

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (8/16-8/22)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- **8/18 Highgate Springs POE, I-89, 4 Inspectors screened 66 vehicles. They completed 22 inspections which resulted in 26 vehicle and 2 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service.**
- **8/20 Williston SB RA, I-89, 4 Inspectors & 1 VSP trooper screened 415 vehicles. They completed 19 inspections which resulted in 23 vehicle and 3 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **8/21 Inspectors responded to a single vehicle CMV crash on Old Stage Road in Essex. VSP dispatch reported the crash involved a dump truck vs pedestrian. Upon arrival, Inspectors learned a loaded dump truck struck a construction worker while operating in reverse at low speed. The construction worker was run over by the passenger side rear wheels sustaining significant injuries to his legs. A portable weigh revealed the loaded tri-axle dump truck weighed 68500 pounds. Crash occurred during daylight hours with cloud cover. Driver of the dump truck advised he did not see the worker when operating in reverse while in the construction area. A level 1 inspection was conducted. Inspection revealed the reverse lamp was inoperative and the reverse audible warning was inoperative. The company was ticketed for the dump truck not being registered and not possessing either a federal or state equivalent safety inspection. Driver inattention and a defective reverse audible horn contributed to the crash.**



Notables:

- **8/17 Inspector responded to the West Berkshire port of entry for a tractor trailer driver in possession of marijuana. An inspection was conducted, and the driver was ticketed and placed out of service for 24 hrs.**



- **8/18 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Highgate detail. Numerous bolts in the spring hanger were missing or loose. The vehicle also had a wheel seal leak that contaminated the brake linings. The vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **8/18 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Highgate POE detail. The inspection revealed the rearmost stop lamps on the trailer were inoperative. The trailer was placed out of service.**



- **8/18 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Highgate POE detail. The inspection revealed the trailer was not inspected and two tire had significant defects. A portable weigh revealed the tractor trailer was 9000 pounds overweight. The trailer was placed out of service and tickets were issued.**



- **8/19 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for speeding on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham. An inspection was conducted, and the truck tractor was placed out of service for an air hose with a hole in it and leaking air. The driver was placed out of service for not being properly medically certified.**



- **8/19 Inspector stopped a single axle dump truck hauling a flatbed trailer as the trailer's registration was expired. A subsequent inspection revealed the driver**

did not have a CDL license which was required for the combination. Additionally, the trailer's breakaway device, a hub, and tire were defective constituting out of service defects. The driver and the trailer were placed out of service. Tickets were issued.



- 8/19 Inspector conducted traffic enforcement on I89 in the Chittenden County Corridor. Two passenger car operators were ticketed for traveling 90+ miles an hour. Of interest, a third operator was detected operating 118 miles an hour northbound through Colchester. The Inspector was unable to catch up to the offender. A radio intercept was requested but unsuccessful.
- 8/20 Inspector inspected an oversized load at the Williston southbound detail. The load was operating without a proper permit and without a required escort vehicle. The width of the precast concrete object was 13'5" inches wide. The tractor trailer was grounded until the proper permit was obtained an escort vehicle arrived. A ticket was issued to the carrier.



- 8/20 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston southbound detail. The inspection revealed the truck tractor had a leaking wheel seal contaminating the brake components. The truck tractor was placed out of service for repair.



- **8/20 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **8/20 Inspector inspected an interstate livestock hauler that failed to have a VT Ag dealer license at the Williston detail. The state veterinarian was contacted and will follow up on the information that was collected.**



- **8/20 While working at the Williston SB detail Inspector discovered a two-axle truck that had one brake out of adjustment, which was an out of service violation on four brakes. It was discovered that this vehicle, has a history of OOS brake conditions.**

- **8/21 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer in Shoreham for speeding. An inspection was conducted, and the driver was placed out of service for an active 14-hour violation.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **8/19 Derby Line and Norton Ports of Entry. Three Inspectors conducted 13 inspections. Four vehicle and one driver violations were discovered.**
- **8/20 I-91SB Bradford Rest Area. Four inspectors screened 110 vehicles. Sixteen inspections were completed. Twenty vehicle and nine driver violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **None reported.**

Notables:

