COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (8/23-8/29)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 8/25 Georgia SB, I-89, 5 Inspectors screened 255 vehicles. They completed 20 inspections which resulted in 51 vehicle and 6 driver violations. Six vehicles and three drivers were placed out of service.
- 8/26 Clarendon SB, US Rte 7, 2 Inspectors screened 67 vehicles. They completed 4 inspections which resulted in 8 vehicle and 1 driver violation. Four vehicles were placed out of service.
- 8/27 Fair Haven Scale House, US Rte 4, 5 Inspectors screened 215 vehicles. They completed 20 inspections which resulted in 23 vehicle and 4 driver violations. One vehicle and two drivers were placed out of service.

Crashes:

• 8/25 Inspector responded to a tractor trailer collision on VT Rte 105 in Sheldon. A pickup truck attempted to pass the tractor trailer hauling fuel. The pickup truck clipped the tractor trailer and spun off the road. The pickup driver had minor injuries and the pickup had to be towed. There was minor cosmetic damage to the tractor trailer.



• 8/28 Inspector responded to the intersection of VT Rte 12 and VT Rte 64 in Northfield for a dump truck rollover. The fully loaded dump truck was coming down a steep hill at approx. 35 mph. The truck failed to stop and overturned in the intersection. The driver was transported to the hospital. The company did

not have a valid overweight permit and some brakes were out of adjustment. The primary factor was driving too fast for conditions. There was a runaway truck ramp that was not utilized.



Notables:

• 8/25 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The driver was placed out of service for a false log. The trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire. Both the carrier and driver were ticketed.



• 8/25 Inspector conducted a level 1 inspection on a tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The combination was placed out of service for having 20% or more defective brakes.





8/25 Inspector placed a CMV out of service for a flat tire and for having 20% or more defective brakes at the Georgia detail. The carrier was ticketed for the flat tire.



• 8/25 Inspector placed a trailer out of service for having no operable brake lamps on the trailer at the Georgia detail.



 8/25 Inspector conducted an inspection on a tractor trailer that was placed out of service in Massena, NY a couple hours prior at the Georgia detail. The vehicle was placed out of service by NYSP for tires and no ELD. The violations

- were not fixed. The vehicle and driver were again placed out of service, and original inspecting NY Trooper was notified. The tires were changed on site, and the company uploaded the correct software to their HOS tablet.
- 8/26 Inspector conducted a level 1 inspection on a 2-axle box truck at the Clarendon detail. The inspection revealed a front brake out of adjustment, a drag link ball joint with excessive lateral play, and a driver without a medical certificate. The vehicle was placed out of service.
- 8/26 Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on a tractor trailer at the Clarendon detail. The tractor was found to have a leaking left front wheel seal that contaminated the front brake shoes. The tractor was placed out of service.



8/26 Inspector discovered inoperative turn signals on a trailer and the truck towing the trailer had a cracked rim. Both violations met the out of service criteria and the vehicles were placed out of service.



- 8/27 Inspector stopped a CMV that drove by the open Fair Haven detail without stopping. During the inspection, it was discovered the operator did not have a med card, logbook, or a valid license. Another driver was allowed to continue their trip.
- 8/27 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed a brake canister had a significant diaphragm leak and the vehicle failed the air drop test. The tractor trailer was placed out of service.
- 8/27 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Fair Haven detail. A subsequent inspection revealed the driver was operating an electronic logging device in the logbook only mode and the device was not integrally hooked up to the truck. The driver did not have an exemption for this requirement and was placed out of service for 10 hours.
- 8/27 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail that was found to be 8000 pounds over its permitted weight. The carrier was ticketed for the overweight infraction, this is the carrier's second overweight violation in calendar year 2020.

Passenger Carrier:

Nothing to report

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 8/25 Waterford Rest Area. Three Inspectors and an Auditor screened 120 CMVs. Eighteen inspections (one hazardous materials) were completed. Four driver and forty-seven vehicle (seven out of service) violations were discovered.
- 8/27 West Danville detail. Delayed opening due to Inspector response to CMV crash in Barre. Three Inspectors screened 58 vehicles. Six inspections were completed. Four driver and sixteen vehicle (two out of service) violations were discovered.

Crashes:

• 8/25 Inspectors responded to a single vehicle CMV reportable crash on VT Rte 14 in Barre. The CMV, a truck tractor transporting a section of modular home, had the trailer roll onto its side while negotiating a sharp curve. A Level 1 inspection was completed. No pre-existing defects were discovered which would have been contributing factors in the crash. The pintle hook fastening device

was broken but there was no evidence it was a pre-existing condition. Roadside evidence indicated the CMV was travelling too fast for the corner.





Notables:

- 8/18 Inspector responded for a call for assistance in Barton. Inspector, along with an Orleans County Deputy Sheriff, contacted a female subject who was bleeding from self-inflicted knife wounds. Inspector assisted with the subject in the ambulance and followed the ambulance to the hospital where the Inspector stood by while the subject was evaluated.
- 8/25 Inspector discovered multiple out of service violations while conducting a level 1 inspection at the Waterford Welcome Center. The violations included unsafe brakes, the driver of the CMV was operating with an expired driver's license, and defective worn tires. The CMV was also required to be displaying

warning signs and flags for the over dimension load it was transporting, which it was not. A ticket was issued to the company and the Inspector assisted the operator with renewing his CDL online via the DMV website.



