

COMMERICAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (1/23-1/29)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- **1/25 Fair Haven EB, US Rte 4, 6 Inspectors screened 110 vehicles. They completed 19 inspections which resulted in 7 vehicle and 5 driver violations. Two vehicles and two drivers were placed out of service.**
- **1/27 Williston SB, I-89, 5 Inspectors screened 206 vehicles. They completed 24 inspections which resulted in 12 vehicle and 3 driver violations. One vehicle and one driver were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **1/24 Inspector responded to I89 NB near exit 11 in Richmond for a box truck that collided with a tree. The operator was entrapped and seriously injured. A post-crash inspection was completed, and VSP continues to investigate why the operator drove off the roadway.**



Notables:

- **1/24 Inspector inspected a truck tractor in Orwell. The carrier was placed out of service for an inactive USDOT number and for being under a Federal Out of Service Order. The truck tractor was placed out of service for no operable brake lamps or rear turn signals. The carrier was ticketed.**



- **1/24 Inspector stopped a dump truck hauling a piece of heavy machinery for a load securement infraction on VT Rte. 2A in Williston. All 4 corners of the machine were not secured as required. The trailer was placed out of service and the driver remedied the defect by attaching additional chains and binders.**



- **1/25 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The trailer was placed out of service as the spare tire under the trailer was not secured from falling onto the highway.**



- **1/25 Inspector conducted an inspection on this oversize load at the Fair Haven Detail. The carrier did not have a permit for the load, which was 11'6" wide. A claw hammer was also found on the flatbed. The vehicle was grounded until proper permitting could be attained. The carrier was ticketed for the violations.**



- **1/25 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The trailer was placed out of service as the passenger side rear turn signal was inoperable.**



- **1/25 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The driver was placed out of service as he was required to wear corrective lenses while operating a commercial vehicle and was not.**



- **1/27 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Williston detail. The truck was placed out of service as it was leaking and spilling fuel onto the roadway.**



- **1/27 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Williston detail. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty for having false logs. Every log for the previous 7 days was false.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **1/25 Derby Line Port of Entry I 91. Three Inspectors screened 84 vehicles. Eleven inspections were completed. Ten vehicle (four out of service) and two driver violations were discovered.**

- **1/27 Coventry Rest Area, I 91 N. Four Inspectors screened 137 vehicles. inspections were completed. Seven vehicle (one out of service) and four driver violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **1/24 Coventry, US Rte 5. An Inspector stopped a CMV after an empty box flew out the box. A Level 2 inspection was completed and a violation was noted for load securement. The driver retrieved the box from the side of the road.**



- **1/26 Calais, Vt Rte 14. Inspector responded to assist VSP-Middlesex at a CMV crash. There were reported minor injuries to the driver and the CMV sustained major damage and was required to be towed. The CMV, a five axle tractor trailer transporting blocks of granite, went off the roadway, rolling onto its side, entrapping the driver. A Level 1 inspection was completed. The cause of the crash was attributed to driver error.**



Notables:

- **1/24 Jay, Vt Rte 105. An Inspector stopped and weighed a CMV transporting logs. The CMV was found to be operating 20,800 lbs over road limits without a permit. An inspection was completed and the carrier was issued a ticket.**



- **1/25 Derby, I-91. An Inspector stopped and inspected a CMV transporting a large piece of machinery. The CMV was placed out of service for improper load securement- hydraulic attachment not secured to the deck. No ticket was issued, guidance was provided to the driver.**
- **1/26 Burke, Vt Rte 114. An Inspector stopped a CMV transporting an over dimension piece of equipment. The load was missing warning flags on the**

projecting tracks of the piece of equipment. An inspection was completed and the CMV was grounded until properly flagged.

- **1/26 Wells River, Vt Rte 302. An Inspector stopped a dump truck transporting logs. A Level 2 inspection was completed. The CMV was placed out of service for defective brake hose on the steer axle. Violations were also noted for improper markings.**



- **1/27 Derby, Vt Rte 105. Inspectors responded to a report of a tractor trailer that had become disconnected at the intersection of Derby Pond Road. A Level 2 inspection was completed. It was determined that due to the cold temperature (-20), the locking pins failed to completely engage the kingpin.**



- **1/27 Coventry detail. An Inspector conducted a Level 2 inspection on a CMV that was operating under the authority of a motor carrier that was under suspension in Vermont. The Inspector was aware of the suspension due HQ staff**

sending out regular notices of motor carriers that are under suspension in Vermont. The CMV was grounded until the suspension was cleared.