- **8/19 Inspector stopped a passenger vehicle in Derby Line for a moving violation. The operator was found to be operating under suspension criminally. A citation was issued to the driver.**
- **8/20 Bradford detail. An Inspector placed a driver out of service for a false log. The driver advised that he had been off duty for a week but a review of paperwork in the cab revealed the driver had worked three other days.**
- **8/20 Bradford detail. An Inspector discovered two defective brake hoses on a four-axle dump truck. One brake hose was damaged and would bulge upon application of the service brake. The second hose was leaking air not at a proper**

connection. Both violations are stand alone out of service items. The CMV was laden with a load of hot asphalt for delivery. The CMV was escorted to a local parts store for supplies needed for a quick and proper repair.



- **8/21 Inspector located a defective air brake hose on a dump truck resulting in an out of service condition.**



- **8/21 Inspector found a defective tire on a six axle tractor trailer transporting logs on US Rte 2 in Concord.**



- **8/21 US Rte 2 St Johnsbury. An Inspector discovered this defective strap on a CMV transporting logs. The strap was a required one that resulted in an out of service condition.**



- **8/20 Bradford detail. An Inspector discovered a cracked wheel on a five axle CMV. There were two cracks in the wheel resulting in an out of service condition.**



- **8/20 Bradford detail. An Inspector discovered a pintle hook assembly missing the pin keeping the assembly from becoming detached. The CMV was placed out of service in combination.**



- **8/20 Bradford detail. An Inspector discovered a loose suspension arm on a CMV transporting heavy machinery. The loose suspension component led to axle displacement and the brake drum was rubbing on the trailer frame. The trailer was placed out of service.**



New Entrant:

- **Seven carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. One audit was completed. 3.75 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **8/18 Bennington, VT Rte 279, 3 Inspectors screened 117 vehicles. They completed 7 inspections resulting in 19 violations. Three vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.**
- **8/20 Guilford Truck Check Area, I-91N, 3 Inspectors screened 220 vehicles and weighed 4 vehicles. They completed 13 inspections resulting in 19 violations. Two vehicles and 3 drivers were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **No Crashes Reported**

Notables:

- **8/18 Inspector inspected a truck towing a modular home at the Bennington detail. The combination was equipped with 8 axles. During a level 1 inspection it was found that two of the electric brakes on the trailer were completely disconnected and one of the trailer tires had steel belt showing through in the tread area.**



- **8/18 Inspector conducted a level 2 Inspection at the Bennington detail. During the inspection, the driver admitted unplugging his ELD, and internet to conceal an hours of service violation. The ELD showed the driver off duty in NY at the time of inspection and had been in that mode in that location since 10:30PM the previous day. The driver was escorted to the Welcome Center and placed OOS for ten hours**
- **8/20 Inspector conducted drive by enforcement at the Vernon SB detail on I-91. Six drivers who failed to stop were inspected. Two drivers were found parked in the detail sign package trying to avoid the detail. Both drivers were issued warnings for Interstate Highway Regulations Article 1.7 which forbids stopping on the Interstate except for emergencies. One driver was stopped after a female**

driver of a passenger vehicle entered the detail and reported the driver of a tractor trailer for erratic operation. Inspector caught up to the vehicle which failed to stop at the detail. A level 3 inspection was conducted and, the driver placed OOS for being fatigued. The driver had been on duty since 10:30PM the previous day.

- 8/20 Inspector conducted a level 1 inspection on a box truck hauling Amazon packages. Loose straps on a universal joint were located. In addition, observed the front tire contacting steering components. The vehicle was placed out of service.



- 8/20 Inspector discovered a false log during an inspection at the Vernon Rest Area detail. The driver entered the detail in off duty status while in route to pick up his next load. The driver was attempting to gain 10 consecutive hours off duty to conceal hours of service violations. Additionally, the trailer air suspension was deflated. Both the driver and the vehicle were placed out of service.
- 8/20 Inspector discovered loose wheel fasteners on multiple axles during a level 2 inspection at the Vernon Rest Area. The driver's log was also four days behind with the last entry made in Columbus, OH. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours.



New Entrant:

- **Two offsite Safety Audits were completed and 5 carrier documentation reviews were initiated.**
- **Follow up with two local Passenger Carriers at request of FMCSA.**

Passenger Carrier:

- **No Activity**