

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (4/18-4/24)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 4/20 Georgia, I-89S, 7 Inspectors and the National Guard CST Team screened 115 vehicles. They completed 26 inspections which resulted in 23 vehicle and 3 driver violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.
- 4/22 Colchester, I-89N, 6 Inspectors screened 327 vehicles. They completed 27 inspections which resulted in 13 vehicle violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.

Crashes:

- 4/21 Inspectors responded to Shelburne Road in Shelburne for a double CMV crash. A car hauler was attempting to turn right (using both southbound lanes) into a business lot, when he collided with a tractor trailer. Both operators were transported to the hospital with minor injuries. Both vehicles had disabling damage and were towed from the scene.



Notables:

- **4/18 Inspector stopped an intrastate rolloff truck on US Rte. 7 in Colchester for load securement. An inspection was conducted and the vehicle was placed out of service until the rear of the rolloff container was properly secured.**



- **4/19 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for an equipment violation during a traffic enforcement patrol on US Rte. 2 in Alburgh. The inspection revealed two tires on the trailer were severely deflated. The trailer was placed out of service for repair.**



- **4/19 Inspector pulled a tractor trailer over in Orwell for having no operable tail lamps on the truck tractor. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service as the brake lamps were stuck on and the driver couldn't get them to turn off. It was difficult to discern when the CMV was slowing and stopping.**



- **4/20 Inspector inspected a straight truck at the Georgia detail. The inspection revealed part of the load of building supplies was not secured properly on the trailer. A pallet of concrete bags, weighing over 4000 lbs., was secured with only one strap and the load was not positioned against the header board or other cargo to prevent forward movement. The truck was placed out of service for the violation.**



- **4/20 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The inspection revealed the rearmost stop lamps on the trailer were inoperative. The trailer was placed out of service for the defect.**
- **4/21 Inspector stopped an interstate tractor trailer on I89 in Williston for inoperable lamps. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service for an inoperable turn signal.**



- **4/21 Inspector stopped a straight truck hauling a trailer on I89 in Colchester as none of the lights were working on the trailer. After inspection, the trailer was placed out of service for repair.**



- **4/21 Inspector stopped a box truck on VT Rte. 22a in Shoreham for no operable tail lamps. The driver was placed out of service for operating a CDL required vehicle with a class D license.**



- **4/21 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte. 22a in Shoreham for an inoperable rear identification lamp. The trailer was placed out of service for a tire leaking air from a hole in the tread.**



- **4/22 Inspector responded to Barre City for the report that a semi-trailer had separated from its truck tractor on VT Rte. 302. It was reported that the carrier was under suspension and that the trailer was slightly damaged. Upon arrival the vehicles involved were inspected and the carrier grounded for the suspension. The carrier was issued a ticket for the violation.**
- **4/22 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Colchester detail. The CMV was grounded as the carrier did not have IFTA.**



- **4/22 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a tire leaking air from a hole in it.**



- **4/23 Inspector stopped a truck towing a flat bed trailer hauling trailers for speeding on VT Rte. 22a in Orwell. An inspection was conducted and the driver was placed out of service for 10 hours for having an intentional false log.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **4/20 Morrisville AOT, Rt 100. Four Inspectors completed 16 inspections. Twenty-eight vehicle (three out of service) violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **4/21 St Johnsbury, I-91. Inspectors responded to I-91 in St Johnsbury for a report of a two CMV crash. The CMVs, both tractor trailers, were southbound. The CMV in the right travel lane was attempting to move to the left passing lane which was already occupied by a second tractor trailer. The second tractor trailer moved to the left to avoid contact with the first tractor trailer. The second tractor trailer struck the guardrails and was disabled due to a flat tire. A Level 2 inspection was conducted on the second tractor trailer and a level 1 inspection was conducted on the first.**



- **4/22 Derby, I-91 NB. Inspectors responded to a single CMV crash. The CMV, a five axle tractor trailer transporting building materials, was southbound when it went off the road and rolled onto its side. No injuries were reported. A Level 2 inspection was completed.**



- **4/23 Barnet, I-91 NB. Inspectors responded after hours to a single CMV crash. The CMV, a tractor trailer towing doubles transporting general freight,**

jackknifed during inclement weather causing one of the trailers to roll onto its side. There were no injuries reported. A Level 2 inspection was completed. No pre-existing contributing defects were discovered.



