

COMMERICAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (7/31-8/6)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 8/2 Colchester NB, I-89, 6 Inspectors and one trooper screened 523 vehicles. They completed 30 inspections which resulted in 44 vehicle and 6 driver violations. Five drivers and seven vehicles were placed out of service.
- 8/5 Ira WB, US Rte 4, 4 Inspectors screened 94 vehicles. They completed 9 inspections which resulted in 29 vehicle and 2 driver violations. One driver and two vehicles were placed out of service. One inspector spent most of the day at a post-crash inspection, not at the detail site.

Crashes:

- 8/4 Inspector responded to VT Rte. 17 in Waitsfield for a CMV collision. A pickup truck towing a large trailer loaded with freight (including 8 pallets of concrete powder) went off the right side of the roadway. The vehicle broke through guardrails and went down an embankment. This is a Class A vehicle but the driver only had an A permit. His co-driver, who has a valid Class A, was asleep in the sleeper berth at the time of the crash and was injured. The driver failed to navigate the steep road's sharp curves. The trailer brakes were inoperable. Alcohol was also found in the cab and beer cans at the scene. The driver, truck, and trailer were placed out of service.



- 8/5 Inspector responded to a CMV crash in Benson on VT Rte. 22A. Investigation revealed a 2 axle box truck left the right side of the roadway and overcorrected coming back onto the road, slid across and off the other side into a maple tree. The driver was transported to the hospital with fractured vertebrae, head laceration and a

concussion. An inspection was conducted, and all violations were due to the crash damage.



Notables:

- 8/1 Inspector stopped this 6 axle log truck traveling west on US Rte. 4 for a suspected overweight violation. A platform weigh found the vehicle to be 109,640 lbs., 10,640 lbs. in excess of the 99K permit. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.



- 8/1 Inspector stopped an intrastate truck and trailer on I89 in Colchester for an expired state inspection. This was a Class A CDL required vehicle and the driver had a Class B license. The driver was placed out of service. The trailer was placed out of service for an inoperable rear turn signal and an improper breakaway connection.



- 8/1 Inspector stopped an interstate tractor trailer on I89 in Williston that was displaying one oversized load sign. The vehicle was not oversized. The driver had forgotten to connect the trailer electrical and air lines after making his delivery. The trailer was placed out of service until the lines were connected.



- 8/2 Inspector inspected an interstate truck at the Colchester detail. The vehicle was placed out of service for a defective parking brake.



- 8/2 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The driver was placed out of service for having no record of duty status.



- 8/2 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire.



- 8/2 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a tire that was leaking air from a screw in the tread. The truck tractor was placed out of service as the emergency glad hand hose had several bulges.



- 8/3 Inspector inspected a pick-up truck towing a trailer in Orwell. The driver's FL license was expired. The trailer registration was expired. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours for having no record of duty status. The trailer was placed out of service as the driver's side rear turn signal was inoperable. The truck was placed out of service for having no operating authority which was required as cargo was being hauled to FL.



- 8/3 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Orwell. The truck tractor was placed out of service as there were loose blown tire fragments unsecured on the passenger side saddle tank. The fragments had sharp exposed belt material with no means preventing them from falling onto the highway.



Passenger Carrier:

- Nothing to report.

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 8/2 Randolph Rest Area, I-89S, 5 Inspectors screened 238 vehicles. Twenty-two inspections were completed. Thirty-five vehicle (seven out of service) and eight driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.
- 8/4 West Danville pull off, US Rte 2, 8-hour detail. Three Inspectors screened 69 vehicles. Eight inspections were completed. Thirteen vehicle and five driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.

Crashes:

- No activity reported.

Notables:

- 8/2 Randolph detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection placed the two axle CMV out of service for an inoperable emergency brake.
- 8/2 Randolph detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a CMV transporting an intermodal container placed the trailer out of service for an improperly secured container and a defective air brake hose.



