61 vehicles. They completed 20 inspections which resulted in 18 vehicle and 1 driver violations.**
- **12/2 Bridgewater, US Rte 4, 3 Inspectors completed 14 inspections which resulted in 2 vehicle violations.**
- **12/3 Williston NB, I-89, 9 Inspectors screened 335 vehicles. They completed 40 inspections which resulted in 34 vehicle and 6 driver violations. Three vehicles and two drivers were place out of service.**
- **12/4 Ferrisburgh, US Rte 7, 2 Inspectors screened 88 vehicles. They completed 22 inspections which resulted in 15 vehicle and 3 driver violations.**
- **12/4 Cambridge, VT Rte 104, 2 Inspectors screened 28 vehicles. They completed 8 inspections which resulted in 8 vehicle violations. Four vehicles were place out of service.**

Crashes:

- **Nothing to report.**

Notables:

- **12/1 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ira detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a tire leaking air.**



- **12/1 Inspector discovered a vehicle hauling Haz Mat with a steering component that had $\frac{1}{4}$ " of play at the Ira detail. The vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **12/1 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Highgate detail. The inspection revealed a tire on the truck tractor was severely deflated. The truck tractor was placed out of service for repair.**



- **12/2 Inspector inspected a log truck at the Clarendon detail. The inspection revealed an air suspension bag was flat on the truck and multiple logs were projecting off the rear of the truck more than 4 feet and not marked with required flags. The truck was placed out of service for these defects.**



- **12/2 Inspector inspected an interstate car hauler at the Clarendon detail. The driver was falsely recording his hours under the passenger's name. The driver was ticketed and placed out of service.**



- **12/2 Inspector inspected an interstate box truck at the Clarendon detail. The driver indicated he was hard of hearing. The driver was given a DMV communication card for the deaf and hard of hearing. The driver was placed out of service until he was wearing the hearing aid listed/required on his medical card.**



- **12/3 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Williston detail. The driver was suspended in Arizona and was placed out of service for not having a valid medical certificate with a prior violation for the same.**



- **12/3 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The carrier was grounded as they were suspended in Vermont. The carrier also didn't have valid IFTA.**



- **12/3 Inspector inspected a straight truck at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed tools were loose and unsecured on the flatbed. The truck was placed out of service and the driver remedied the defect and secured the tools.**



- **12/3 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The driver was found to be in violation of the 11- and 14-hour rules. He was placed out of service.**



- **12/3 Inspector inspected an intrastate equipment hauler at the Williston detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a defective breakaway cable. The carrier was ticketed.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **12/1 North Concord, US Rte 2. Two Inspectors screened 48 vehicles. Seven Level 2 inspections were completed. Ten vehicle violation were discovered. One vehicle was placed out of service.**
- **12/3 Sector Inspectors attended details in Putney with the South Sector and in Williston with the Northwest Sector.**

Crashes:

- **None reported.**

Notables:

- **12/1 Concord detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection of a five axle CMV placed the unit out of service for inoperable lamps at the rear of the unit. Failing to have operable lamps at the rear presents a danger to other motor vehicles following the CMV as they would be unaware of when the CMV was slowing, stopping, or turning.**



- **12/1 Concord detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a six axle CMV transporting logs placed the CMV out of service for inoperable turn signals at the rear of the CMV.**



- 12/1 Sector Inspectors attended the Virtual Red Ribbon Ceremony hosted by the Vermont Safe Driver Program.
- 12/3 VT Rte 114, Norton. An Inspector stopped an over dimension CMV for failure to have proper warning signs and flags in place for a vehicle exceeding 8'6" wide. A Level 2 inspection was conducted and a ticket was issued. The CMV was grounded until properly signed and flagged. The CMV was also placed out of service for improper load securement- the CMV was missing required securement devices.



- 12/3 Putney detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a five axle CMV transporting Christmas trees discovered the truck tractor and trailer were not current on their annual inspection. The turn signals at the rear of the CMV were inoperative. The CMV was placed out of service until the turn signals worked at the rear of the CMV.
- 12/3 Williston detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection discovered a crimped air brake supply hose to a brake chamber. The violation placed the CMV out of service. A crimped air brake hose restricts air to the brake chamber

resulting in unequal braking power across the same axle and possible pulling of the CMV away from the affected side.



- **12/4 Wenlock Crossing, VT Rte 105. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a two axle box truck discovered a defective driveshaft component. A bearing strap was improperly mounted to the yoke. The strap was only secured with one bolt, the second bolt was mounted without going through the bearing strap. The bearing strap secures the universal joint into the yoke. This condition could provide a sudden unanticipated loss of drivetrain power and the immediate disabling of the CMV while on the highway. The CMV was placed out of service.**



New Entrant:

- **Eight carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. One audit completed. 11.25 hours**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **12/1 Randolph, I-89N, 5 Inspectors screened 231 vehicles. They completed 9 inspections resulting in 2 driver violations and 8 vehicle violations. One driver and one vehicle was placed out of service.**
- **12/3 Putney, I-91S, 6 Inspectors screened and weighed 142 commercial vehicles, and verified 15 oversize/weight permits. They completed 16 inspections resulting in 2 driver violations and 7 vehicle violations. One driver and one vehicle were placed out of service.**



- **12/4 Searsburg, VT Rte 9, 2 Inspectors completed eight inspections resulting in 6 driver violations and 4 vehicle violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **None to Report**

Notables:

- **12/3 Inspector discovered the driver of a tractor trailer was prohibited from performing safety sensitive functions in the drug and alcohol clearing house**

during an inspection at the Putney Scale House. The driver was placed out of service and the carrier decided to recover the vehicle and pick up the driver.

- 12/1 Inspector responded to Williamstown at the request of VSP to assist one of their Troopers who was investigating an altercation involving a knife. DPS dispatcher advised an argument between a CMV operator delivering cars and another person receiving a vehicle. Subject receiving the vehicle reportedly pulled a knife on the delivery driver. Trooper interviewed both subjects, the subject receiving the delivery of the vehicle told the Trooper that there were serious vehicle defects on the delivery vehicles. The Inspector completed a level 2 Inspection to determine if the CMV was safe to be operated on a public highway. VSP sent the case to the Orange County States Attorney's Office for review and potential prosecution.
- Inspector discovered three out of service violations on a trailer transporting an oversized mobile home during an inspection. The trailer had a bald tire, a tire so worn with multiple plies exposed and a wheel with a missing (hub) cap.



New Entrant Safety Audits:

- **Nothing to Report**