

## COMMERICAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (3/13-3/19)

### NORTHWEST SECTOR:

#### Details:

- 3/17 Georgia SB, I-89, 7 Inspectors, 2 FMCSA SI's, 1 DMV investigator, and the guard CST team screened 212 vehicles. They completed 33 inspections which resulted in 29 vehicle and 13 driver violations. Seven vehicles and two drivers were placed out of service.

#### Crashes:

- 3/15 Inspector responded to VT Rte. 78 in Swanton for the report that a tractor trailer that struck a stopped school bus. No injuries were reported, however the VSP Trooper on scene advised that the driver reported to have "lost his brakes" when attempting to stop. The Inspector arrived on scene and conducted a post-crash inspection, which revealed a pre-existing out of service violation on the tractor trailer's air brake system. This pre-existing out of service violation is attributed directly to the driver's claim that he was not able to stop effectively. The vehicle was placed out of service and enforcement action taken.



- 3/15 Inspector responded to a crash involving a passenger car and tractor trailer in Leicester. The tractor trailer was traveling south on US Rte. 7 in Leicester. The operator of the passenger car entered US Rte. 7 from a side road, failing to yield to the tractor trailer. The two collided. As a result, the operator of the passenger car died at the scene. An inspection was conducted on the tractor trailer.



- 3/16 Inspector responded to I89 in Milton for a crash. A southbound tractor trailer dropped its driveshaft. Several vehicles got flat tires from running over the driveshaft. An inspection was conducted, and the truck tractor was placed out of service.



Notables:

- 3/14 Inspector stopped an intrastate truck and trailer on US Rte. 2 in Alburg for an expired state inspection. This was a Class A vehicle and the driver only had a class D license. There were no working lights on the trailer and the breakaway cable was defective. The driver and trailer were placed out of service.



- 3/14 Inspector stopped an interstate truck and trailer on US Rte. 2 in Alburg for a marking violation. The carrier had no USDOT #. This was a Class A vehicle and the driver only had a class D license. The breakaway cable was defective on the trailer. The trailer and driver were placed out of service.



- 3/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The driver was placed out of service for having no record of duty status. The trailer was placed out of service for a tire leaking air and the driver's side turn signal inoperable.





- 3/16 Inspector stopped this 6 axle log truck traveling east on US Rte. 4 in Rutland for a suspected overweight violation. A portable weigh found the truck to weigh 118,000 lbs., 19,000 lbs. in excess of the 99K permit. The carrier was issued a ticket, and the truck was offloaded.



- 3/16 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The carrier was grounded for being suspended in Vermont. The trailer was placed out of service for having no operable brake lamps.





- 3/16 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours for a false log. The driver was using the co-driver's logs and representing them as his own.



- 3/16 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a tire that was leaking air from a spike impaled in the tread.



- 3/17 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The inspection identified a leaking hub on the front axle of the tractor. Signs of continued leakage were observed and the truck tractor was placed out of service for repair.



- 3/17 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The inspection revealed a tire was severely deflated on the truck tractor. The tire's measured psi was 50% less than the marked maximum psi stamped on the tire and the truck tractor was placed out of service for the defect.



- 3/17 Inspector inspected a wrecker hauling a dump truck at the Georgia detail. There were no working turn signals or brake lamps on the dump truck. The dump truck's fuel tank was actively leaking onto the pavement. The vehicle was weighed and found to be more than 10,000 lbs over the permitted gross weight. The drive axles on the wrecker were more than 20,000 lbs over the allowed axle weight. The dump truck was placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed.



- 3/18 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The trailer was placed out of service as the spare tire under the trailer was not secured. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours for a false log. The driver was using personal conveyance to further the load. The driver left his last resting place in NY and was bound for Williston, VT.





- 3/18 Inspector inspected a box truck in Shoreham. The truck was placed out of service as the axle one passenger side tire had belt material exposed.





