

## COMMERICAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (8/28-9/3)

### NORTHWEST SECTOR:

#### Details:

- 8/30 Colchester NB, I89, 6 Inspectors screened 425 vehicles. They completed 25 inspections which resulted in 29 vehicle and 3 driver violations. Four vehicles were placed out of service.
- 9/1 Emerald Lake Pull Off, US Rte 7, 2 Inspectors screened 79 vehicles. They completed 6 inspections which resulted in 8 vehicle and 2 driver violations. One driver was placed out of service.
- 9/1 Ferrisburgh, US Rte 7, 3 Inspectors screened 95 vehicles. They completed 10 inspections which resulted in 6 vehicle violations.

#### Crashes:

- 9/2 Inspector responded to Grand Isle County for the report of a box truck rollover in Alburgh. Grand Isle County deputies were on scene and reported the driver claimed a mechanical failure caused him to drive off the roadway. The box truck was the only vehicle involved in the crash and no injuries were reported. The Inspector inspected the vehicle after it was recovered at the wrecker facility. No preexisting defects were discovered. The driver later modified his recollection and claimed it was possible he was distracted and may have looked away from the roadway at about the time of the crash. The box truck was placed out of service for defects sustained from the crash. A driver violation was noted for failure to maintain lane.



#### Notables:

- 8/29 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The trailer was placed out of service for no operable brake lamps.



- 8/29 Inspector completed two new entrant safety audits.
- 8/29 Inspector stopped an intrastate dump truck on I89 in Colchester for a possible overweight violation. The truck was weighed and found to be more than 10,000 pounds over the permitted weight. The vehicle was so overloaded that the tire manufacturer's weight ratings were exceeded. The carrier was ticketed and the vehicle was escorted to be offloaded to get back in service.



- 8/29 A tractor trailer that had been inspected earlier in the day and placed out of service for no operable brake lamps was stopped for speeding and placed out of service again for no operable brake lamps. The driver was adamant that he fixed the lights and they must have gone out again. There wasn't sufficient proof to show that the driver had broken the out of service order, but the trailer was placed out of service again for no operable brake lamps.



- 8/29 Inspector observed an interstate car hauler on I89 with a marking violation. The USDOT # was checked and the carrier was found to be under a federal out of service order. The vehicle was stopped in S. Burlington and an inspection was completed. The driver was placed out of service for being in violation of the 11 and 14-hour rules. The vehicle was placed out of service until the carrier was out from under the federal OOS. The carrier was ticketed.



- 8/29 Inspector stopped an interstate box truck on I89 in Williston for failing to display a USDOT #. An inspection was conducted and it was determined that this was a household goods carrier without operating authority. The driver said he had two people riding in the cargo area of the box truck to help secure the cargo. This area of the truck has no seats, seatbelts, or exits. The driver was placed out of service for no medical card. The vehicle was placed out of service for no operating authority. The carrier was ticketed. The vehicle was also grounded until all occupants had seats and seatbelts.





- 8/30 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Orwell. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a flat tire.



- 8/30 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The vehicle was placed out of service in combination for a chaffed air line.





- 8/31 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours for a false log. The driver drove off duty from KS to IL and said the carrier was pressing him to make up hours.



- 8/31 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Orwell. The driver was placed out of service as his CDL was suspended in his licensing state. The trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire.



- 8/31 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer and driver in Shoreham. The driver was placed out of service for currently driving over 11 and 14 hours by multiple hours. There was a co-driver who had more than enough time off to drive but they chose to not switch.



- 8/31 Inspector stopped an interstate tractor trailer for speed on I89 in Colchester. The driver was placed out of service for a false log.



- 8/31 Inspector stopped a truck hauling a trailer for failure to display a license plate on I89 in Georgia. The NY based driver claimed he was not in commerce but later admitted to purchasing catalytic converters in VT for resale. A subsequent inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service for a defective breakaway device. A ticket was issued as the trailer was not registered and the vehicle grounded.



