

COMMERICAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (2/6-2/12)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 2/8 Fair Haven Scale House, US Rte 4, 5 Inspectors screened 157 vehicles. They completed 17 inspections which resulted in 16 vehicle and 8 driver violations. Four vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.
- 2/10 Colchester NB, I-89, 6 Inspectors, the guard CST team, and 1 USDA vet screened 256 vehicles. They completed 31 inspections which resulted in 35 vehicle and 5 driver violations. Four vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.

Crashes:

- 2/8 Inspector responded to a minivan versus tractor trailer crash at the intersection of VT Rte. 22a and VT Rte. 73 in Orwell. The operator of the minivan was traveling west on VT Rte. 73 and failed to stop at the stop sign and flashing red light at the intersection to VT Rte. 22a. The tractor trailer was south bound on VT Rte. 22a and was traveling under the speed limit as evidenced by on-board dash camera. The tractor trailer had no time to stop to avoid from colliding with the van. The front of the tractor trailer collided with the passenger side of the van. Both operators suffered injuries and were transported to the hospital. The operator of the minivan died at the hospital. It's possible there was a contributing medical condition that was a factor in the crash; investigation ongoing.





Notables:

- **2/7 Inspector stopped an oversize load on VT Rte. 15 in Essex. An inspection was conducted and the load was grounded until it was properly signed and flagged.**



- **2/7 Inspector stopped a truck tractor on Mountain View Rd in Williston for missing conspicuity. The driver was found to have incorrectly self certified that he worked in an excepted capacity. The driver did not have a valid medical card and was placed out of service.**



- **2/7 Inspector inspected a box truck in Shoreham. The driver was placed out of service as his medical certificate showed he required corrective lenses and the driver did not have any.**



- **2/7 Inspector inspected a truck in Shoreham. The truck was placed out of service as all four tires on axle 2 were less than 1/32 of an inch of tread. The trailer was placed out of service for a tire that was leaking air from a screw in the tread.**



- **2/8 Inspector inspected an interstate box truck at the Fair Haven detail. The driver was placed out of service as his license was under suspension. The co driver was found to be in possession of marijuana.**



- **2/8 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The vehicle was placed out of service in combination, as an air line had a hole with an audible air leak.**



- **2/9 Inspector stopped an interstate tractor trailer for speeding on I89 in Winooski. An inspection was conducted and it was found that the hooks to secure the trailer doors had caught in the tires and caused damage. The driver was able to secure the hooks to get back in service.**



- **2/9 Inspector inspected a flat bed tow truck in Orwell. The truck was placed out of service as the passenger side turn signal on the tow light bar was inoperable.**



- **2/9 Inspector inspected a box truck in Shoreham. The driver was placed out of service as his medical certificate showed corrective lenses were required and the driver did not have them.**



- **2/9 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The trailer was placed out of service as the driver's side rear turn signal was inoperable.**



- **2/9 Inspector stopped a straight truck operating on US Rte. 2 in Alburgh for an equipment violation. An inspection was conducted and the driver failed to secure a tarp properly that blew down obstructing the taillights. The entire left rear light assembly was covered. The out of service violation was noted and the driver remedied the defect.**
- **2/9 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer operating on US Rte. 2 in Alburgh for an equipment violation. The rear crash guard on the trailer was broken and a subsequent inspection was conducted. Additional defects were discovered to include an inoperable left rearmost turn signal on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service for repair.**



- **2/9 Inspector stopped this 6 axle log truck traveling west on US Rte. 4 in Fair Haven for a suspected overweight violation. A platform weigh at the Fair Haven Scale House found the vehicle to weigh 105,700 lbs. The carrier had a valid permit, but the trailer brakes had a malfunction resulting in the tag axle being inoperative, rendering the permit invalid. The carrier was ticketed, and the vehicle was grounded.**



- **2/9 Inspector stopped this 6 axle log truck traveling west on US Rte. 4 in Fair Haven for a suspected overweight violation. A platform weigh at the Fair Haven Scale House found the vehicle to weigh 110,580 lbs., 11,580 lbs. over the 99K permit. The carrier was ticketed.**



- **2/9 Inspector stopped this 6 axle log truck traveling west on US Rte. 4 in Fair Haven for a suspected overweight violation. A platform weigh at the Fair Haven Scale House found the vehicle to weigh 113,740 lbs., 14,740 lbs. over the 99K permit. The carrier was ticketed.**



- **2/10 Inspector conducted an inspection on this oversize load at the Colchester detail. The inspection found that the load was 85' 1" long, and the permit was valid for 79' 11". This additional length required a pilot vehicle. Additionally, the boom extended greater than 4' past the rear bumper and was not flagged. The load was grounded until a pilot vehicle arrived and the correct permit was obtained. The carrier was ticketed.**



- **2/10 Inspector inspected an intrastate tank truck at the Colchester detail. The truck was placed out of service for an inoperable turn signal.**



- **2/10 Inspector inspected an intrastate dump truck at the Colchester detail. The truck was placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **2/10 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Colchester detail. The truck was placed out of service as the axle 1 driver's side tire had belt material exposed.**



- **2/10 Inspector inspected a tractor at the Colchester detail. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty as he was using an AOBRD in lieu of an ELD when ELD was required.**



- **2/10 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire. That tire was also completely bald. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.**



- **2/11 Inspector inspected a truck delivering a RV in Shoreham. The CMV was placed out of service as a rear door on the RV was swinging open and there were items inside that were not secured from falling out onto the highway. The driver was placed out of service for having no record of duty status as required.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **2/8 White River Junction SB Rest Area, I 91. Four Inspectors screened 75 CMVs. Seven inspections were completed. Six driver (two out of service) and eleven vehicle violations were discovered.**
- **2/10 Ryegate Rest Area SB, I 91. Five Inspectors screened 108 vehicles. Nineteen inspections were completed. Thirty-eight vehicle (six out of service) and five driver violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **None reported.**

