

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (3/14-3/20)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- **3/16 Fair Haven, US Rte 4W, 6 Inspectors screened 115 vehicles. They completed 15 inspections which resulted in 21 vehicle and 3 driver violations. One vehicle and one driver were placed out of service.**
- **3/17 Ira WB, US Rte 4, 5 Inspectors screened 130 vehicles. They completed 24 inspections which resulted in 23 vehicle and 4 driver violations. One vehicle was placed out of service.**
- **3/18 Highgate POE, I-89, 2 Inspectors screened 49 vehicles. They completed 12 inspections which resulted in 5 vehicle and 2 driver violations. One driver was placed out of service.**
- **3/18 Clarendon SB, US Rte 7, 2 Inspectors screened 87 vehicles. They completed 11 inspections which resulted in 5 vehicle and 1 driver violations.**
- **3/19 Leicester SB, US Rte 7, 2 Inspectors screened 127 vehicles. They completed 13 inspections which resulted in 10 vehicle and 7 driver violations. One driver was placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **3/16 Inspector responded to VT Rte. 2A in Williston for the report that a semi-trailer had separated from its power unit, crashed into a power pole, and was suspected to have been improperly connected prior to leaving its terminal. A subsequent inspection was done on the truck and trailer equipment. It was discovered that the lower fifth wheel connecting equipment was defective which caused the trailer to not properly lock into place. The motor carrier was issued a ticket for the violation and the equipment placed out of service in combination.**



Notables:

- **3/16 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire and no operable brake lamps. The driver was placed out of service for not using an ELD when an ELD was required.**



- **3/17 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ira detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a tire that was leaking air from a piece of metal embedded in it.**



- **3/17 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ira detail. The CMV was grounded as there was no valid IFTA. The CMV was grounded until proof of validity could be provided.**



- **3/18 Inspector inspected a tractor at the Clarendon detail. The CMV was grounded as there was no proof of valid IFTA. The CMV was grounded until proof of validity could be provided.**
- **3/18 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer that was refused entry to Canada at the Highgate POE detail. The carrier was ticketed for a trailer registration that was more than one year expired. The driver was placed out of service for being in violation of the 11 and 14 hr rules. The driver was in the United States, but his log was using Canadian Hours of Service rules.**



- **3/19 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Leicester detail. The driver emitted an odor of intoxicants. His BAC was .011%. The driver was ticketed and placed out of service for 24 hours for the violation.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **3/16 Barton Rest Area, I-91 NB. Three Inspectors screened 120 vehicles. Ten inspections were completed. Eleven vehicle (two out of service) violations were discovered.**
- **3/17 Coventry Rest Area, I-91 NB. Four Inspectors screened 100 vehicles. Nineteen inspections were completed. Five vehicle violations were discovered. One ticket was issued.**

Crashes:

- **No crashes were reported.**

Notables:

- **3/16 Barton detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a two axle CMV transporting general freight discovered a cracked body component. The component, the passenger side “A” pillar was cracked again where a weld repair had been made. This component cracked has previously led to the passenger side windshield becoming displaced and falling out.**



- **3/16 Barton detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a five axle CMV transporting logs discovered a defective required strap. The 4” strap had damage exceeding the allowable limits. As the strap was a required strap to meet minimum tie down requirements, the CMV was placed out of service until the strap was replaced.**



- **3/17 Coventry detail. Inspectors conducting a Level 2 inspection on a CMV transporting log trucks issued a ticket to the carrier for the CMV being 5,000 lbs over road limits.**
- **3/17 Canaan, VT Rte 114. An Inspector came across a tractor trailer stuck and partially blocking the roadway. The CMV went too far onto the shoulder while attempting to back into a business. A Level 3 inspection was completed and traffic control was provided.**



- **3/18 Island Pond, VT Rte 114 & VT Rte 105. An Inspector stopped two different passenger vehicle operators for moving violations. Both operators were under civil suspension in Vermont. Tickets were issued to both drivers and their vehicles were grounded.**

New Entrant:

- **Sixteen carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Three audits completed. 23.75 hours.**

Passenger Vehicle:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **3/16 White River Jct, I-91N, 5 Inspectors screened 254 vehicles. They completed 14 inspections resulting in eight violations. Three vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.**



- **3/18 Guilford, I-91N, 6 Inspectors screened 259 vehicles. They completed 15 inspections resulting in 16 violations. One driver and 2 vehicles were placed out of service.**



Notables:

- **3/15 Inspector observed a large oversize load traveling south on US Rte 7 in Danby prior to permitted times. As the oversize load passed it had no signs or flags. The oversize load was then stopped at the Rutland/Bennington County Line. The carrier was transporting a scraped bucket loader to New York with no permits and had a measurement at the widest point of 10 feet 6 inches. The vehicle was grounded until they purchased a permit to move the load. The carrier was issued a ticket for Operating an Oversize Load with No Permit.**
- **3/16 Inspector discovered a broken leaf in a leaf spring suspension assembly. The vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **3/16 Inspectors weighed a six-axle log truck with portable scales during the White River Junction detail. The vehicle was permitted for 99,000 lbs. but had**

an actual gross weight of 115,900 lbs. The carrier was issued a ticket for operating 16,000 lbs overweight.



- **3/16 Inspector discovered the operator of a CMV had a CT issued license but was determined to be under suspension. Additionally, the carrier's operating authority had also been revoked by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Both the truck and the driver were placed out of service.**
- **3/18 Inspector spoke with a concerned Vermont resident in Rochester, VT about unsafe commercial vehicles operating on Class 2 town roads. Guidance was provided on what the rules were for town highways and referred her to the AOT Local Roads for further assistance. Follow-up will be continuing next week.**
- **3/19 Inspector investigated a vacant lot that a carrier is listing as a physical address for their New Entrant Safety Audit. This same carrier is using a Newton, Massachusetts mailing address.**
- **Inspectors continue to assist the Dept of Health with contact tracing investigations as part of the COVID19 response.**
- **Inspector picked up evidence from the DPS Technology Unit and submitted the analysis to the States' Attorney Office for prosecution of a criminal case.**
- **Inspector, who is also a member of the Vermont State Hazardous Materials Response Team, instructed a virtual HazMat Ops Refresher class to the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Dept.**

New Entrant Safety Audits:

- **3/16 One New Entrant Safety Audit was completed and two more audits were started.**