

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (2/28-3/6)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- **3/3 Fair Haven, US Rte 4, 6 Inspectors screened 105 vehicles. They completed 20 inspections which resulted in 33 vehicle and 14 driver violation. Three vehicles and four drives were placed out of service.**
- **3/4 Clarendon, US Rte 7N, 2 Inspectors screened 52 vehicles. They completed 12 inspections which resulted in 11 vehicle violations. Two oversized CMV's were grounded for not having permits.**



- **3/4 Clarendon, US Rte 7S, 3 Inspectors completed 13 inspections which resulted in 4 vehicle and 3 driver violations.**
- **3/5 Leicester, US Rte 7S, 2 Inspectors screened 49 vehicles. They completed 9 inspections which resulted in 9 vehicle and 2 driver violations. Two vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.**
- **3/5 Williston, I-89N, 6 Inspectors 247 vehicles. They completed 32 inspections which resulted in 32 vehicle and 6 driver violations. Eight vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **Nothing to report.**

Notables:

- **3/1 Inspector inspected an intrastate hazardous materials hauler at the Leicester detail. The required cargo tank testing was multiple years out of date. The vehicle was placed out of service for markings that misrepresented the hazard on board.**



- **3/1 Inspector inspected an intrastate oversize load at the Leicester detail. The vehicle was placed out of service until the hydraulic arm on the machinery was properly secured.**
- **3/1 Inspector inspected an intrastate truck and trailer at the Leicester detail. The driver was placed out of service as he had no valid medical card and had falsely self-certified that he was exempt.**



- **3/3 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer unit at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed the driver did not have logs for his previous 7 days and was required to have them. The driver was placed out of service for the infraction.**



- **3/3 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed a tire was severely deflated on the truck tractor. The vehicle was placed out of service for repair.**
- **3/3 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed a hose was chafed and leaking air under the trailer. The vehicle was placed out of service for repair.**



- **3/3 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service as one wheel had 4 loose wheel fasteners.**



- **3/3 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The driver was placed out of service for a false log. The driver was driving and leaving himself on off duty status. He was placed out of service for 10 hours.**



- **3/3 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours for not having a record of duty status as required.**



- **3/3 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The driver was placed out of service for a false log and for being prohibited under the Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse.**



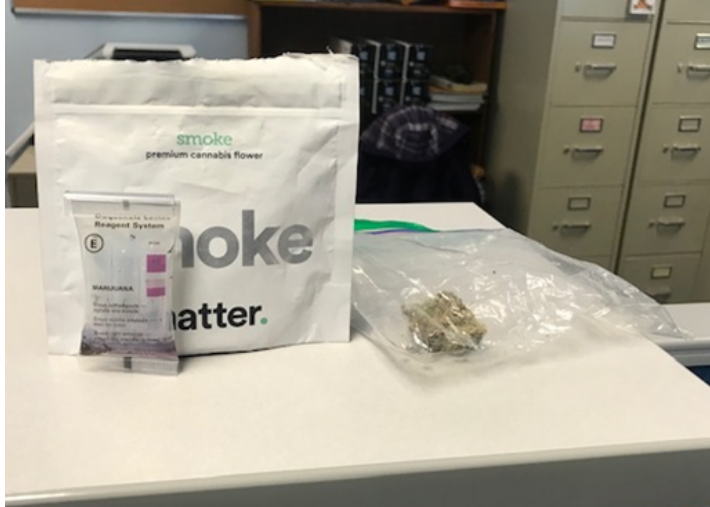
- **3/4 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer hauling heavy machinery at the Clarendon SB detail. The inspection revealed the machine was not secured properly as the pneumatic attachment was not secured down to the trailer. The vehicle was placed out of service and the driver remedied the defect.**



- **3/4 Inspector inspected two trucks towing trailers with sheds on them at the Clarendon NB detail. Both units were grounded for not having valid oversize permits. Both owner/operators applied for permits but did not get issued permits before coming to VT with oversize loads.**



- **3/5 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Williston detail. Upon approach, an odor of marijuana was emitting from the cab of the truck. Upon questioning the driver about the matter, he admitted to having a small amount of marijuana purchased from a dispensary. An inspection was conducted and the driver was placed out of service for 24 hours and ticketed for the infraction.**



- **3/5 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Williston NB detail. The inspection revealed a main leaf spring was cracked on the drive axle. The truck was placed out of service for the defect.**



- **3/5 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston NB detail. The trailer was placed out of service for having no operable brake lamps or turn signals.**
- **3/5 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston NB detail. The trailer was placed out of service for having two defective tires on the same axle and side.**



- **3/5 Inspector inspected an intrastate tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The vehicle was placed out of service for an improper breakaway and an inoperable rear turn signal.**



- **3/5 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The trailer was placed out of service as only 50% of the locking pins on the sliding suspension were engaged.**



- **3/5 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The trailer was placed out of service for inoperable brake lamps.**

Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **3/3 White River Junction, I-91 NB. Inspectors conducted Operation Prime-a late evening/early morning detail targeting off hour motor carriers. Five Inspectors completed fourteen inspections. Thirty-four vehicle (four out of**

service) and eight driver violations were discovered.



