# COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (4/25-5/1) NORTHWEST SECTOR:

#### **Details:**

- 4/27 Fair Haven Scale House, US Rte 4, 6 Inspectors screened 152 vehicles. They completed 23 inspections which resulted in 33 vehicle and 5 driver violations. Five vehicles were placed out of service.
- 4/29 Williston SB, I-89, 5 Inspectors screened 230 vehicles. They completed 32 inspections which resulted in 33 vehicle and 4 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service.

#### **Crashes:**

• 4/26 Inspector responded to a single vehicle truck crash on Ferry Rd in Charlotte. The operator of the truck received moderate injuries when he rolled the vehicle. The driver was transported by rescue and the truck was towed from the scene. A post-crash inspection was conducted. A driver infraction was noted on the inspection report for failing to drive within lanes marked for traffic. Road damage and skid marks revealed the driver drifted right and caught the soft shoulder of the roadway just prior to losing control and crashing.



#### **Notables:**

• 4/26 Inspector stopped a 6-axle log truck traveling west on US Rte. 4 for a platform weigh and permit check. The truck was taken to the Fair Haven Scale House, and was found to weigh 108,220 lbs., 9220 lbs. over the 99k permit. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.



• 4/26 Inspector stopped an intrastate wrecker hauling a box truck on US Rte. 7 in Colchester. There were no tow lights being used, so traffic behind the wrecker would never know when it was braking or turning. An inspection was conducted and the vehicle was placed out of service for no working lights on the rearmost vehicle.



• 4/26 Inspector stopped an oversize load on I89 in Williston for a load securement violation. The load, heavy machinery, had no securement on the hydraulic arm. An inspection was conducted and the vehicle was placed out of service until the load was properly secured.



• 4/27 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer hauling double trailers at the Fair Haven detail. The driver was planning on driving both trailers to Burlington, which is an unpermitted route for doubles. An inspection was conducted and the driver was rerouted back to NY.



• 4/27 Inspector inspected a truck towing a camper in commerce at the Fair Haven detail. The truck was placed out of service as the parking brake was inoperable.



• 4/27 Inspector inspected a truck towing a trailer hauling campers at the Fair Haven detail. The trailer was placed out of service for unsecured cargo that was not restrained from falling onto the highway.



• 4/27 Inspector inspected a straight truck at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed an inner wheel seal was leaking contaminating the brake components on the vehicle. The truck was placed out of service for repair.



• 4/27 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed a tire was flat on the truck tractor. The vehicle was placed out of service for repair.



4/27 Inspector inspected a straight truck at the Fair Haven detail. The
inspection revealed multiple brakes were out of adjustment, one brake canister
was leaking air, and the vehicle failed the air drop test. The truck was placed
out of service for repair.



• 4/28 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer hauling an excavator on I89 through Williston as the stop lamps were inoperative on the trailer. An inspection was conducted and the driver had failed to secure the machine properly, as well. The trailer was placed out of service and the driver remedied the load securement infraction.



• 4/28 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer on VT Rte. 22a in Shoreham. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a flat tire.



• 4/28 Inspector stopped a truck and trailer on US Rte. 7 in Milton for an expired state inspection. The trailer was placed out of service for an improper breakaway cable.



• 4/29 Inspector inspected a flat bed truck at the Williston detail. The truck was placed out of service as the parking brake was inoperable.



• 4/29 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed 2000 lb pallets of stone on the flat-bed trailer were only secured with one strap and the load was not blocked or braced against forward movement. The trailer was placed out of service for the load securement defect.



4/29 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Williston detail.
 After being parked for inspection the tractor's radiator leaked several gallons of coolant onto the pavement. The Williston Fire Dept. responded for the spill and the tractor was towed.



• 4/29 Inspector inspected an interstate truck and trailer at the Williston detail. The vehicle was placed out of service until the trailer breakaway was properly connected.



• 4/30 Inspector stopped a dump truck hauling a trailer on VT Rte. 15 in Cambridge as none of the lights on the trailer were illuminated. An inspection was conducted and it appeared the electrical connection from trailer to truck was defective. The trailer was placed out of service for repair.



4/30 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for an inoperable head lamp on VT Rte.
 22a in Addison. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service for having no operable brake lamps.



• 4/30 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for an inoperable brake lamp on VT Rte. 22a in Orwell. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire.



# **Passenger Carrier:**

Nothing to report.