- **1/28 Inspectors joined officers from US Border Patrol and US Customs and Border Protection in conducting Operation Frozen. The operation was conducting the inspection and screening of CMVs both inbound and outbound to the United States. Fifteen inspections were completed. Violations discovered included hours of service violations, improper markings, a defective brake hose, and not being registered with US DOT prior to operating in interstate commerce.**



New Entrant:

- **Eight carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Three audits completed. 24.5 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **1/25 Putney Scale House, I91 S, 5 Inspectors screened 122 vehicles. They completed 16 inspections which resulted in 15 vehicle violations and 2 driver violations. One driver and one vehicle were placed out of service.**



- **1/27 Ira Rest Area, US Rte 4, 3 Inspectors screened 109 vehicles. They completed 8 inspections which resulted in 6 vehicle and 6 driver violations. One driver was placed out of service. One portable weigh was also completed.**

Crashes:

- **1/24 Inspector was contacted by Vermont State Police Dispatch of a crash involving a CMV, truck and trailer combination hauling an excavator that hit the I91 overpass on VT Rte 5/Canal Street in the Town of Brattleboro. The cause of the crash was the excavator arm was not all the way down and hit the bottom of the I 91 overpass. This caused the excavator to break its securements that held it to the trailer. The excavator then twisted and came off the left-hand side of the trailer hitting the concrete pilers that hold up the southbound lane of I91. The excavator came to rest on its side off the left-hand side of the trailer between the north and south bound lanes. A level 1 inspection was completed. No one was injured. The truck and trailer were driven from the scene, but the excavator had to be towed.**



- **1/26 Inspector responded to VT Rte 142 in the town of Brattleboro for a single vehicle crash involving a CMV into the guard rails. The CMV was traveling northbound on VT Rte 142/ Vernon Rd, when the driver of the CMV heard and felt a bang in the rear of the truck. The driver stated he started to lose control of the CMV and steered the CMV into the guard rails off the east side shoulder of the roadway. A level 1 inspection was completed for this crash. No one was injured.**



Notables:

- **1/24 Inspectors received a report of a log truck that had slid off the road in Williamstown and was tuck in the ditch with the left side trailer tires off the ground. The logger was able to off load the logs and return the trailer to the roadway without the vehicle rolling over. The road had to be briefly closed to traffic during the recovery. A level 2 Inspection was completed.**



- **1/25 Inspector conducted an inspection on a log truck at the Putney Scale House. The carrier was ticketed for being 5,200 lbs over allowable gross weight.**



- **1/26 Inspector discovered two bald tires while checking an oversize permit at the Sharon SB rest Area. The trailer was placed out of service until the tires were changed.**



- **1/27 Inspector discovered an audible air leak in the emergency air hose at an approved fitting. The CMV passed an air drop test so the defect was just marked as a violation.**



- **1/27 Inspector discovered a missing front bumper during an inspection. The remaining damaged section was being held on with a ratchet strap. The defect was marked as a violation.**



- **1/27 Inspector stopped a CMV after the operator failed to pull into the Ira detail. The driver was ultimately placed out of service for false logs. On Monday 1/24, while off duty the driver moved a load from New Jersey to New York which was evidenced on his ELD with a 240-mile odometer jump before returning to duty Tuesday morning without 10 hours off duty.**



- **1/25 Inspector completed a level 1 inspection on a CMV at the Putney Scale House Detail. The CMV was found to have improperly secured cargo, a cracked frame, brake shoes worn below ¼ inch, one completely inoperable brake, a cracked driveshaft yoke, unsecured fuel tank, loose universal joint,**

multiple carrier bearings with more than ½ inch of vertical movement with hand pressure, no low air warning device (audible or visual), and several other violations that did not meet the out of service criteria. The vehicle was placed out of service. The vehicle was towed.



- 1/27 Inspector discovered a false log during an inspection at the Ira detail. The driver was operating a day cab tractor, but his ELD showed multiple periods of sleeper berth time over the previous 7 days. The driver admitted to sleeping in the truck on the front seats and was not actively trying to conceal hours at the time of the inspection.
- 1/27 Inspector completed a level 2 Hazmat inspection at the Ira Detail and discovered the carrier was under suspension in VT. The carrier was advised how to get reinstated, and the vehicle was grounded until the process was completed. No other violations were discovered.