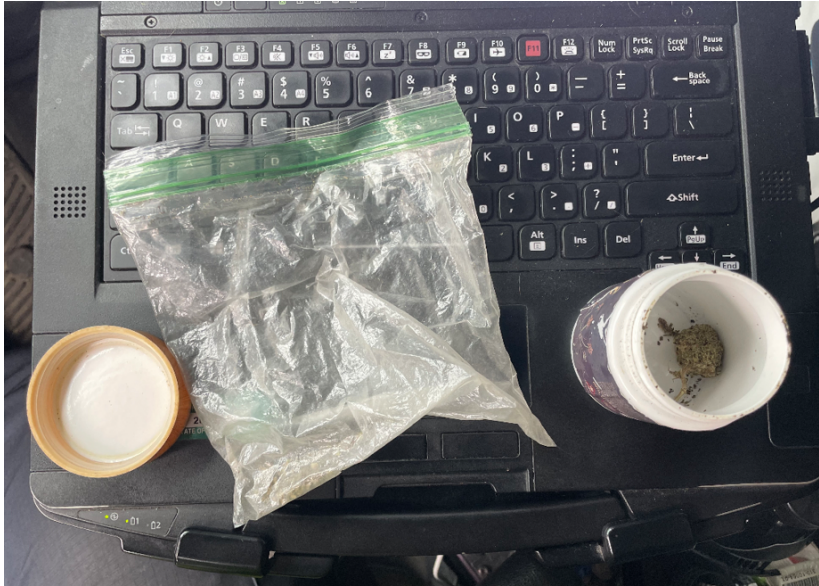
- 8/2 Randolph detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a five axle CMV placed the truck tractor out of service for a defective air brake hose.



- 8/2 Randolph detail. An Inspector conducting a level 2 inspection discovered a tire with only 15psi (rated for 120psi). The CMV was placed out of service.
- 8/2 Randolph detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection discovered fuel leaking from the passenger side fuel tank. The CMV was placed out of service.



- 8/2 Randolph detail. An Inspector placed the driver of a five-axle CMV out of service for having a suspended (administrative) driver's license. The CMV was placed out of service for a severed air brake supply hose to the trailer.
- 8/2 Randolph detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a two-axle CMV issued the passenger a ticket for possession of marijuana in an open container.



- 8/2 Randolph detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a CMV detected an audible air leak emanating from a brake chamber upon application of the service brake. The leak was a result of a defective diaphragm. A video of the violation can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/shorts/YFp7_HYMg6o
- 8/3 Barre. An Inspector stopped and weighed a CMV transporting a granite block. The CMV was found to be 9,000 lbs over the legal weight limit. An inspection was conducted and a ticket was issued.
- 8/3 Sharon, I-89. An Inspector set up in a covert elevated position to observe CMV drivers using cell phone devices. Two violations were observed. Two Level 3 inspections were completed and tickets were issued.



- 8/4 Montpelier. Inspectors, with K9s, assisted with an execution of a multi-agency search warrant for narcotics, guns, and cash. Two suspects were arrested for intent to distribute cocaine.
- 8/4 West Danville detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection placed the driver out of service for not having a record of hours of service and grounded the trailer, which was not inspected. A ticket was issued.
- 8/4 West Danville detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a CMV transporting a large piece of equipment placed the trailer out of service for improper load securement- inadequate number of tiedown devices. The driver was provided guidance on load securement.



- 8/5 White River Junction, I-91. An Inspector conducting a Level 3 inspection placed the driver of a CMV out of service for operating with a license under civil suspension.
- 8/5 Coventry, I-91. An Inspector on patrol observed a CMV with a flat tire. An Inspection was completed and the CMV was placed out of service.

New Entrant:

- Ten carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Six audits completed. 36.25 hours.

Passenger Vehicles:

- No activity reported.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 8/2 Bennington, VT Rte 279, 6 Inspectors screened 220 vehicles. They checked 2 OS/OW permits. They completed 2 Level 1, 14 Level 2, (1 Level 2 Hazmat) and 1 Level 3 inspection resulting in 33 vehicle violations and 1 driver violation. Six vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.



- 8/5 Hartford, I-91, 5 Inspectors screened 210 vehicles. They completed 10 Level 2 inspections. This resulted in 9 vehicle violations and no out of service violations.



Crashes:

- 8/3 Inspectors responded to a crash on I89 in the Town of Randolph involving a CMV that was rear ended by a passenger car. The CMV was part of a maintenance crew repainting lines on the highway and was equipped with a rear impact device. Nobody was injured in the collision. The crash occurred in an active work zone, so the CMV was exempt from federal regulations.



Notables:

- 8/1 Inspector stopped to check on a disabled motorist on I89. The driver had punctured her tire and didn't know how to change it. Inspector changed out the tire.



