

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (7/11-7/17)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 7/13 Williston SB RA, I-89, 6 Inspectors and 1 DMV safety investigator screened 180 vehicles. They completed 24 inspections which resulted in 29 vehicle and 9 driver violations. Four vehicles and 1 driver were placed out of service.
- 7/15 Fair Haven Scale House, US Rte 4, 4 Inspectors and 1 DMV safety investigator screened 94 vehicles. They completed 14 inspections which resulted in 47 vehicle and 9 driver violations. Six vehicles and 1 driver were placed out of service.

Crashes:

- Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 7/12 Inspector responded to a disturbance at a residence in Bolton, where one neighbor had pepper sprayed another neighbor over a property line dispute. VSP had only one trooper available and that trooper's response time was delayed. The Inspector's assistance ended when the trooper arrived and arrested the neighbor for the assault.
- 7/12 Inspector stopped an interstate tractor trailer on I89 in Colchester for a placard violation. The vehicle had a load requiring Corrosive placards. Two of the required placards were missing. In addition, a Flammable placard was improperly displayed. The vehicle was placed out of service until the placarding was correct.





- **7/12 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer on VT Rte. 22A in Vergennes. The trailer was placed out of service as the passenger side rear turn signal was inoperable. The driver was placed out of service as he did not have the previous 7 days of complete logs.**



- **7/12 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on US Rte. 7 in New Haven for speeding. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **7/13 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed chains were loose on the flatbed trailer. The vehicle was placed out of service for the violation and the driver remedied the defect.**



- **7/13 Inspector stopped an intrastate oversize load at the Williston detail. The carrier had no oversize permit. The vehicle was not subject to the FMCSRs and was grounded until properly permitted.**



- **7/13 Inspector inspected an intrastate truck hauling building materials at the Williston detail. The vehicle was placed out of service until the load was properly secured.**



- **7/13 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Williston detail. The truck was placed out of service as the driver's side rear turn signal was inoperable.**



- **7/13 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The trailer was placed out of service as the wiring harness for an aftermarket rear camera system was dragging on the ground under the trailer and could become wrapped into the wheels and braking system.**



- **7/14 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte. 22A in Orwell. A portable weigh and inspection was conducted and the truck tractor was placed out of service for a tire leaking air, the trailer was placed out of service for a tire leaking air, and the CMV was 13,000 pounds over the permitted weight. This patrol was scheduled after DMV recently received a complainant about overloaded scrap metal trucks on VT Rte. 22A.**



- **7/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed the trailer had multiple tire defects to include an active leak and metal ply exposed in the sidewall. The trailer was placed out of service for repair.**



- **7/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed a tire was actively leaking due to a nail puncture. The trailer was placed out of service for repair.**
- **7/15 Inspector stopped a CMV towing a trailer and converter dolly on VT Rte. 22A in Shoreham as the combination is not permitted there. The CMV was grounded under it's current configuration until compliance was met.**



- **7/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **7/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The CMV was grounded as the carrier was suspended in Vermont.**



- **7/16 Inspector stopped a dump truck hauling a piece of machinery on VT Rte. 117 in Jericho for a load securement violation. A subsequent inspection revealed the driver did not have a commercial driver's license when required and the driver failed to secure the bulldozer properly on the trailer. The trailer and driver were placed out of service and a ticket was issued.**



- **7/16 Inspector stopped a CMV towing a trailer and converter dolly on VT Rte. 22A in Shoreham as the combination is not permitted there. The CMV was grounded under it's current configuration until compliance was met.**



- **7/16 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for speeding on VT Rte. 22A in Orwell. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service as the passenger side rear turn signal was inoperable.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **6/12 Derby Line Port of Entry, I-91. As part of CVSA Operation Safe Driver, Inspectors attempted face time with every commercial driver that went through the port of entry to screen for impairment during an early morning detail. Nine inspections were completed. Ten vehicle and one driver violations were discovered. Four vehicles were placed out of service. No evidence of impairment was detected.**
- **6/14 Ryegate/Bradford saturation patrol. As part of CVSA Operation Safe Driver, three Inspectors conducted roving patrol along the NH border focusing on driver qualifications. Seven inspections were completed. Six vehicle violations were discovered. Two vehicles were placed out of service. Four portable weighs were conducted.**
- **6/15 White River Junction saturation patrol. As part of CVSA Operation Safe Driver, four Inspectors conducted Operation Blue Lite. An Inspector, covert in an unmarked cruiser, was watching a popular discount beverage center monitoring for any drivers of CMVs purchasing and transporting alcoholic beverages in a CMV. Five inspections were completed. Two driver and five vehicle violations were detected. No alcohol violations were detected.**

Crashes:

- **Nothing to report.**

Notables:

- **7/12 Derby Line Port of Entry, I-91. An Inspector placed three CMVs out of service for defective air brake hoses. Each of the defective hoses had damage extending through the outer reinforcement layer.**



- **7/12 Derby Line POE. An Inspector conducting a level 2 inspection discovered a large crack in the frame of a trailer. The crack was traveling towards the lower flange but did not meet the OOS criteria. The violation was noted.**



- **7/13 Inspectors conducted an unannounced home visit and interview of a Total Abstinence candidate in Cabot.**

- **7/13 Barnet, I-91. An Inspector stopped a two axle CMV transporting a large piece of equipment. The driver of the CMV was placed out of service for no log book.**



- **7/13 Inspector with K9 attended monthly canine in-service in Hyde Park.**



- **7/14 Bradford, US Rte 5. An Inspector stopped and weighed a dump truck transporting dirt. The CMV was found to be 20,000 lbs over the road limit. An inspection was completed and a ticket was issued to the company.**



- **7/14, Wells River, US Rte 5. An Inspector stopped and weighed a dump truck transporting aggregate. The truck was weighed with portable scales was found to be 12,500 lbs overweight. An Inspection was completed. The CMV was placed out of service for a defective axle positioning part on the steer axle. A ticket was issued to the carrier.**



- **7/14 Hyde Park, VT Rte 100. An Inspector stopped three CMVs being operated by a company that was under suspension in Vermont. The company was contacted by DMV, the required paperwork was completed, and the company**

was reinstated. An inspection was completed.



