

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (8/1-8/7)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- **8/3 Fair Haven Scale House, US Rte 4, 7 Inspectors screened 136 vehicles. They completed 24 inspections which resulted in 35 vehicle and 12 driver violations. Five vehicles and three drivers were placed out of service.**
- **8/5 Williston SB RA, I-89, 5 Inspectors screened 169 vehicles. They completed 22 inspections which resulted in 21 vehicle and 2 driver violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **8/4 Inspector responded to the report of a tractor trailer versus passenger car crash on I89 in Colchester. Upon arrival, no persons were injured however the passenger car received disabling damage. The investigation revealed traffic was merging into one lane due to roadwork and the driver of the commercial truck was following too closely and struck the passenger car. Dashboard camera footage was obtained. A post-crash inspection was conducted, and a driver infraction was cited for following too closely.**



- **8/4 Inspector was called to respond to a fatal crash on VT Rte 105 in Sheldon where a motorcyclist had collided with a farm truck. Investigation revealed that the farm truck had been pulling out of the field when the motorcycle collided with the right rear of the farm vehicle. VSP crash reconstruction put the motorcycle speed at approximately 77 mph prior to the impact. As this vehicle was a covered farm vehicle a Level 7 inspection was conducted, and equipment violations were discovered. None of the equipment violations were causal factors to this crash.**



- **8/7 Inspector responded to US Rte 7 and Swift Street in South Burlington for a trailer and excavator roll over. A dump truck was towing a trailer loaded with an excavator from Swift Street turning north onto US Rte 7. As the vehicle was turning, the pintle hook failed, the trailer disconnected and rolled over. The safety chains did prevent the trailer from any further movement, however the roadway had partial shutdown for several hours. This was a private move, so a Level VII inspection was completed. After the vehicle was removed, some minor road repairs were made prior to opening the entire north bound roadway.**



Notables:

- **8/2 Inspector a tractor trailer on VT Rte 22a in Orwell for speeding. An inspection was conducted, and the truck tractor was placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **8/2 Inspector stopped an oversize load on I89 in Williston for a load securement violation. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service until the load was properly secured.**



- **8/2 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham for an equipment violation. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for having no operable brake lamps.**



- **8/3 Inspector stopped a truck and trailer on VT Rte 22a for speeding. An inspection was conducted, and the truck was placed out of service as the passenger side steer axle tire was flat. The trailer was placed out of service as the rear passenger side turn signal was inoperable. The driver was placed out of service as he was operating a CDL required combination and had a class D license.**



- **8/3 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven Detail. The inspection revealed a tire was flat on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service for repair.**
- **8/3 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven Scale House. The CMV was placed out of service for defective brakes and for failing the air loss test. The driver was placed out of service for a false log.**



- **8/3 Inspector inspected an interstate truck at the Fair Haven detail. The carrier was found to be under suspension in VT. The vehicle was grounded until the carrier was reinstated.**



- **8/3 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer. The driver had improperly self-certified that he worked in an exempt capacity. He had no med card with him or on file. He was placed out of service.**



- **8/4 Inspector stopped a small dump truck on VT Rte 22a for speeding. An inspection was conducted, and the truck was placed out of service for a defective steer axle tire. The tire was deficient of tread.**



- **8/5 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for inspection at the I89 Williston south bound rest area. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **8/5 Inspector inspected a dump truck at the Williston SB rest area. The inspection revealed the 4-axle dump truck weighed over 67,000 pounds and the company did not have an overweight permit. After the portable weigh an inspection was conducted. The company was ticketed for the infraction.**



- **8/6 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for a load securement violation. The driver failed to secure an excavator properly on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service until the driver remedied the defect.**



- **8/6 Inspectors responded to the Highgate POE to assist with traffic backups due to the work strike by Canadian Border Services Agency officials. Inspector coordinated with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Vermont State police and the VTrans to mitigate traffic congestion and hazards.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **8/3 West Danville, US Rte 2. Three inspectors screened 63 vehicles. Eight inspections were completed. Fourteen vehicle violations (two out of service) were discovered.**
- **8/5 Waterford Welcome Center, I-93. Four Inspectors screened 115 vehicles. Nine inspections were completed. Twenty-two vehicle (five out of service) and two driver violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **8/5 Barton. Inspector responded to a single CMV crash on Roaring Brook Road in Barton to assist VSP-Derby. The CMV, a four-axle milk truck, went off the road and rolled onto its side. A Level 1 inspection was completed. The cause of the crash was the driver fell asleep. A ticket was issued to the driver.**



Notables:

- **8/2 Island Pond, VT Rte 105. An Inspector stopped and weighed a six-axle chip truck. The CMV was found to be 5,000 lbs over permitted limits. An inspection was completed and a ticket was issued to the company.**



- **8/3 West Danville, US Rte 2. An Inspector inspected and placed a six-axle CMV transporting a large piece of equipment out of service for improper load securement- not enough chains. The driver was provided guidance and the CMV was back in service once the additional chain was added.**



- **8/4 White River Jct, I-91 S. An Inspector stopped a CMV for speeding. A Level 1 inspection was completed.**



- **8/4 Inspectors provided aid to a male that had fallen on the ground and sustained a head injury while at the Hartford SB rest area. Inspectors were able to dispatch an ambulance, assess the patient, and provide first aid prior to the ambulance's arrival.**
- **8/5 Waterford detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a four-axle cement truck discovered loose bolts securing the leaf spring hanger. There was no evidence of axle shift so the CMV was not placed out of service.**