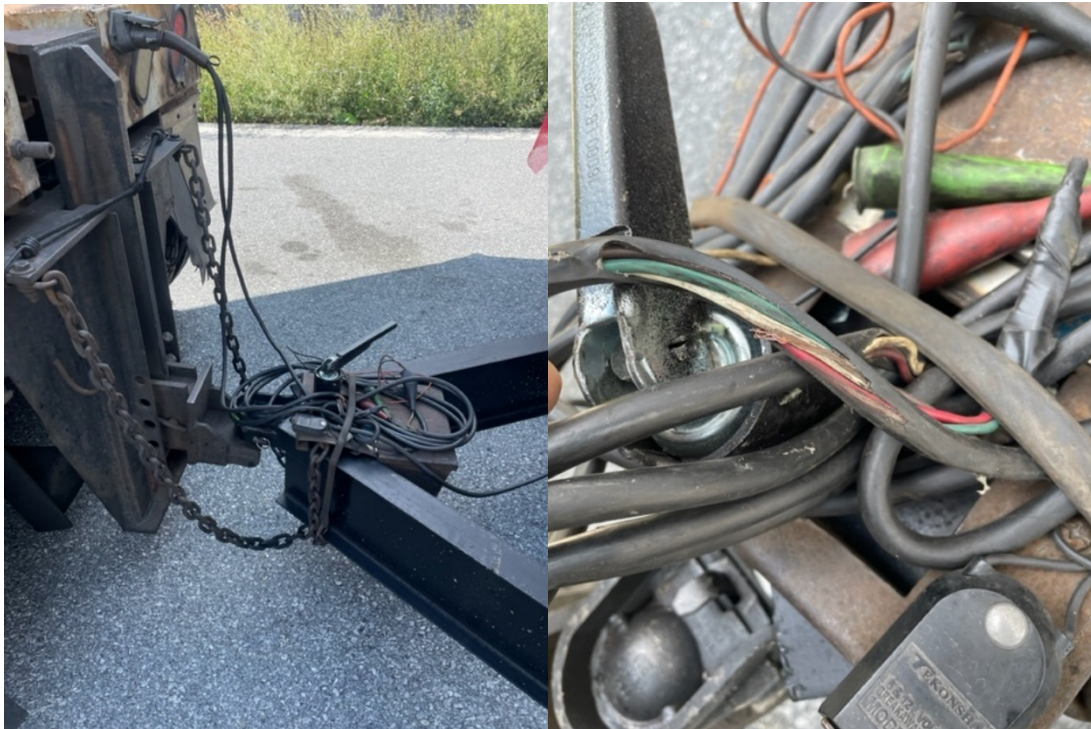
- 8/2 Inspector placed a mobile home trailer out of service at the VT Rte 279 detail for tire defects. The trailer had a flat tire and bald tire that exceeded the out of service criteria. A Level 2 inspection was completed. The driver and carrier were given warnings for the OOS violations. Violations were fixed at the scene.



- 8/2 Inspector discovered a flat tire during an inspection at the VT Rte 279 detail. The CMV was placed out of service and repaired on site.



- 8/2 Inspector observed electrical brake lines dragging on the ground as an oversize load entered the Bennington Detail. The Inspector completed a level 1 inspection and found multiple chaffed electrical wires. None of the trailer brakes were operable, and there was no emergency brake away cable. The combination was placed out of service until repairs could be made.





- 8/2 Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a drive by CMV at the Bennington detail. The driver was placed out of service for no medical card with a previous warning for no medical card. The CMV also failed to display the company name on either side of the truck.



- 8/2 Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a second drive by CMV at the Bennington detail. While conducting the inspection she detected an odor of marijuana. She called for another Inspector and completed a consent search of the vehicle. Several

grams of marijuana were in the passenger's backpack. Although the CMV met the criteria for inspection it was a non-CDL required vehicle.



- 8/2 Inspector discovered a missing bearing hub cap allowing an open view into the hub assembly during a level 1 inspection at the Bennington detail and placed the trailer out of service until the cap could be replaced.



- 8/4 Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a CMV that was traveling down I89 with its back slider door open. The truck contained several tools, unsecured ladders, and lumber that had all shifted. The driver advised that he left it open to clear the dust out. The driver was educated on regulations involving securement in the event of a collision, shifting loads and the safety of motorcyclists and debris. The CMV did not meet the requirements for inspection. The door was closed, and the driver continued his trip.



- 8/5 Inspector located a flat tire on the trailer during an inspection at the WRJ detail. The trailer was placed out of service until it was repaired on scene.