- **7/14 Derby Line Port of Entry. An Inspector responded after hours for a report of a CMV driver being in possession of alcohol. The driver was found to be in possession of a ½ gallon of vodka. An inspection was completed and the driver was ticketed and placed out of service for 24 hours for the violation.**
- **7/15 Operation Blue Lite. While working the covert detail observing a beverage outlet, an Inspector observed an operator of a CDL required boom truck enter the store and exit with a case a beer. A passenger vehicle pulled up and the operator of the CMV placed the case of beer into the passenger vehicle before driving away in the CMV. It was rewarding to see the driver of the CMV make the right decisions. The operator of the passenger vehicle was over 21 years old.**
- **7/16 Ferdinand, VT Rte 105. An Inspector stopped a CMV for a permit check and conducted a portable weigh of a six axle CMV transporting logs. The CMV was found to be 12,200 lbs over its permitted weight limit. A ticket was issued to the company.**



- **7/16 Irasburg, VT Rte 58. Inspectors responded to a crash involving a truck that did not meet the definition of a CMV for inspection. The Inspectors completed the crash report and conducted a Level 7 inspection.**

New Entrant:

- **Ten carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Two audits completed. 3 inspections completed towards annual certifications. 33.75 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **7/13 White River Jct, I-91N, 5 Inspectors and one investigator from FMCSA screened 186 vehicles. They completed 11 inspections resulting in nine vehicle violations and one driver violation. Two vehicles were placed out of service. Two oversize load permits were checked and both CMVs were in compliance.**
- **7/15 Bradford, I-91S, 4 Inspectors screened 71 vehicles. They completed 5 inspections resulting in 17 violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.**



- **7/16 Dorset, US Rte 7S, 4 Inspectors screened 71 trucks. Two Inspectors were part of Operation Safe Driver looking at hours of service and two Inspectors concentrating on size and weight. They completed 5 inspections resulting in 3**

vehicle violations. One vehicle was placed out of service. Eleven excess weight permits were checked having one being fined for exceeding the permit weight.

Crashes:

- **7/12 Inspector responded to I-91 North Weigh Station in Hartford, at the request of VSP, to weigh a truck towing a trailer what had been involved in a 10+ vehicle crash around mile marker 66. It was determined the pickup and trailer were actually a CMV so a post-crash inspection was completed along with weighing the trailer. The trailer was hauling over 8000 lbs of metal pipe with no brakes or emergency brake-away. Both the truck and trailer sustained damage and were placed out of service. The carrier was issued tickets for pre-existing violations.**



- **7/14 Inspector responded to a CMV crash on I-91N near mile marker 66 in Hartford. The driver admitted to looking at his paperwork while driving. The vehicle made contact with the guardrail which blew out the right front tire. The driver was not able to regain control and the vehicle travelled along the guard rail until coming to a stop. The driver was issued civil fines and both the truck and trailer were placed out of service.**



Notables:

- **7/12 Inspector conducted a traffic stop in Mt. Holly on a Ford F550 traulering a small excavator, which weighed more than 10,000 lbs. Neither the truck nor the trailer had valid state inspections with the trailer was not even registered. The operator had a Class B CDL when a Class A CDL was required to operate this truck/trailer combination. Portable scales totaled the gross weight at 21,200 lbs. but the truck was only registered for 10,000 lbs. Several major equipment issues were also discovered. The trailer was grounded and several tickets and warnings were written to the operator and carrier.**



- **7/12 Inspector discovered an overweight gravel truck. The 3-axle dump truck was permitted for 60,000 lbs. and had a gross portable weight of 64,500 lbs. The carrier was issued a warning for being overweight.**



- **7/14 Inspector stopped a 6-axle log truck in Fair Haven. The truck had a valid excess weight permit for 99,000 lbs. The CMV was weighed on portable scales weighing 108,300 lbs. (9,300lbs overweight). The carrier was issued a civil fine for exceeding the permit weight.**



- **7/15 Inspector conducted a level 1 inspection on a tractor trailer hauling an intermodal container at the I-91 Bradford South Bound Rest Area. The vehicle had a total 17 violations, (multiple brakes out of adjustment, a fuel leak, defective tractor protection valve, and an exhaust leak under the sleeper). The vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **7/15 Inspector smoking brakes on a trailer that came into the I-91 Bradford detail. Inspector completed inspected the truck and trailer and put the trailer out of service for multiple violations.**



- **7/16 Inspector discovered an overweight asphalt truck at the Emerald Lake detail. The 4-axle dump truck was permitted to 69,000 lbs. Its gross weight was found to be 75,700 lbs. The carrier was issued a ticket.**



New Entrant:

- **Inspector completed a new entrant safety audit and forwarded to FMCSA. In addition, several carriers had questions regarding US DOT number applicability.**

Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**