Crashes:

- **No crashes were reported.**

Notables:

- **3/3 White River Junction detail. Three CMVs were found to be operating in excess of road limits. Weight violations of 8000, 13000, and 17000 pounds were ticketed.**

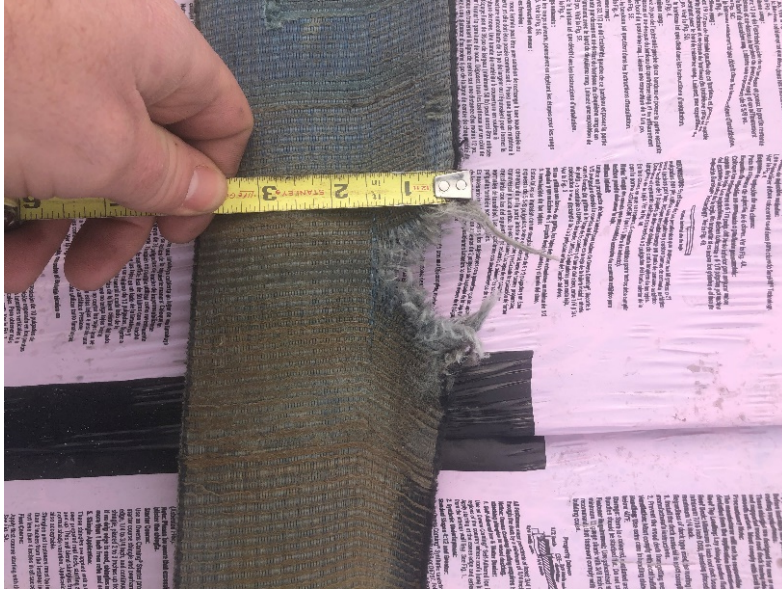


- **3/3 White River Junction detail. Inspectors conducted two Level 2 inspections on two trucks of a Connecticut based motor carrier. Neither truck had an**

apportioned registration, IFTA license, or overweight permit. The trucks were grounded until the proper permits were secured. Tickets were issued.



- **3/3 After receiving a report that a CMV was parked on the shoulder of the interstate at the beginning of the sign package, an Inspector contacted the CMV operator. An inspection was completed. The driver advised he had pulled over to start his paper log book for the day. Two tickets were issued to the driver for violation of interstate regulations and log book not current.**
- **3/3 White River Junction detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection discovered multiple load securement violations. The trailer was transporting bundles of shingles which exceeded 1100 pounds. The front pallets were not blocked or braced against a headboard- two straps required/ only one strap was present. Required straps on other pallets were defective. One strap had damage which exceeded allowable limits and another strap was improperly tied on one side. The CMV was placed out of service and a ticket was issued to the company.**



- **3/3 White River Junction detail. Inspectors conducted a Level 2 inspection on a CMV transporting an over dimension load of building materials. The CMV was grounded for not having proper flags at the rear of the load.**



- **3/3 White River Junction detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a five axle CMV transporting building materials placed the CMV out of service in combination due to a defective upper fifth wheel. The welds securing the upper fifth wheel plate to the trailer frame were cracked/separated in excess of allowable limits. A ticket was issued to the company.**
- **3/3 Inspectors conducting an inspection of a super load permitted CMV discovered numerous chaffed air hoses. The violations were noted and roadside service repaired the defected hoses.**



- **3/5 VT Rte 15 Hardwick. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a two axle CMV transporting general freight discovered a small amount of marijuana. The driver was placed out of service for 24 hours and a ticket was issued. The carrier also did not have proper operating authority and had been cited for it previously. The carrier was issued a ticket and the CMV was towed.**

New Entrant:

- **Fifteen carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. 26 hours**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **3/3 Putney, I-91S, 3 Inspectors screened and weighed 140 vehicles. They completed 10 inspections resulting in 20 vehicle violations. One vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **3/4 White River Jct, I-91S, 2 Inspectors screened 224 vehicles. They completed 8 inspections resulting in 6 vehicle violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.**

Notables:

- **2/27 Inspector responded to a CMV crash on I-89N near MM 5. At the time of the crash, the interstate was snow covered with black ice. A tractor trailer traveling north jack knifed causing a punctured fuel tank. A level 1 post-crash inspection was completed with no preexisting defects found.**



- **3/1 Inspector responded to a CMV crash on I-89N near MM 49. The driver of a tractor trailer lost control during a snowstorm, struck the guardrail and jackknifed. The right fuel tank was also punctured, and the interstate was shut down for approximately four hours during the recovery. The tractor portion of the combination was so heavily damaged accurate brake measurements could not be obtained so a level 2 post-crash inspection was completed.**



- **3/3 Inspector discovered this cargo securement violation during an inspection at the Putney Scale House. The smaller items on either side of the center stack were completely unsecured. The vehicle was placed out of service until the cargo was secured.**



- **3/5 Inspector responded to VT Rte 8/100 in Readsboro for an incident involving a super load weighing 267,000 lbs. The super load was being escorted to Massachusetts. The Inspector arrived on scene and was told the first two truck tractors had broken their drive shafts becoming disabled. Both were attempting to tow the super load up a steep grade on Vt Rte 8 south in the Town of Searsburg. The third tractor arrived and was able to tow the super load to the state line. They were met at the state line by the Massachusetts State Troopers who continued the escort of the load to its destination.**



New Entrant Safety Audits:

- **Inspector continued to work on New Entrant Audits, completed and uploaded two to the FMCSA and started two additional new audits.**