• 8/25 Waterford. An Inspector weighed and conducted an inspection on a five axle CMV transporting logs. The CMV was found to be 11,000 lbs over road limits without a permit. A ticket was issued to the company.



• Inspector conducting an inspection of a truck tractor/full trailer combination discovered this defective chain link resulting in an out of service violation.



- 8/27 Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a CMV discovered the following violations:
- The CMV weighed 116,000 lbs- 17,000 lbs over its permitted weight limit.
- The CMV had a leaking wheel hub. The wheel hub seal was leaking oil onto the brake linings and contaminating the brake interface area.
- There was a crack in an axle positioning part.

The CMV was placed out of service and tickets were issued to the company.





- 8/27 West Danville. An Inspector stopped and inspected a two axle CMV
 transporting hazardous materials- flammable fuel. The CMV was found to be
 operating with defective brake linings- the brake lining was cracked and
 separated. A ticket was issued to the company.
- 8/27 West Danville detail. Two CMVs were stopped and inspected after initial screening showed that the CMVs were not properly registered for IRP and not licensed for IFTA. Both CMVs were grounded until proper trip permits were secured.

New Entrant:

• Nine carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Five inspections (one hazardous materials) completed. 19 hours.

Passenger Vehicles:

No activity reported.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 8/25 Guilford, I-91N, 3 Inspectors screened 189 vehicles and weighed 10 vehicles. They completed 14 inspections resulting in 34 violations. Seven vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.
- 8/27 White River Junction, I-91, 3 Inspectors screened 257 vehicles and weighed 2 vehicles. They completed 7 inspections resulting in 15 violations. Two vehicles and 2 drivers were placed out of service. The detail had several delays with Inspectors being called to crashes in the morning and afternoon.

Crashes:

• 8/27 Inspector responded to US Rte 7 in Bennington at Exit 1 to assist Bennington PD with a single CMV crash. A Level 1 Inspection was completed at the scene. The driver admitted falling asleep at the wheel. The driver was uninjured. The truck was placed out of service for disabling damage and towed from the scene.





• 8/27 Inspector responded to VT Rte 103 in Cavendish (top of the Gulf) for a Passenger vehicle vs CMV accident. The pickup truck involved was a landscape company also hauling their trailer loaded with lawn mowers. The operator of the pickup truck was not paying attention as the box truck ahead of him had slowed for a log truck pulling out onto VT Rte 103 from a side road. The operator was estimated to be going 50 mph when struck rear of box truck.





Notables:

8/24 Inspector stopped this two axle dump truck on VT Rte 110 in Tunbridge. A
portable weigh was conducted and the vehicle was found to be 25,400 lbs over
legal weight. A ticket was issued and the driver was educated on VT weight
regulations.



- 8/24 Inspector observed an operator of a tractor trailer holding a cell phone to
 his ear while patrolling VT Rte 142. The driver was stopped along US Rte 5 and
 I-91 Exit 3 roundabout area. A Level 3 Inspection was completed and, driver
 issued a ticket for using a handheld device.
- 8/25 Inspector performed Level 1 Inspection on a CMV. During the inspection a rear brake hose was observed to be crimped/restricted. The driver stated that the truck had just come out of the shop from having these new air lines for the rear brake canisters installed.



• 8/25 Inspector observed a log truck travelling on I-91 in Putney without any straps securing the logs. The vehicle was stopped and inspected. The driver was issued a ticket for no load securement.



• 8/25 Inspector Cuttita discovered a cracked fuel tank bracket at the Guilford Detail.



 8/25 Inspector patrolled Weston, Ludlow, Plymouth, and Reading. Three CMV's were stopped and three level 3 Inspections were completed. Two

- platform weighs were conducted on trucks loaded with stone. One of the CMV drivers was stopped after the Inspector observed him traveling south on VT Rte 106 without a seatbelt.
- 8/27 Inspector observed CMV box truck travel past the open WRJ SB Weigh Station. The truck was stopped and a Level 3 Inspection was completed. The driver was placed out of service for no log after the drivers ELD was discovered to be disconnected. The driver had no paper RODS. The ELD failed to record more than two days of interstate trips between Pennsylvania and New Hampshire.
- 8/27 Inspector conducted a portable weigh on a tractor trailer hauling crushed cars at the White River Junction detail. The tractor trailer was permitted for 90,000 lbs and weighed 99,000 lbs on portable scales. A ticket was issued to the carrier for exceeding legal permitted weight. A Level 1 Inspection was performed which revealed two brake violations.

New Entrant:

• Two offsite safety audits were completed. After reviewing one carrier's documentation it was determined they were a reincarnated carrier and were forwarded to FMCSA for a carrier investigation. Three safety audits were initiated.

Passenger Carrier:

No Activity