- **8/6 Inspector responded to the area of the Derby Line Port of Entry to monitor any traffic related issues caused by Canadian Border Security Agency strike. Traffic continued to flow and no significant backups were reported.**

New Entrant:

- **Twelve carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. one audit completed. 25 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **8/3 Vernon, I-91 SB, 4 Inspectors screened 168 vehicles. They completed 10 inspections resulting in 7 vehicle violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.**



- **8/5 Bradford, I-91 SB, 4 Inspectors screened 103 vehicles. They completed 14 inspections resulting in 19 vehicle violations and 2 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service.**



Crashes:

- **8/7 Inspector responded to a single vehicle CMV that overturned on VT Rte 100 in Waterbury. No injuries were reported, but the vehicle did sustain disabling damage. The vehicle was recovered and the inspection will be completed on 8/9.**



Notables:

- **8/2 & 8/6 Inspector patrolled VT Rte. 100 in South Londonderry after complaints of speeding dump trucks. Two dump trucks were stopped with very large, heaping loads of bark mulch. Both CMV's were weighed and found to be within their permitted weights and traveling below the posted speed limit.**
- **8/2 While conducting a Level 1 inspection in Hartford, Inspector discovered chaffed exposed wiring at the pigtail adjacent to a bulging emergency air line at the trailer glad hand. The CMV was placed out of service until a repair could be made.**



- **8/2 While conducting a Level 1 inspection in Hartford, Inspector discovered a crack in a welded section of a frame (cross member) on a semi-trailer.**



- **8/2 While conducting a Level 1 inspection in Hartford, Inspector discovered brakes out of adjustment, paired with several other brake violations resulted in the CMV being put out of service (20% rule).**



- **8/3 While conducting a Level 1 inspection at the detail in Vernon, Inspector discovered multiple cracks in the body of a frameless dump trailer during an inspection at the Vernon detail on I91 S. The condition did not meet the out of service criteria but was documented as a violation.**



- **8/3 While at the Vernon detail, Inspector inspected a CMV and discovered the front bumper was contacting the steering tire. The vehicle was placed out of service and repairs were made on site.**



- **8/3 While conducting a Level 1 inspection at the Vernon detail, Inspector discovered a section of bent and missing cross members on a semi-trailer.**



- **8/3 While conducting a Level 1 inspection at the Vernon detail, Inspector discovered a cracked support for a rear impact guard.**



- **8/4 Inspector stopped an oversized load on I91 in White River Junction. The vehicle had proper signs and flags but did not have a permit. The carrier was forced permitted and issued a ticket.**



- **8/4 During a Level 1 with Inspector Armstrong discovered an operator whose license had been downgraded by NH DMV. Due to multiple violations the operator, truck and trailer were ultimately put out of service.**



- **8/04 During a supervised Level-1 with Inspector discovered a drive tire with a section of tread that was worn to the point it was unmeasurable. The CMV was put out of service.**



- **8/4 During a Level 1 with Inspector discovered multiple structural and load securement concerns with a woodchip trailer. Empty at the time of the inspection, it had large holes in the floorboards, compromised/rusted cross members, holes in the side of the cargo area that perforated through the sidewall and significantly deteriorated lower frame rails. The driver was asked to have a conversation with the carrier, it was strongly suggested that the trailer not be fixed.**





- **8/4 During a Level 1 with Inspector discovered several brakes out of adjustment and one brake pad that was worn less than 1/4" supporting the above pictured trailer out of service. An adjacent brake pad was found to have a loose/cracked section.**



- **8/4 During a Level 1, Inspector discovered a sliding suspension system on a trailer and put it out of service for a locking pin hole that measured more than 1 inch larger than its original size. It had been previously welded but, the weld**

had worn.



- 8/4 During a Level 1 with Inspector discovered an unsecure fuel tank being held in place with a ratchet strap. The CMV was placed out of service.



- **8/5 During a Level 1 at the Bradford detail with Inspector discovered that 2 of 5 axles contained no measurable amount of lubricant in either hub. The trailer was placed out of service until the defect could be repaired.**



- **8/5 Inspector conducted a Level 1 inspection at the Bradford Detail on a CMV hauling a small automobile. During the inspection the Inspector discovered single load tire with metal and cord showing with a tread depth below 1/32". The trailer was placed out of service.**



- **8/5 While working at the Bradford detail, Inspector discovered a rear lift gate with a compromised structure due to significant rust and corrosion. This did not meet the qualifications of an out of service but was listed as a violation.**



- **8/6 Inspector assisted the Bennington County Sherriff's Department and the VT DMV Permit Unit with a carrier who was being questioned on a super load permit request. The Inspector discovered the CMV was within its permitted weight and size dimensions.**



- **8/6 During a Level 1 with Inspector discovered false logs where an operator was utilizing “sleeper berth” time during a 10-hour rest period to travel over 100 miles before properly changing his duty status to “driving.” Multiple defects were found which resulted in the operator, truck tractor and trailer being placed out of service.**
- **8/6 During a Level 1, Inspector discovered a flat exterior tire and the interior tire had a 6” significant sidewall gouge with ply material exposed. The trailer was placed out of service for the two stand-alone tire violations.**



- **8/6 During a Level 1 with Inspector discovered an active inner wheel seal oil leak that was evidenced by the wet contamination of the brake friction surface. The CMV was placed out of service.**
- **8/6 During a Level 1 with Inspector discovered a chaffed/ exposed bare wired electrical line 2' from the pigtail. The CMV was placed out of service.**



- **8/6-8/7 Inspectors assist with traffic during the Canadian Border Services Agency strike.**



New Entrant:

- **Nothing to report.**

Passenger Vehicle:

- **Nothing to report.**