

## **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (2/21-2/27)**

### **NORTHWEST SECTOR:**

#### **Details:**

- **2/23 Ferrisburgh, US Rte 7, 4 Inspectors screened 67 vehicles. They completed 15 inspections which resulted in 14 vehicle and 3 driver violation. One vehicle and two drives were placed out of service.**
- **2/24 Ira, US Rte 4, 4 Inspectors screened 141 vehicles. They completed 23 inspections which resulted in 10 vehicle and 3 driver violations. One vehicle was placed out of service.**
- **2/25 Colchester NB, I-89, 5 Inspectors screened 184 vehicles. They completed 21 inspections which resulted in 15 vehicle and 4 driver violations.**

#### **Crashes:**

- **Nothing to report.**

#### **Notables:**

- **2/23 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ferrisburgh detail. The CMV was placed out of service for having two flat tires. The driver was placed out of service for a false log. The driver indicated that the carrier instructed him to disconnect the bluetooth connection to his electronic log in order to make pick up and delivery times while driving over his allowable hours. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours and the carrier was ticketed for the flat tires. The carrier was a new entrant, the information regarding the carrier instructing their drivers to falsify their HOS was forwarded to FMCSA.**



- **2/23 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ferrisburgh detail. The trailer was placed out of service for having no operable brake lamps on the trailer.**



- **2/25 Inspector responded to VT Rte 36 in Bakersfield for the report of box truck that left the roadway and overturned. Upon arrival, icy road conditions seemed responsible for the slide off and the truck sustained little damage. It was determined the box truck was not in intrastate travel and did not require a commercial driver's license to operate. This incident did not meet post-crash protocol.**



- **2/26 Inspector assisted VSP Williston with a minor crash on the I89 Exit 12 northbound off-ramp.**

**Passenger Carrier:**

- **Nothing to report.**

## **NORTHEAST SECTOR:**

### **Details:**

- **2/25 Randolph NB, I-89. Five Inspectors screened 220 vehicles. Twelve Level 2 (two hazardous materials) and two Level 3 inspections were completed. Nine vehicle (one out of service) and three driver violations were discovered.**

### **Crashes:**

- **2/22 Norwich, I-91 SB. Inspector responded to assist VSP-Royalton at a passenger vehicle versus CMV crash. The CMV, a six axle tractor trailer transporting lumber, was struck by the passenger vehicle, who was attempting to pass. A Level 2 inspection was completed with no violations discovered. No injuries were reported and the passenger vehicle was disabled and needed to be towed.**

### **Notables:**

- **2/23 Inspector and K-9 screened CMVs during inspections at the Derby Line Port of Entry. No contraband was detected.**



- **2/24 Ryegate, US Rte 302. An Inspector conducted a Level 2 inspection on a two axle CMV transporting general freight. The CMV was found to have inoperable turn signals and stop lamps at the rear. The CMV was placed out of service and towed.**

- **2/25 Inspector headed to the Randolph detail stopped a pickup truck after an animal crate in the back blew out onto the interstate. The crate was found to be empty as the occupants had delivered cats the evening before. The subjects retrieved their crate and were issued a warning for the violation.**
- **2/25 Randolph detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a four axle CMV discovered six loose bolts securing the body to the frame. The loose bolts didn't meet the out of service criteria. Bolts such as these do not all come loose at once and the presence of so many highlight a lack of routine maintenance by the motor carrier. Guidance was provided to the driver on the inclusivity of these components as part of his daily walk around inspections.**



- **2/25 Derby Line Port of Entry. An Inspector responded to the Derby Line Port of Entry after the driver of a five axle CMV was found to be in possession of an open bottle of whiskey. A Level 3 inspection was completed, the driver was placed out of service for 24 hours and issued a ticket.**





- **2/26 Inspector assisted VSP-Derby at a single passenger vehicle slide off. The Inspector provided traffic control while the interstate was reduced to one lane as the wrecker was towing the vehicle back onto the road.**



**New Entrant:**

- **Seven carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Two audits completed. 28.75 hours**

**Passenger Vehicles:**

- **No activity reported.**

**SOUTH SECTOR:**

- **2/23 Bridgewater, US Rte 4, 2 Inspectors screened 41 vehicles. They completed 4 inspections resulting in one vehicle violation for which the vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **2/25 Randolph NB, I-89, Inspectors screened 220 vehicles and weighed 2 vehicles. They completed 12 inspections resulting in 3 driver and 9 vehicle violations. One vehicle was placed out of service.**



**Notables:**

- **2/22 Inspector was returning from patrol rifle training during a heavy snow squall when a 6 axle empty gas tanker began to lose traction in front of him navigating a step hill. The tractor trailer began to jack knife on a curve, blocking both east and west bound lanes. The Inspector notified AOT to request salt truck, and notified VSP to get the assistance of the local fire dept to shut down the road to avoid more issues.**
- **2/23 Inspector discovered a flat tire on a tractor trailer combination hauling compressed natural gas at the US Rte 4 Bridgewater detail. The vehicle was placed out of service and repairs were made on site.**
- **2/24 Inspector was dispatched to I91 In Brattleboro at Exit 2 for a crash involving a super load. A level 1 inspection was completed on scene. The trailer was carrying a 92 ft steel beam when the driver failed to negotiate a turn on the I-91 Exit 2 SB on ramp and struck the guardrails. The trailer tires were damaged. The trailer was placed OOS until two tires were replaced. The Inspectors assisted with traffic so that the load could be re-routed to Exit 5 after the route was approved.**



- **2/24 Inspector discovered a defective tire during an inspection in Wells River. The tire had less than 2/32 inch tread depth and was a violation but did not put the vehicle out of service.**



**Passenger Vehicle:**

- **Nothing to report.**