

## **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (4/11-4/17)**

### **NORTHWEST SECTOR:**

#### **Details:**

- **4/13 Colchester NB, I-89, 5 Inspectors screened 325 vehicles. They completed 17 inspections which resulted in 18 vehicle and 2 driver violations. Three vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.**
- **4/15 Ira WB, US Rte 4, 5 Inspectors and DMV Safety Investigator screened 138 vehicles. They completed 21 inspections which resulted in 21 vehicle and 8 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service.**
- **4/15 Highgate Springs POE, I-89, 2 Inspectors screened 68 vehicles. They completed 10 inspections which resulted in 4 vehicle violations. One vehicle was placed out of service.**

#### **Crashes:**

- **Nothing to report.**

#### **Notables:**

- **4/12 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte. 30 in Whiting for inoperative brake lights on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service.**



- **4/13 Inspector inspected a tank truck at the Colchester detail. The inspection revealed one out of four brakes were out of adjustment on the truck. This constituted an out of service violation as more than 20% of the service brakes were defective. The truck was placed out of service for repair.**
- **4/13 Inspector inspected a straight truck at the Colchester detail. The inspection revealed the parking brake on the truck was inoperable. The truck was placed out of service for repair.**



- **4/13 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The tractor was placed out of service, as the steer tire contacted the pitman arm.**



- **4/13 Inspector inspected an interstate straight truck at the Colchester detail. The driver's CDL was restricted to intrastate only (NY) operations. The driver was ticketed and placed out of service.**



- **4/13 Inspector was following up on over weight complaints in Fair Haven about quarry trucks. It was determined that the truck traffic had shifted to "main" town roads, due to seasonal thaw postings on the "normal" back roads. The vehicle was stopped and an inspection was completed. The vehicle was placed out of service for cargo securement violations and the drivers medical card was expired.**



- **4/14 Inspector responded to a medical call where a subject had injured themselves with a circular saw. Inspector was the first person on scene, and applied a CAT tourniquet to stop the bleeding until paramedics arrived.**
- **4/15 Inspector conducted a portable weigh and inspection on a tractor trailer at the Ira detail. The inspection revealed the carrier had an overweight permit however the axle spread was only 46 feet negating the permit. The carrier was**

**educated about the weight restriction law and ticketed for the overweight violation.**



- **4/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ira detail. The trailer was placed out of service as a tire was leaking air from a nail embedded in the tread.**



- **4/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ira detail. The trailer was placed out of service as it had no operable brake lamps.**



- **4/15 Inspector inspected a truck towing a flat bed trailer at the Ira detail. The truck was placed out of service as the parking brake was inoperable.**



- **4/15 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer hauling livestock at the Highgate POE detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **4/16 While at headquarters in Montpelier, an Inspector was approached by counter staff with concerns about a customer that appeared to be under the influence and had mentioned that he had driven to the DMV. The Inspector confirmed that this customer did appear to be heavily influenced and contacted Montpelier Police with information about the customer. It was discovered shortly after that the male had a warrant from New York and he was arrested on this warrant by Montpelier Police.**

**Passenger Carrier:**

- Inspectors inspected local motor coach buses in anticipation of operations restarting.

### **NORTHEAST SECTOR:**

#### **Details:**

- 4/13 Lyndonville Rest Area, I-93. Four Inspectors screened 130 vehicles. Fourteen inspections were completed. Forty-nine vehicle (four out of service) and six driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.

#### **Crashes:**

- No crashes were reported.

#### **Notables:**

- 4/13 Lyndon detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a six axle CMV transporting building materials placed the CMV out of service for improper load securement. The front pallet of building materials was only secured using one web strap but exceeded 1100 lbs and was not up against the headboard.
- 4/13 Lyndon detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection of a five axle CMV detected a defective air brake hose. The hose, which was chafing against the axle, was worn through the outer reinforcement ply but did not meet the out of service criteria. This violation, if not discovered, would have led to failure of the hose and air brake system pressure loss.



