## **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (7/12-7/18)**

## **NORTHWEST SECTOR:**

## **Details:**

- 7/14 Leicester, US Rte 7S, 6 Inspectors screened 120 vehicles. They completed 21 inspections which resulted in 20 vehicle and 4 driver violations. Two vehicles and one driver were placed out of service. Half of the inspectors left early to obtain cell service to attend mandatory training remotely.
- 7/16 Williston, I-89S, 5 Inspectors, and the Guard CST Team screened 272 vehicles. They completed 28 inspections which resulted in 34 vehicle and 22 driver violations. Three vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.

#### **Crashes:**

• 7/14 Inspector responded to East Road in Milton for a truck collision. An intrastate delivery truck tried to drive under a railroad bridge and became stuck. This truck was not subject to the FMCSRs.



#### **Notables:**

• 7/13 Inspector inspected an oversize load on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham. The truck was placed out of service as the axle 1 passenger side tire had several locations where inner belt material was exposed.



• 7/14 At the Leicester detail, Inspector placed a trailer out of service as the axle 5 passenger side wheel had multiple cracks in it, including one that was bolt hole to bolt hole.



• 7/14 Inspector inspected a dump truck at the Leicester detail. The inspection revealed a drop axle tire on the loaded truck was flat. The truck was placed out of service for repair.



- 7/15 Inspector conducted motorcycle skills testing for examinations at the Berlin VTrans testing facility.
- 7/15 Inspector stopped an intrastate garbage truck on Mountain View Road in Williston for an inoperable lamp. The driver was placed out of service for not wearing corrective lenses, as required on the driver's license.



• 7/15 Inspector stopped an interstate truck and trailer on US Rte 7 in Charlotte for an inoperable lamp. The driver's log showed off duty all day, when he had actually driven from NJ to VT. The vehicle was placed out of service until loose cargo could be secured. The driver was ticketed and placed out of service.





• 7/16 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed a rearmost turn signal on the trailer was inoperative. The driver repaired the out of service defect and a warning was issued.



• 7/16 Inspector stopped an interstate box truck for failing to stop at the Williston truck detail. The driver was placed out of service for driving without an ELD when one is required.



• 7/16 Inspector placed a trailer out of service as 2 of the brakes were inoperable at the Williston detail.



- 7/16 Inspector followed up on a complaint in Poultney about overweight trucks running from a slate quarry. The Town Manager was aware of the issue and was not concerned about the complaint and advised the road is in good condition and there was no issue.
- 7/16 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer hauling hazardous materials at the Williston detail. The trailer was found to be placarded incorrectly. The trailer was placed out of service until the defect was corrected.



- 7/16 As a tractor trailer approached at the Williston detail, an Inspector's radiological detector activated. The vehicle had no hazardous materials on board. The driver advised he had a nuclear medicine test the day before. The Guard CST team was able to confirm the PRND activation was from a medical source.
- 7/16 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed the driver's commercial license was restricted to Intrastate travel in ME and the truck tractor had a defective brake canister with non-manufactured holes. The driver and the truck tractor were placed out of service. A ticket was issued to the carrier for the brake defect.



• 7/17 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham for an inoperable tail lamp on the trailer. An inspection was conducted, and the carrier was grounded as the carrier was suspended in VT.



• 7/17 Inspector assisted DMV Permit Unit with weighing a permitted CMV which was suspected of possibly being in violation of its permit. The CMV was weighed per their request and found to be in compliance.



• 7/17 Inspector stopped a dump truck on VT Rte 78 in Highgate. The truck was heavily loaded and was driving with the tag axle in the raised position. The driver advised the tag axle was broken and couldn't be lowered. The company had no excess weight permit. The vehicle was weighed and found to 17,000 lbs. overweight. The carrier was ticketed, and the vehicle was offloaded. This is the second mandatory offload for this vehicle in less than a year.



# **Passenger Carrier:**

Nothing to report

#### **NORTHEAST SECTOR:**

#### **Details:**

- 7/17 West Danville, US Rte 2, 4 Inspectors screened 60 vehicles. Two Level 1, eight Level 2, and three Level 3 inspections were completed. Six vehicle violations were discovered. One vehicle was placed out of service.
- 7/19 White River Junction saturation patrol. Operation Blue Lite was conducted during CVSA's Operation Safe Driver Week. The focus of the detail was CMV operators purchasing alcohol at White River Junction Area stores. Two unmarked units posted outside the stores and two marked unit were off site maintaining a low profile. One Level 2 and one Level 3 inspections were completed. Four vehicle and three driver violations were discovered. One driver was placed out of service.
- 7/20 Derby Line Port of Entry, I-91, 4 Inspectors screened 100 vehicles. Two Level 1, six Level 2, and two Level 3 inspections were completed. Six vehicle and two driver violations were discovered. One driver was placed out of service.