# **NORTHEAST SECTOR:**

### **Details:**

- 4/27 Coventry NB, I-91. Five Inspectors screened 120 vehicles. Thirteen Level 1, two Level 2, and one Level 3 inspections were completed. Twenty-eight vehicle (five out of service) and two driver violations were discovered.
- 4/28 Ryegate NB, I-91. Four Inspectors screened 120 vehicles. Twelve Level 2 and three Level 3 inspections were completed. Twenty-one vehicle (two out of service) and three driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.

#### **Crashes:**

None reported.

#### **Notables:**

 4/26 Concord, US Rte 2. An Inspector stopped and weighed a four axle dump truck transporting aggregate. The CMV was found to be 7,000 lbs overweight. An inspection was completed and a ticket was issued to the company.



• 4/27 Coventry detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a five axle CMV discovered a defective brake hose that met the out of service criteria. The CMV was placed out of service.



• 4/27 Coventry detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a two axle CMV transporting general freight placed the CMV out of service for a defective steer axle tire. A ticket was also issued to the company.



• 4/28 Ryegate detail. An Inspector checked the permits of two dump trucks. Neither truck was permitted for excess weight. Both trucks were weighed and inspected. Both dump trucks were found to be over the road limits- 6,000 and 8,000 lbs. One of the trucks was placed out of service for a flat tire. Tickets were issued to the carrier for the violations.



# **New Entrant:**

 Fourteen carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Four audits completed. 28 hours

# **Passenger Vehicles:**

• No activity reported.

# **SOUTH SECTOR:**

# **Details:**

4/27 Guilford, I-91N, 3 Inspectors screened 241 vehicles. They completed 9
inspections resulting in 12 vehicle violations. Three vehicles were placed out of
service. One CMV was weighed on portable scales and one platform weight slip
was checked.



• 4/28 Emerald Lake (Dorset), US Rte 7S, 5 Inspectors screened 179 vehicles and weighed three vehicles. They completed 19 inspections resulting in one driver and 9 vehicle violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service and two tickets were issued totaling \$941 in fines. One CMV was forced to permit for excess overweight for \$392 and one was forced to obtain an IRP and IFTA 72 hour trip permits.



#### **Crashes:**

• 4/28 Inspector responded to Vt Rte. 7A in the Town of Bennington for a tractor trailer failing to obey numerous traffic control devices and struck a low height bridge. A level 1 post-crash inspection was completed, the trailer was placed out of service and the driver was also placed out of service for a false log. The inspection revealed the driver was disconnecting the ELD to conceal hours of service violations. The driver was issued a ticket.



#### **Notables:**

• 4/27 Inspector discovered a crack in a frame cross member that was supporting suspension components during an inspection at the Guilford Detail. The vehicle was placed out of service.



- 4/27 Inspector conducted a Level 1 inspection on a three-axle dump truck at the Guilford Detail. Two out of six brakes were found to be out of adjustment and the vehicle was placed out of service.
- 4/29 Inspector completed a Level 2 Inspection of a truck and trailer loaded with winter sand and found seven vehicle violations. The truck and trailer did not have a Vermont State inspection along with the seven violations. The truck was placed out of service after two adjacent lug nuts were found to be loose on the right-side axle 3. The truck and trailer had a gross weight on portable scales at 99,500 lbs. The truck and trailer outer bridge measurement was less than the minimum required the 51 ft requirement for a 99,000 lb permit. The carrier was issued overweight fines.



• 4/29 Inspector completed a Level 2 inspection and the CMV had no valid excess overweight permit. The truck weighed 60,000 lbs; 5,000 lbs over its registered weight. The driver was educated and forced permitted to continue the trip.



• 4/29 Inspector discovered a disengaged slider guide bracket on a trailer sliding subframe during a MCSAP inspection along with a flat tire. The trailer was placed out of service.



• 4/29 Inspector inspected an oversized load coming from New York State. It was discovered the carrier did not have any oversize, IRP or IFTA permits for Vermont. The oversize load was grounded until it acquired an oversize load permit and 72-hour trip permits for IFTA and IRP.

• Inspectors completed their 5 ½ month assignment with the Dept of Health Task Force-Contact Tracing Team. Both received high remarks from all levels of the training and clinical lead teams from their work done during the Covid19 pandemic.

# **New Entrant:**

• Inspector continued to work on three new entrant safety audits. One audit was started on a HazMat carrier in Quebec and one Canadian carrier with commercial vehicle crashes.

# **Passenger Vehicle:**

• Nothing to report.