- 9/1 Inspector inspected a log truck hauling a trailer at the Emerald Lake pull off. The inspection revealed the driver had been downgraded and his CDL suspended in his home state as his medical card had expired. Additionally, neither vehicle had an annual inspection. The driver was placed out of service for the infraction. A ticket was issued.



- 9/2 Inspector stopped an interstate tractor trailer for speed on I89 in Colchester. The driver was placed out of service for a false log.





- 9/2 Inspector stopped an interstate box truck for failing to display a USDOT #. The carrier has no USDOT #. The household goods carrier also has no operating authority.



#### Passenger Carrier:

- 8/31 Inspector came across a college bus broken down on the interstate. The driver was assisted with deploying warning triangles. No passengers were on board and the carrier had a mechanic en route.



### NORTHEAST SECTOR:

#### Details:

- 8/30 Lunenburg, US Rte 2 pull off. Four Inspectors screened 75 vehicles. Fifteen inspections were completed. Fifteen vehicle (two out of service) violations were discovered.
- 9/1 Lyndonville Rest Area, I-91S. Five Inspectors screened 149 vehicles. Fourteen inspections were completed. Twenty-one vehicle (three out of service) and one driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.

#### Crashes:

- 9/1 Chicken Farm Rd, Corinth. Inspectors responded to assist VSP-St Johnsbury at a reportable crash involving a CMV and a passenger vehicle. There were no reported injuries but the passenger vehicle was disabled. The CMV, a garbage truck, was pulled to the right of the roadway when it was struck from behind by the passenger vehicle. A Level 2 inspection was completed with no contributing violations discovered.



- 9/03 Vt Rte 105, Sheldon. Inspector responded to assist VSP-St Albans at a single CMV crash, The CMV, a five axle milk truck, sustained heavy damage after rollong over. The driver was transported from the scene. A Level 1 inspection was completed. The crash investigation is ongoing.



Notables:

- 8/29 I 91 S, St Johnsbury. An Inspector following a CMV observed a tire on the trailer blow out. An Inspection was conducted and the CMV was placed out of service.





- 8/30 Colchester detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a tractor trailer placed the trailer out of service for no service brakes. The service brake supply hose from the truck tractor to the trailer was not connected.



- 8/30 Lunenburg detail. An Inspector conducted a Level 1 inspection on a CMV. The carrier was not registered with US DOT and the driver did not possess a medical certificate. The Inspector provided guidance to the driver/owner on the applicable state and federal regulations.



- 8/30 Lunenburg detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a five axle CMV placed it out of service for a loose pitman arm on steering gearbox output shaft and defective brakes (including broken return spring. The Inspector was assisted by an Inspector's best friend, DPR- dry powdery rust. The presence of this kind of rust around certain components indicates worn and loose pieces.



- 8/30 Colchester detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a CMV placed the CMV out of service for unsecured chains and binders on the trailer deck.



- 9/1 Lyndon detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a CMV discovered a broken leak spring.



- 9/2 VT Rte 105, Richford. An Inspector stopped a CMV for improper load securement- a 9,000 lbs skid steer with no means of securement. A Level 2 inspection was completed. The driver was placed out of service for not possessing a CDL while operating a Class A CDL vehicle. A ticket was issued to the driver.





- 9/2 VT Rte 105, Troy. An Inspector on patrol saw a large amount of black smoke coming from the rear of a residence. The inspector located a riding lawn mower that was fully engulfed in flames which was starting to catch a wooded area on fire. The owner of the lawn mower was not on scene. The Inspector used a garden hose and his fire extinguisher to contain the fire until the local fire department arrived.



New Entrant:

- Eleven carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Seven audits completed. 32.25 hours.

Passenger Vehicles:

- No activity reported.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 8/30 Bradford SB Rest Area, I-91, 4 Inspectors screened 91 vehicles. They completed 3 Level 1 inspections, 7 Level 2 inspections and 1 Level 3 inspection, resulting in 10 vehicle violations and 4 OOS vehicles.



