

## COMMERICAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (4/3-4/9)

### NORTHWEST SECTOR:

#### Details:

- 4/5 Georgia SB, I89, 5 Inspectors, and the guard CST Team screened 216 vehicles. They completed 19 inspections which resulted in 33 vehicle and 3 driver violations. Five vehicles and two drivers were placed out of service.
- 4/7 Fair Haven Scale House, US Rte 4, 5 Inspectors screened 134 vehicles. They completed 20 inspections which resulted in 25 vehicle and 7 driver violations. Four vehicles were placed out of service.

#### Crashes:

- 4/5 Inspector responded to I89 in Milton near mile marker 103 for a report that a passenger vehicle ran into a box truck. Minor injuries were reported, and the passenger vehicle was disabled from the crash. Upon arrival it was found that the car operator had been fatigued when she struck the rear of the slowly moving box truck. A level 1 post-crash inspection was conducted, and the driver/owner was placed out of service for not possessing any records of duty status. Additionally, the box truck was grounded until which time it was fixed to attain highway speeds.



#### Notables:

- 4/4 – 4/8 Inspector completed week 2 of New Entrant Training in Elkridge, MD.
- 4/4 Inspector stopped a rolloff truck on Redmond Road in Williston. The vehicle was placed out of service until the rear of the container was properly secured.



- 4/4 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The trailer was placed out of service as the brake lamps were stuck on and would not respond to activation of the brake pedal. The truck tractor was placed out of service for an inner wheel seal leaking and contaminating the brake friction surface.



- 4/5 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service as the axle 3 passenger side inner dual was in constant contact with a part of the vehicle. The flat bed trailer was placed out of service as there was a pile of loose dirt that was free to fly off into traffic.



- 4/5 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The driver was placed out of service as he had a Canada operation only restriction on his Quebec CDL.



- 4/7 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Orwell. The driver was placed out of service as he was prohibited from operating under the drug and alcohol clearinghouse program.



- 4/7 Inspector inspected a truck and trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The combination was placed out of service as the breakaway cable was improperly connected.







- 4/7 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service as the axle 1 passenger side tire had belt material exposed.



- 4/7 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The trailer was placed out of service for an inoperable turn signal.



- 4/8 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours for having no record of duty status. The truck tractor was placed out of service for failing the air loss test. The trailer was placed out of service for no operable brake lamps. The brake lamps remained on and would not respond to the actuation of the brake pedal.



- 4/8 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Orwell. The trailer was placed out of service as the spare tire under the trailer was not secured from falling onto the highway.



- 4/8 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The truck tractor was placed out of service as the service glad hand hose was chaffed through the inner ply.



- 4/8 Inspector was traveling south on VT Rte. 22a in Shoreham behind a tractor trailer. The tractor trailer drifted over the center line and began riding in the middle of the road, straddling the center line. The driver never made a movement back into his lane. When stopped and asked about the operation, the driver advised he always rides in the middle of the road when there is no oncoming traffic. The violation for failing to maintain lane was recorded on the inspection report and the driver was told this was a bad practice that should not be repeated.

Passenger Carrier:

- Nothing to report.

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 4/5 Lyndonville Rest Area, I-91 South. Four inspectors and an auditor screened 136 vehicles. Twenty inspections were completed. Twenty-five vehicle (two out of service) and four driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.
- 4/7 Coventry Rest Area, I-91 North. Three inspectors screened 144 vehicles. Fifteen inspections were completed. Twelve vehicle (two out of service) and four driver (two out of service) violations were discovered.

Crashes:

- 4/8 Morgan, VT Rte 114. Inspector responded to assist VSP-Derby at a reportable crash involving a CMV. The CMV, a five-axle tractor trailer, was northbound when it entered a narrow underpass. As it was exiting the underpass, a southbound pickup truck towing a trailer struck the CMV's trailer and then the underpass abutment. The trailer of the pickup truck sustained disabling damage. No injuries were reported. A Level 2 inspection was completed. Driver error by the operator of the pickup truck was listed as the contributing factor.

Notables:

- 4/4 Troy, Vt Rte 105. An Inspector conducting an inspection of a CMV placed the driver OOS for no record of Hours of Service.
- 4/4-4/5 Inspector attended training on Human Trafficking in Montpelier. Training topics included awareness, interdiction, and case preparation.
- 4/5 Lyndonville detail. An Inspector conducted a Level 2 inspection and grounded the CMV after recognizing the carrier as being under suspension in VT from a list that HQ distributes. A ticket was issued to the carrier and the carrier resolved the issue.