- 3/18 Inspector stopped this 6 axle log truck traveling west on US Rte. 4 in Fair Haven for a suspected overweight violation. The truck was weighed at the Fair Haven Scale House and found to be 109,600 lbs., 10,600 lbs. over the 99K permit. The carrier was issued a ticket.



- 3/18 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Fair Haven. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours for having no record of duty status.



- 3/18 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on I89 in Williston as the trailer wheels were actively smoking. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service.



Passenger Carrier:

- Nothing to report.

#### NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 3/14 Coventry Rest Area, I 91 N. Three Inspectors screened 107 vehicles. Eighteen inspections were completed. Five driver and nine vehicle violations were discovered.



- 3/16 Beecher Falls Port of Entry. Three Inspectors screened 22 vehicles. Eleven inspections were completed. One driver (one out of service) and twelve vehicle (three out of service) violations were discovered.
- 3/17 Northeast roving patrol. Two Inspectors conducted 8 inspections. One driver and three vehicle violations were discovered.

Crashes:

- No activity reported.

Notables:

- 3/14-3/17 Two Inspectors attended Level VI training in Guilford NH. Both Inspectors successfully passed the course and are now qualified to conduct radiological inspections.



- 3/14 Coventry detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection discovered a cracked suspension hanger. The CMV was placed out of service.



- 3/14 Coventry detail. An Inspector weighed a CMV. The CMV, a six-axle log truck transporting logs, was 9,400 lbs over its 99,000 lb permit. An inspection was completed. The CMV was placed out of service for no warning flags on its projecting load and a ticket was issued to the company for the weight violation.



- 3/14 Coventry detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection discovered a cracked suspension hanger. The CMV was placed out of service.



- 3/17 Vermont Police Academy. Inspectors with K9s attended monthly canine in-service training.



- 3/18 Hartford, I 91 reduced speed zone. An Inspector conducted speed enforcement. Two CMVs were stopped for speed violations and inspected. No tickets were issued.





- 3/18 Coventry, I 91 N. An Inspector stopped and weighed a six axle CMV transporting logs. The CMV was found to be 14,000 lbs over its permitted weight limit of 99,000 lbs. An inspection was completed and a ticket was issued to the company.



- 3/18 Coventry, I 91 N. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a CMV placed the CMV out of service for a cracked suspension hanger and a defective air brake hose.



- 3/19 Operation Sandman. Four inspectors worked a 0430-0830 shift focusing on weight enforcement prior to the Quebec road ban coming into effect on 3/21. Four inspections were conducted.
  - Beecher Falls- A CMV transporting logs was stopped and weighed. The CMV was found to be 127,000lbs on a 99,000lb permit. An inspection was completed and a ticket was issued to the company. The CMV was escorted to its offload destination.



- Barton- I 91 Barton. An inspector stopped a CMV on the Interstate for a load securement violation. The driver was operating a CMV which was registered to Distinguished Delivery Services out of Hartford, CT. The driver said he was borrowing the truck and not working for the company at the time of the stop. The

driver stated that he had driven from Hartford, CT to Newport, VT to buy a dirt bike. The Inspector called the company and was informed that the driver had borrowed the truck and that he was unsure if he was making deliveries or not. The Inspector followed up with the business where the company makes deliveries to and store surveillance footage showed the driver making deliveries prior to the stop. The driver was not qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and possessed no hours of service. There were several vehicle violations present as well. The driver lied throughout the interaction with the Inspector to avoid an inspection. An inspection was completed and sent to the carrier. The carrier has failed to return phone calls from the Inspector.



#### New Entrant:

- Seven carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Two audits completed. 25.75 hours.

#### Passenger Vehicles:

- No activity reported.

#### SOUTH SECTOR:

##### Details:

- 3/15 Bennington Chain Up, VT Rte 9, 3 Inspectors screened 78 vehicles. They completed 11 inspections resulting in 12 vehicle violations. Eight vehicles were placed out of service. Additionally, 2 platform weights were verified and 8 OS/OW permits checked for compliance.