Notables:

- **2/7 In response to a complaint about school bus maintenance, Inspectors responded to the Dorset area and conducted school bus inspections. Five Level 7 inspections were completed. Two buses were grounded for defective brakes- out of adjustment.**



- **2/7 Barton, I 91. An Inspector stopped a CMV after observing smoke emitting from a trailer wheel assembly area. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service for the violation. It was determined that the brake was not properly releasing. This serious violation can lead to hub assembly failure and/or fire.**



- **2/8 WRJ detail.** An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection placed the driver out of service for failing to use an ELD. The owner/driver advised that he never learned how to run it so he never used it. A ticket was issued to the driver.
- **2/8 WRJ detail.** Inspectors from all three sectors met with representatives from Drivewyze for training on the e-inspection program.

Per Drivewyze:

A simulated inspection showed how time-consuming elements of traditional manual inspections can be automated to save significant time for both inspectors and drivers. Traditional inspections are slowed by the necessity of an officer to collect information only after a truck has been stopped; the requirement for searching multiple systems to verify Carrier, Vehicle, and Driver credentials; and the duplication of data entry into each authoritative data system. In contrast, an officer conducting the electronic inspection viewed vehicle, carrier, and driver-level information transferred electronically while the vehicle was still in motion. The inspection system further streamlined the inspection process by screening carrier, vehicle and driver data automatically against multiple systems — all at once — for compliance issues, allowing the officer the freedom to validate data or focus on non-electronic elements of an inspection. In addition, the officer had their inspection form automatically pre-filled at the start of their inspection, avoiding time-consuming and error-prone manual data entry. When the officer was satisfied, the inspection was completed at the touch of a button, saving significant time, and improving the accuracy of the inspection.

- **2/9 Coventry, Coventry Station Rd.** An Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle transporting scrap metal. The vehicle was weighed and found to be operating in excess of its registered weight. Additionally, the driver's license was criminally suspended in Vermont. The driver was provided guidance on increasing the registered weight of the truck and issued a citation for the license being under criminal suspension.



- **2/10 Ryegate, I 91 NB.** An Inspector stopped a five axle CMV for speeding. A Level 2 inspection was completed. The driver was placed out of service for no

ELD. Approximately one hour later, the Inspector observed the CMV northbound after jumping the out of service order. A Level 3 inspection was completed. The driver was placed out of service again and issued a ticket.

- **2/10 Ryegate detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a CMV placed the CMV out of service for a defective (loose mount) driveline center bearing.**



- **2/10 Ryegate SB detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection placed the CMV out of service for a loose pitman arm on the steering gear box output shaft. To view a video of the violation: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/s-X8YqL8Vlo>**



- **2/10 Ryegate detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection placed the CMV, a six-axle tractor trailer, out of service for defective brakes and defective**

brake hoses. Seven of the twelve brakes were out of adjustment and two brake hoses had audible air leaks not at a proper connection. A ticket was issued to the company. To watch a video of the violation and see how condensation within the air brake system helps to identify the location of leaks: [Defective service air brake hose with audible air leaks not at a proper connection - YouTube](#)



New Entrant:

- Five carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. 8 hours.

Passenger Vehicles:

- No activity reported.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 2/8 Inspectors worked with the Northwest Team in White River Junction on a combined detail and training day.
- 2/10 Springfield NB, I 91, 4 Inspectors screened 217 vehicles. They completed 11 inspections revealing 13 vehicle violations and 4 driver violations. Two vehicles and 1 driver were placed out of service.



Crashes:

- **2/7 Inspector was dispatched to a two vehicle crash with injury on I89 on the SB exit ramp in Berlin. A small SUV rear-ended a stationary truck-tractor and trailer. Both vehicles were towed from the scene due to disabling damage. The operator of the SUV was transported for serious but non-life threatening injuries. The trailer sustained disabling damage when the 5th axle was sheered off the frame rail.**



Notables:

- **2/8 Inspector located a damaged tiedown during an inspection at the Hartford SB Detail. The tiedown was not required and the driver removed it but was educated on the CVSA regulations outlined in operational policy 15 which states any tiedown in use, whether required or not, must not be damaged.**



- **2/8 Inspector discovered the driver of a CMV had his CDL downgraded to a class D license due to an expired medical certificate. Additionally, the driver had an active arrest warrant in his home state that was not extraditable in VT. The driver was placed out of service and the carrier planned to have the medical examination done locally and called an Uber for the driver.**
- **2/10 Inspector completed a Level 2 inspection on a 6-axle combination vehicle and found an inoperable front turn signal and a flat tire on axle 5. The trailer was placed Out of Service for the flat tire. The tire was inflated roadside by the driver and placed back in service.**
- **2/10 Inspector discovered several synthetic straps with significant damage. The load had several straps securing it so the defects were marked as violations only. The driver was educated on load securement.**



- **2/10 Inspector discovered a loose wheel fastener and an inoperable brake while conducting a level 1 inspection on an oversize load at the Springfield detail.**



- **2/10 Inspector placed a driver out of service for operating a Class A CDL required combination without a CDL. The driver was educated on GCWR and was picked up by another driver with a Class A CDL.**
- **2/10 Inspector discovered a missing fuel cap at the detail in Springfield while conducting a level 2 inspection.**



- **2/11 Inspectors assisted VSP-Royalton with several portable weighs of vehicles for the VSP cruiser committee.**

Passenger Carrier:

- **Inspectors completed 5 school bus inspections at the Dorset Elementary School. There were 8 vehicle violations and two vehicles were grounded until repaired.**