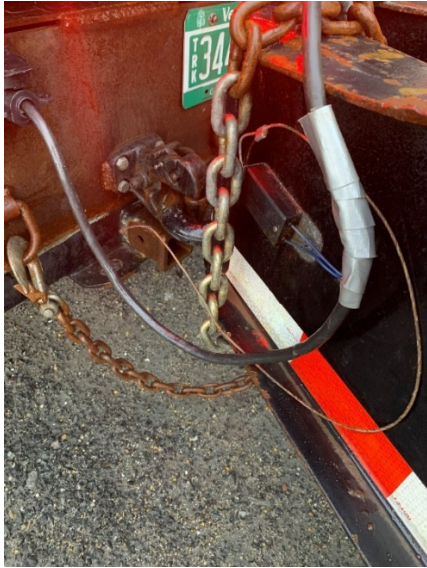
- 4/5 Lyndonville detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a five axle CMV noted a violation for a defective air reservoir. The air reservoir was leaking air from a couple pin holes though an area with rust degradation. To view a video of the violation: <https://youtube.com/shorts/-wzgPo44Xuk?feature=share>
- 4/5 Lyndonville detail. An Inspector placed a three axle CMV out of service for a defective driveline component. The component, a driveshaft carrier bearing, was worn and free play exceeded the tolerable limits. To view a video of the violation: <https://youtube.com/shorts/tDdQ9jZ-UHo?feature=share>
- 4/6 Swanton, Grand Av. An Inspector conducting an inspection placed the CMV OOS for in inoperable low air warning device and a cracked leaf spring.
- 4/6 Westfield, VT Rte 100. An Inspector on patrol was stopped by a citizen who wanted to advise them of a dump truck hauling stone along VT Rte 100 that was dropping material onto the roadway. Contact was made with the truck and the Inspector saw rocks falling onto the roadway while it was traveling along the roadway. A Level 2 inspection was completed and the CMV was placed OOS for load securement. It was determined that the dump gate was not properly secured to the vehicle.
- 4/6 Hartford, I-91. An Inspector stopped two CMVs for speeding within the reduced speed zone. Level 3 inspections were completed. No tickets were issued.



- 4/7 Inspector responded to a residence in Charleston, VT for a report of a male with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Dispatch reported that the male was still alive and in need of medical attention. Inspector arrived on scene as the male was being transported to the hospital. Inspector cleared the residence to ensure no other people were injured inside. The residence was secured until VSP arrived on scene.
- 4/7 Coventry detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection placed the CMV out of service for a defective brake hose- chaffed through outer reinforcement layer.
- 4/7 Coventry NB detail. An Inspector conducting a level 2 inspection detected alcohol on the breath of the operator of the CMV. Inspector had the operator preform SFSTs. The operator was determined to not be impaired but was placed OOS for having a detectable amount of alcohol. The operator of the CMV did admit to consuming alcohol several hours prior to coming on duty.
- 4/7 Coventry NB detail. An Inspector conducting a level 2 inspection placed the operator of the CMV OOS for having Marijuana inside the cab of the truck.



- 4/8 Danville, US Rte 2. An Inspector on patrol stopped a CMV for defective equipment. The trailer was placed OOS for inoperable brake and turn signals as well as a defective emergency breakaway cable.



#### New Entrant:

- Thirteen carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Seven audits completed. 32 hours.

#### Passenger Vehicles:

- No activity reported.

#### SOUTH SECTOR:

##### Details:

- 4/5 Ira, US Rte. 4, 4 Inspectors screened 124 vehicles. They completed 12 inspections, 4 level 1 and 8 level 2, which resulted in 29 vehicle violations and 4 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service and 1 driver was placed

out of service.



- 4/6 Mendon, US Rte. 4, 3 Inspectors conducted a size and weight detail. Three portable weighs were conducted all three vehicles were found to be in violation. Three tickets were issued for a total of \$4,524.00 in fines. All three vehicles were 6-axle CMVs with valid Vermont 99k permits. One CMV was off loaded, the gross combined overweight of all three vehicles was 41,000 lbs.



- 4/7 Sharon, I89 NB, 4 Inspectors screened 206 vehicles. They completed 13 inspections, 10 level 2 and three level 3, which resulted in 10 vehicle violations and 3 driver violations. One driver was placed out of service and three vehicles were



placed out of service.



Crashes:

- Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 4/5 Inspector discovered a loose wheel fastener during an inspection at the Ira detail. The violation did not meet the out of service criteria, and the vehicle continued to its destination.



- 4/5 Inspector discovered loose U-bolts and a leaking inner wheel seal that contaminated the brake surface during an inspection at the Ira detail. The trailer was placed out of service.



- 4/5 Inspector discovered a cracked weld during a level 2 inspection at the Ira detail. The crack was located in the hoist structure above the frame rail of a roll-off dumpster truck. The defect did not meet the OOS criteria and was marked as a violation only.



- 4/5 Inspector placed a vehicle out of service during a level 2 inspection at the Ira detail. A gouge in the sidewall of a tire was located and belt material was exposed.



- 4/5 Inspector placed a vehicle out of service for exposed bare wire discovered during a level 2 inspection at the Ira detail.