- 3/17 White River JCT SB, I-89, 4 Inspectors screened 210 vehicles. They completed 12 inspections resulting in 10 vehicle violations. Additionally, one OS/OW permit was checked.

#### Crashes:

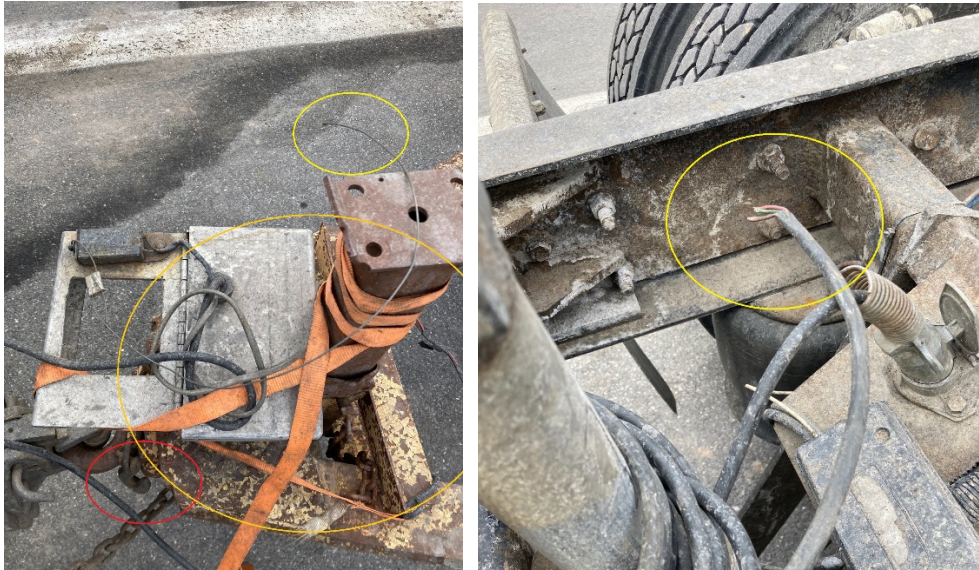
- 3/14 Inspector completed the investigation and inspection on the milk truck roll-over crash from 3/12. The driver was interviewed and sustained moderate bruising because of proper seatbelt use but was otherwise uninjured.



#### Notables:

- 3/15 Inspector completed a Level 2 inspection on a 9-axle combination mobile home transport and found no registration plate on the towed vehicle, bald trailer tire, broken emergency breakaway cable, severed trailer brake electrical connection, inoperative trailer brake/turn signal assembly, no safety chain and a battery box loosely secured to the trailer tongue with a nylon ratchet strap. Additionally, the

trailer brake wiring was dragging on the ground; the 6 axle/60-foot trailer with attached mobile home had no working brakes. The trailer was placed OOS for multiple violations and left at the detail site by the driver.



- 3/15 Inspector completed a Level 2 inspection on an oversized mobile home transporter transporting a mobile home from New York to Maine. The vehicle was grounded at the detail site for being in violation of its oversized permit. The mobile home was permitted for 99ft long. The actual length of the unit was 107ft 10in long. A ticket was issued to the company for violating the permit requirements, which carried a fine of \$392.00.



- 3/17 Inspector discovered an audible air leak due to a displaced emergency glad hand during a level 2 inspection at the Hartford detail. The driver was able to adjust the glad hand and remedy the defect.



- 3/17 Inspector completed a Level 2 inspection on a 6-axle combination vehicle with an audible air leak. A pinhole was found on a secondary air tank under scaling rust; the vehicle passed the air loss rate test and did not meet the OOS criteria.



- 3/18 Inspector stopped a CMV on I 89 in Randolph and discovered a loose pitman arm during the subsequent inspection. The vehicle was placed out of service and the driver repaired the vehicle with tools he had with him.