## **Crashes:**

• 7/14 Inspector responded to Stage Coach Road in Morrisville to assist Morrisville PD at a reportable crash. A passenger vehicle struck the rear of a fuel oil delivery truck that was waiting to enter the roadway. A Level 2 inspection was completed. No pre-existing defects were discovered.



• 7/16 Inspector responded to Morrisville to assist Morrisville PD at a reportable crash. The CMV, a four axle milk truck, left the roadway and rolled after the driver fell asleep. A Level 2 inspection was completed and the CMV was towed from the scene.



## **Notables:**

- 7/15 Inspector conducted a speed enforcement patrol on I91 SB in Hartford as part of Operation Safe Driver. Three Level 3 inspections were completed.
- 7/16 Inspector conducted a TACT stop of a passenger vehicle on I91 SB in Hartford for operating in an unsafe maneuver around a tractor trailer.
- 7/19 Operation Blue Lite- An Inspector observed a CMV parked at a beverage center and the operator exit with two 30 packs of beer and place the beer into the CMV. The Inspector observed a traffic violation and conducted a stop and

inspection of the CMV. The driver was placed out of service for 24 hours and issued a ticket. The carrier was also noted for failure to register with US DOT prior to conducting interstate operations. No impairment was detected.



• 7/17 Inspector observed a CMV travelling northbound missing a hub and wheel assembly on I-91 at the Derby Line Port of Entry. An inspection was conducted to verify that the assembly had been properly removed, which it was.



• K9 and Inspector conducted screening of CMVs for narcotics at the Derby Line Port of Entry northbound. No narcotics were discovered.



 7/17 Inspector conducting a Level 3 inspection of a northbound CMV at the Derby Line Port of Entry discovered a bottle of alcohol the driver had purchased in NH. The driver was placed out of service for 24 hours and issued a ticket.



## **New Entrant:**

 Two carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. One audit completed and uploaded. On-line TEAMS Fair & Impartial training completed. 10.25 Hours.

# **Passenger Vehicles:**

• No activity reported.

## **SOUTH SECTOR:**

#### **Details:**

- 7/15 Bennington, VT Rte 279, 2 Inspectors screened 52 CMVs, weighed 30 vehicles, and checked 5 permits. They completed 7 inspections resulting in 8 violations. Three CMVs and one driver were placed out of service.
- 7/16 Springfield, I-91N, 3 Inspectors screened 309 CMVs and checked 2 permits. They completed 11 inspections resulting in 18 violations. Four vehicles were placed out of service.

#### **Crashes:**

Nothing to report.

## **Notables:**

 7/15 Inspector discovered this loose universal joint during an inspection at the VT Rte 279 Weigh Station. The vehicle was placed out of service and repairs were made on site.



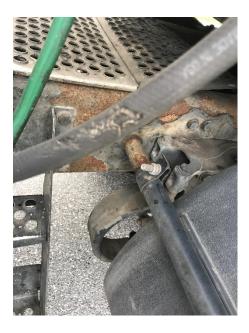
 7/15 Inspector discovered cracks in this leaf spring assembly during a level two inspection at the VT Rte 279 Weigh Station.



• 7/15 Inspector Cuttita this defective web strap during an inspection at the VT Rte 279 Weigh Station. The driver was educated on cargo securement regulations, replaced the strap, and continued the trip.



• 7/15 Inspector discovered a false log during a level two inspection at the VT Rte 279 Weigh Station. The driver was misusing personal conveyance and had driven hundreds of miles while off duty. The driver was placed out of service. Additionally, the vehicle was placed out of service for chaffed air lines.



• 7/16 Inspector observed an active fuel leak while completing a level I inspection at the Springfield detail. The truck was placed out of service for the fuel leak.



• Inspector assisted VSP Westminster with a disabled tractor trailer on VT Rte 9 in Marlboro.

# **New Entrant:**

• Three offsite Safety Audits were completed, 1 carrier was changed to intrastate and 1 carrier was inactivated. Three carriers submitted paperwork for safety audits.