Notables:

- **4/19 Inspectors responded to Orleans for a report of an armed bank robbery. The suspect fled on bicycle and fired a shot at witnesses who tried to intervene away from scene. The Inspectors responded to that location, located, and secured the bicycle for VSP-Derby. The suspect remains at large.**
- **4/19 Inspectors stopped and weighed a CMV on VT Rte 58 in Brownington. The four axle log truck was found to be 10,600 lbs over road limits without a permit. The truck was force permitted.**
- **4/19 Wenlock Crossing, VT Rte 105. An Inspector stopped and weighed a six axle CMV transporting logs. The CMV was found to be 19,400 lbs over limits. A ticket was issued to the company.**



- **4/20 Morrisville detail. Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on a log truck at the Morrisville AOT garage. Multiple violations were found including improper load securement, cracked windshield, and inoperative lighting devices. In addition, the truck was weighed with portable scales and the total gross was 10,000 lbs over the permitted weight. A ticket was issued to the carrier.**



- **4/20 Morrisville detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a three axle CMV transporting hazardous materials (heating oil) discovered a defective driveshaft component (loose u-joint retaining bolt).**



- **4/21 Hyde Park. Inspectors weighed three cranes to assist CVO and the carrier in securing the proper excess weight permits.**
- **4/22 Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a two axle CMV transporting general freight discovered that the carrier had re-dispatched the CMV without correcting the defects shown in a prior inspection report. A ticket was issued to the company.**

New Entrant:

- **Thirteen carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Three audits completed. 37 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **4/20 Bridgewater, US Rte 4, 4 Inspectors and 2 Homeland Security WMD Detection Team Agents screened 63 vehicles and weighed 2 vehicles. They completed 10 inspections resulting in 2 driver violations and 10 vehicle violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service. One 4 axle cement truck was 8,000 lbs overweight and one CMV was force permitted.**



- **4/22 White River Jct, I-91S, 3 Inspectors and one FMCSA safety auditor screened 262 vehicles. They completed 14 inspections resulting in 3 driver and 4 vehicle violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.**



Crashes:

None to report

Notables:

- **4/20 Inspector discovered steering components that were bent and contacting suspension components during an inspection on US Rte 4 in Bridgewater. Additionally, a broken air reservoir strap was located during the inspection. The vehicle was placed out of service.**
- **4/20 Inspector discovered a brake lining with intersecting cracks and a void, the defective brake was on the steer axle and the vehicle was placed out of service. Additionally, the vehicle was weighed and found to be 10,000 lbs. over allowable weight due to not having an excess weight permit. The carrier was forced permitted to gain compliance and mechanical repairs were made on site.**



- **4/20 Inspector inspected a vehicle carrying natural gas/methane. During the inspection, the trailer set off a radiation detector. The Inspector was assisted by members of Homeland Security’s WMD Detection Team who determined the detectors were set off by a residual amount of natural occurring radioactive particles that became stored in trailer valves over time due to the mining process.**



- **4/20 Inspectors went to a school bus contractor facility after receiving complaints of possible safety and brake component issues. The Inspectors completed nine level five bus inspections finding nine violations on six buses. Of the nine buses two were grounded for front brakes and rotor violations. Two Investigators from the DMV Investigations Unit assisted and are investigating possible inspection station violations.**
- **4/21 Putney Scale House platform scale had calibration and certification testing.**



- **4/22 Inspector inspected a truck carrying scrap metal at the White River Jct detail. The rear tires of the truck appeared to be squatting low from being overweight. While speaking with the driver it was determined that the tag axle was not in the down position and he did not know how to operate it. The truck was loaded with scrap metal. The four-axle truck was weighed on portable scales at 85,100 lbs. The truck was grounded, and a second truck and excavator were dispatched to offload a portion of the load before the truck could continue. The carrier was issued a ticket.**



- **4/22 Inspector inspected a dump truck at the White River detail. The carrier was based in NH and the vehicle was not IRP or IFTA registered. A portable weigh was also conducted, and the vehicle was found to be 18,800 lbs. overweight. A ticket was issued to the carrier.**



- **4/22 Inspector discovered this defective chain during an inspection at the White River Junction Rest Area. The driver replaced the chain and continued the trip.**



- **4/22 Inspector inspected an oversize load at the White River SB Detail and discovered the CMV had no oversize permits for the trip. The carrier was issued a ticket and force permitted. Additional violations found the excavator had insufficient securement for the aggregate weight of the machine.**



New Entrant:

- **Inspector continued to work on New Entrant Audits, one carrier is found to be out of business, three other carriers were sent letters to provide additional documentation, one new entrant audit was completed and uploaded to FMCSA.**

Passenger Vehicle:

- **Nothing to report.**