- **4/13 Lyndonville detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a tractor trailer discovered that both the truck tractor and trailer were not displaying current annual inspections. The driver/owner advised that he had called and attempted to get in for inspection. The inspection station was contacted and the attempt was verified. No ticket was issued and the violations were noted which required the CMV to be inspected prior to its next dispatch.**
- **4/13 Lyndonville detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a three axle CMV transporting a motor vehicle placed the CMV out of service for defective brakes (cracks in brake linings) and a defective tire (sidewall separation). A ticket was issued to the company.**



- **4/14 Beecher Falls Port of Entry. An Inspector conducted a Level 1 inspection on a six axle CMV transporting logs. The CMV was found to be operating without a permit and was 17,000 lbs over road limits. The trailer on the CMV was placed out of service for defective frame. The frame had numerous cracks. A ticket was issued to the company.**



- **4/15 Wenlock, VT Rt 105. An Inspector weighed and inspected a six axle log truck. The log truck was found to be 11,600 lbs over permitted road limit. A ticket was issued to the company.**



- **4/15 Wenlock, VT Rt 105. An Inspector weighed and inspected a CMV transporting bark. The CMV was found to be 14,300 lbs over permitted road limit. A ticket was issued to the company.**





- **4/16 US Rt 5, St Johnsbury. An Inspector conducted a Level 1 inspection on a two axle CMV transporting general freight. A violation for defective cab body parts was noted for the left door frame on the rear access door being loose from broken rivets. This violation had been noted in a previous inspection report.**





- **4/16 US Rt 5, St Johnsbury. A four axle CMV transporting sand was weighed and inspected. The CMV was found to be 12,300 lbs over permitted road limit. A ticket was issued to the company.**



- **4/16 US Rt 5, St Johnsbury. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a two axle CMV transporting general freight discovered a defective body component. The right fender/door frame was not secured to the step resulting in the door track being loose and mud/snow/water to enter the cab.**



#### **New Entrant:**

- **Seventeen carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Five audits completed. 29.75 hours.**

#### **Passenger Vehicles:**

- **No activity reported.**

#### **SOUTH SECTOR:**

##### **Details:**

- **4/13 White River Junction, I-91S, 4 Inspectors screened 230 vehicles. They completed 9 inspections resulting in five vehicle and two driver violations. One driver was placed out of service. The Inspectors checked five platform weight scale slips and five excess overweight permits.**



- **4/15 Putney, I-91S, 4 Inspectors screened and weighed 292 vehicles. They completed 9 inspections resulting in 7 vehicle violations. Five vehicles were found to exceed their permitted weight limit.**

#### **Crashes:**

- **4/12 Inspector responded to a crash in the Town of Bennington on VT Rt 7a where a five-axle tractor trailer box trailer measuring approximately 13 feet height tried to fit under a 12' high railroad trestle near Harwood Hill Road. There was no damage to the trestle, but the box trailer sustained severe structural damage. A MCSAP inspection was completed, and the trailer was placed out of service and towed from the scene.**



#### **Notables:**

- **4/12 Inspector was monitoring traffic on I-89 in Randolph when he noticed a tractor trailer pass with a blown tire. The CMV was stopped on the side of I89 and a level 2 inspection was completed, and the trailer was placed out of service.**



- **4/13 Several Hazmat vehicles carrying natural gas and oxygen were spotted by the site coordinator as they failed to stop at the truck inspection detail. They were stopped by Inspectors and inspected roadside.**



- **Inspector assisted a town with overweight trucks running on town highways during the springtime posting. It was found the town had not properly posted the roads. Town officials were given guidance and procedures to do so which was done by the end of the day and the carrier was asked to not travel on the roads until given permission from the town or the posted weight limits were expired.**

- **4/13 Inspector followed up on a complaint regarding excessively loud CMV's being operated in and around a gravel pit. He will be following up the complaint with patrols of the area.**

**New Entrant:**

- **Inspector continued to work on New Entrant Audits, one Vermont carrier whose main operation was inactivated as the carrier's single vehicle was out of service and not sure whether they were going to continue operations or not. Two additional carriers were contact to begin the new entrant process.**

**Passenger vehicle:**

- **Nothing to report.**