

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (7/5-7/11)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- **7/7 Colchester, I-89N, 5 Inspectors, one DMV investigator, one VSP Trooper, and the Guard CST Team screened 498 vehicles. They completed 35 inspections which resulted in 78 vehicle and 11 driver violations. Twelve vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.**
- **7/9 Clarendon, US Rte 7S, 3 Inspectors screened 147 vehicles. They completed 13 inspections which resulted in 24 vehicle and 4 driver violations. Four vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.**



- **7/9 Ira, US Rte 4W, 3 Inspectors screened 173 vehicles. They completed 6 inspections which resulted in six vehicle and four driver violations. One driver and one vehicle were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **7/6 Inspector responded to VT Rte 103 in Clarendon for a SUV vs. tractor trailer head on crash. Investigation revealed that the SUV crossed the center line and impacted the tractor trailer in the left front wheel. The operate of the SUV was transported to Rutland Regional Medical Center, and then air lifted to UVM for life threatening injuries. A level 1 inspection revealed several violations, all resulting from the crash.**



Notables:

- **7/7 Inspector placed a vehicle out of service for failure to placard all hazardous materials in transport at the Colchester detail.**



- **7/7 Inspector placed the tractor out of service for inoperative brakes on the front axle, and the trailer was placed out of service for inoperable stop lamps and turn lamps at the Colchester detail.**



- **7/7 Inspector inspected this truck as the load was improperly distributed in the vehicle causing a distinct listing to the right side at the Colchester detail. The driver was placed out of service for false logs.**



- **7/7 Inspector inspected an interstate truck that came into the detail dragging its toolbox and straps at the Colchester detail. The vehicle was placed out of service until the vehicle equipment was secured.**



- **7/7 Inspector inspected an interstate truck at the Colchester detail. It was placed out of service for having more than 20% of its brakes out of adjustment.**



- **7/8 Inspector stopped a truck and trailer with an expired state inspection on US Rte 7 in Colchester. The driver was placed out of service for operating a Class A vehicle with a Class D license. The trailer was placed out of service for an inoperable parking brake. There were numerous other violations and the carrier was ticketed.**



- **7/9 Inspector inspected a truck contracted by Amazon at the Ira detail. The truck was not marked with the company name or USDOT #. The company operating the truck did not have operating authority. The driver attempted to drive by the truck inspection area and was found to be only 20 years old. The vehicle and driver were placed out of service.**



- **7/9 Inspector inspected an interstate dump truck at the Clarendon detail. The driver was placed out of service for failing to wear corrective lenses, as required on his medical card. The vehicle was placed out of service for more than 20% of the brakes out of adjustment and failing to have a low air warning light or buzzer. The carrier was ticketed. After the inspection was complete this vehicle started on fire when the driver attempted to move the vehicle for the mechanic to work on it. The fire was extinguished by inspectors on scene.**



- **7/9 Inspector inspected an intrastate truck and trailer at the Clarendon detail. There were chains loose on the flatbed trailer. The vehicle was placed out of service until the chains were secured.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **7/7 Lyndon Rest Area, I-91, 4 Inspectors and an Auditor screened 110 vehicles. Thirteen Level 1 (three hazardous materials), six Level 2, and four Level 3 inspections were completed. Sixteen vehicle (three out of service) and seven driver violations were discovered.**

- **7/9 Derby Line Port of Entry, I-91S, 4 Inspectors screened 190 vehicles. Eleven Level 2 and six Level 3 inspections were completed. Three vehicle and two driver violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **None reported.**

Notables:

- **7/7 Inspector conducting an inspection on a six axle CMV discovered these loose chains and binders on the deck of an empty lowboy trailer at the Lyndon detail. The out of service defect was corrected on scene by the driver, who was advised of the regulations regarding loose items on a trailer deck and the danger those items pose on the highway.**



- **7/7 Inspector discovered a defective leaf assembly while conducting a level 1 inspection at the Lyndon detail. The CMV was placed out of service.**



- **7/8 Inspector stopped the operator of a tractor trailer for failure to maintain his lane. A level 3 inspection was conducted on I89 SB in Hartford.**