- 4/5 Inspector placed a combination vehicle out of service for brake defects at the Ira detail. A level 2 inspection instead of a level 1 was completed due to officer safety. 2 of the 4 trailer brakes contained full defects and met the 20% OOS brake criteria. 2 of the brake chambers contained non-manufactured holes due to corrosion and brake springs and the caging bolt was protruding out of the chambers. These springs are preloaded with approximately 2,000 lbs. of force and can create a severe safety issue. To view a video on failure see this link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_WUKLX\\_cFXM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_WUKLX_cFXM)



- 4/5 Inspector placed a vehicle out of service for a gouge in the sidewall of a tire during a level 2 inspection at the Ira detail. The belt material was exposed and damaged.



- 4/5 Inspector discovered a crack in the lower fifth wheel plate. The plate was displaced due to the damage and created a gap between the upper and lower fifth wheel halves. The truck was placed out of service in combination with its trailer.





- 4/5 Inspector discovered a cracked wheel, the crack extended from the hand hole to the stud hole and the truck was placed out of service.



- 4/5 Inspector noticed missing driver's steps and exposed battery terminals during an inspection at the Ira detail. These were marked as violations only.



- 4/6 Inspector observed a log truck struggling to climb over Sherburne Pass near Pico Ski Area due to its heavy load while on a size and weight directed patrol on US Route 4 in Mendon. The vehicle was escorted to the Mendon AOT garage for a portable weigh and an inspection. A portable weigh revealed the log truck weighed over 9,000 lbs. over its permitted weight on a valid Vermont 99k permit. A level 2 inspection was conducted, the truck tractor was placed out of service for a chaffed air hose extending into the reinforcement ply and trailer was placed out of service for an inner wheel seal leak that contaminated the brake surface. The carrier was issued a ticket for the weight violation.



- 4/6 Inspector stopped a log truck on in Killington for a suspected overweight violation while on a size and weight directed patrol on US Route 4. A portable weigh was completed, the vehicle was found to be 15,000 lbs. over the permitted gross weight on a valid Vermont 99k permit. The carrier was issued a ticket.



- 4/6 Inspector stopped a log truck in Killington for a suspected overweight violation while on a size and weight directed patrol on US Route 4. A portable weigh was completed, the vehicle was found to be 17,000 lbs. over the permitted gross weight on a valid Vermont 99k permit. The carrier was issued a ticket. The operator was forced to offload a portion of logs at the AOT garage in Mendon.



- 4/7 Inspector discovered an expired medical certificate while conducting a level 3 inspection at the Sharon detail. Although the certificate had expired over a year ago (1/14/21) this was the first offense and was marked as violation only.
- 4/7 Inspector discovered a loose wheel fastener during a level 2 inspection at the Sharon detail. The defect did not meet the OOS criteria and was marked as a violation only.



- 4/7 Inspector was call by dispatch to assist Windham County Deputy Sheriff that had stopped a tractor trailer missing a tire while on his way home from Sharon detail. Upon arrival, Inspector discovered the CMV was hauling a mobile home. The tire on axle 6, right side was missing. After conducting a level 2 inspection, Inspector discovered the permit issued required the CMV have a pilot vehicle, which it did not have. After speaking with the transport company and DMV permit office, the permit office reissued a permit allowing the CMV to continue without a pilot vehicle. The Inspector discovered several other violations and placed the trailer out of service for the missing tire and a broken emergency breakaway cable that was not connected properly. Inspector also discovered neither truck or trailer displayed a transporter plate.
- 4/7 Inspector discovered a false log during an inspection at the Sharon NB Detail. The driver was abusing personal conveyance and had driven hundreds of miles during multiple 10-hour rest periods. The driver was placed out of service for 10 consecutive hours.





- 4/7 Inspector located a loose pitman arm during a level 2 inspection at the Sharon NB detail. The vehicle was placed out of service and repaired by a local repair company.



- 4/7 Inspector located a defective mount for the lower fifth wheel assembly during an inspection at the Sharon NB detail. More than 20% of the total length of all the original welds, including fore and aft, were cracked on both sides of the vehicle. The vehicle was placed out of service and repaired by a local company.





- 4/7 Inspector located a defective tire during an inspection at the Sharon Detail. The tire was worn with no measurable tread depth on the inside groove but was part of a dual set. The violation was documented, and the vehicle continued to its destination.



- 4/7 Inspector discovered two defective tires located in a dual set during a level 2 inspection. Both tires were worn with less than 1/32-inch tread depth remaining in two adjacent major grooves at three separate locations around the circumference of the tire. The condition did not meet the out of service criteria, so the vehicle was placed out of service and repaired on site.



- 4/8 Inspector stopped a box truck on I89 in Randolph for missing one of the rear doors and having unsecured items visible in the body. The NY based carrier did not have US DOT numbers, but the company name was on the side of the vehicle. The operator was also the owner of the company and claimed the vehicle was his daily

driver and was not in commerce. There was however a granite slab loaded in the vehicle and the name of the company included “Marble & Granite”. An inspection was conducted, and the vehicle was placed out of service.