- 9/1 WRJ SB Rest Area, I-91, 5 Inspectors screened 258 vehicles and weighed one vehicle. They completed 2 Level 1 inspections, 8 Level 2 inspections and 2 Level 3 inspections, resulting in 15 vehicle violations and 4 driver violations. Five vehicles and one driver were placed out of service. Additionally, 3 OS/OW permits checked for compliance.



Crashes:

- Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 8/30 Inspector located a defective leaf spring assembly during an inspection at the Bradford SB rest area. The main leaf was broken and missing. The CMV was placed out of service.



- 8/30 Inspector located a defective on trailer rear brake pads on LS Axle 5, also during this inspection located ruptured inner wheel seal that contaminated LS Axle 3 brake and drum at the Bradford SB rest area. The CMV was placed out of service.



- 8/31 Inspector conducted an inspection of a CMV on VT Rte 131 in the Town of Weathersfield. The CMV was found to have an inoperable rear brake/turn signal, an audible leak from a brake chamber due to a ruptured diaphragm, and a cracked frame. The vehicle was placed out of service. The owner operator indicated the vehicle was at the end of its serviceable life and would be retired rather than repaired.





- 8/31 Inspector completed a level 3 inspection on a six axle combination vehicle transporting logs. The carrier had a valid 99K permit; however, the actual weight of the load was measured at 107,200 lbs. A ticket in the amount of \$405.00 was issued to the carrier.



- 9/1 Inspector placed a trailer out of service at the WRJ detail for a missing hub cap.



- 9/1 Inspector stopped a drive-by car hauler. The driver claimed to be a short haul driver and had no logs. He had picked up a car in NH and was transporting it to PA. The driver advised he was short haul because he would take a few days off at home before going to PA to deliver the car. The short haul exemption and the 150-air mile radius were explained as it pertains to the ELD requirements. Receipts provided by the driver indicated he did not meet the definition of a short haul driver in the last 30 days and the driver was put out for no logs. The vehicle was placed out of service for no operating authority. A ticket was issued for a weight violation. To bypass a CDL requirement the truck had been downgraded and registered at 10,000 lbs, but the gross portable weigh was 22,700 lbs. The driver was also given a warning for an expired medical card.



- 9/1 Inspector inspected a 5 axle combination and found a disconnected slack adjuster, which was hanging just a few inches off the ground. The trailer was placed OOS and repaired by roadside service.



- 9/1 Inspector inspected an empty 5 axle combination and found multiple OOS violations, including brakes out of adjustment, defective tractor protection valve, exhaust leak under the cab and a rust compromised spring brake chamber. The truck and trailer were placed OOS.



- 9/1 Inspector discovered a tire measuring 1/32" during a level 2 inspection at the WRJ detail. The tire did not meet the out of service criteria as it was in a dual set. The defect was marked as a violation only.



- 9/1 Inspector placed a trailer out of service at the WRJ detail for insufficient tie-downs. The load was secured with synthetic strapping that had multiple cuts and tears on multiple straps. The aggregate number of defects placed the trailer out of service until the straps could be swapped out for new ones.





- 9/1 Inspector placed a trailer out of service for frame cracks. Sixteen of the 24 vertical support posts that connected the frame rails to the trailer bed were cracked completely through the flange. Multiple welds had also been cracked through, the cracks were along both the right and left sides and above suspension components.



- 9/1 Inspector placed a truck out of service while conducting a level 2 inspection at the WRJ detail for tires rubbing on a broken fender bracket. The wear was so significant that the tires were hot to the touch and the plastic had worn holes.



- 9/1 Inspector discovered a deflated air bag during a level 2 inspection at the WRJ detail. The trailer was not placed out of service because the location was a tag axle that was able to be raised. The trailer was empty and did not need the extra axle.