- **7/8 Inspector stopped and weighed a six axle CMV transporting wood chips on I-91 in Ryegate. The CMV was found to be 7,100 lbs over road limit. A ticket was issued to the company. During the inspection a defective axle positioning part (cracked hangar) was discovered.**



- **7/9 Inspector located a defective emergency air hose while conducting a level 2 inspection at the Derby POE.**



- **7/9 Inspector located an out of service emergency air hose while conducting a level 2 inspection at the Derby POE.**

New Entrant:

- **One carrier contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. One audit completed and uploaded. Seven Level 1 inspections (three hazardous materials) completed at the Lyndon detail. 15.5 Hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **7/6 Bridgewater, US Rte 4, 4 Inspectors screened 68 vehicles. They completed 11 level 1 inspections (2 hazmat) and 3 level 2 inspections (1 hazmat). Five driver and 11 vehicle violations were found. Seven vehicles were placed out of service.**



- **7/9 Springfield, I-91N, 4 Inspectors screened 263 trucks. Fourteen level 1 inspections (1 hazmat) and 3 level 2 inspections (1 hazmat) were completed. Twelve vehicle violations were found. Four vehicles were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **7/5 Inspector responded to assist Fair Haven PD with a tractor trailer leaking fuel at the Mac's Market/Citgo truck stop on VT Rte 22A. The operator had stopped to fuel the truck however the cross over line had been disconnected from the left saddle tank. Once the tank had more than 10 gallons of fuel in it that tank, fuel started leaking out two unplugged half inch holes. During the inspection I noticed somebody had handwritten on the tank that it was bad and not to fill it. The driver admitted to seeing the message but ignored it. A level 2 inspection was completed and the vehicle was placed out of service. Fair Haven Fire Department assisted with the clean-up.**



- **7/6 Inspector responded to a dump truck rollover on I-91 NB in Rockingham. The truck was traveling north with a load of stone when the driver reported having to swerve to the right to avoid being struck by a passing passenger car. During this maneuver, the dump truck wheels left the Interstate causing the driver to lose control. The dump truck traveled across both lanes and through the guardrail rolling over. The entire load was lost and the truck destroyed. The driver was transported to the hospital with an arm injury. The passenger car involved has not yet been identified.**



- **7/9 Inspector responded to a tractor trailer roll over on Pond Rd in Vernon. The driver was uninjured. The trailer was empty at the time of the crash. An inspection was performed, and no pre-existing defects were discovered. Investigation revealed that the crash was caused operator inattention.**



Notables:

- **7/6 Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on a tractor trailer hauling pallets of stone at the Bridgewater WIMS Detail. The upper fifth wheel coupler had multiple broken, loose, or missing bolts. Additionally, the trailer had no functioning brake lights and inadequate load securement. There were also numerous hours of service violations. The vehicle was placed out of service and the driver was educated on cargo securement requirements.**
- **7/7 Inspector was monitoring south bound traffic on I89 in the Town of Randolph. A vehicle was clocked at 96 MPH passing a CMV placarded for Explosives. When the Inspector pulled out of the U-turn and activated his blue lights the vehicle accelerated. The Inspector lost sight of the vehicle and discontinued. Several minutes later a VSP Trooper located an individual walking on the north bound side of the Interstate. Investigation revealed the operator had crashed and disabled his vehicle attempting to take a U-turn at high speed. The operator initially stated he hit a deer but later admitted to attempting to elude the Inspector and was issued a criminal citation.**



- **7/5-7/11 Inspector coordinated with AOT for inspection location improvements for pull-offs on a couple of state highways as part of a planned project.**
- **7/5-7/11 Inspector assisted other law enforcement agencies with thermal printer set-up for the E-ticket program.**

Safety Audits:

- **7/5-7/11 Inspectors completed three New Entrant Safety Audits, and continued working on seven additional audits, reviewing carrier's submitted documentation and requesting additional documentation. Responded to several carriers regarding corrective action plan matters.**

Passenger Carrier:

- **None reported.**