

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (8/29-9/4)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- **8/31 Williston SB RA, I-89, 7 Inspectors, 1 FMCSA SI, and the CST Team screened 322 vehicles. They completed 26 inspections which resulted in 41 vehicle and 7 driver violations. Four vehicles and 1 driver were placed out of service.**
- **9/2 Fair Haven, US Rte 4, 5 Inspectors screened 103 vehicles. They completed 18 inspections which resulted in 18 vehicle and 9 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service.**
- **9/3 Clarendon SB RA, US Rte 7, 2 Inspectors screened 31 vehicles. They completed 11 inspections which resulted in 11 vehicle and 1 driver violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **8/31 Inspector responded to I-289 in Essex for a tractor trailer crash. The driver had a medical event while driving. The vehicle went off the left side of the road, striking a light pole and landing in the median. The driver was transported to the hospital. The truck sustained no damage. The driver was placed out of service.**



Notables:

- **8/30 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte. 22a in Shoreham. The trailer was placed out of service as there was loose dunnage on the flat bed trailer.**



- **8/30 Inspector stopped a commercial vehicle on US Rte. 7 in Shelburne for a vehicle violation. A subsequent inspection revealed the driver did not possess a CDL and the combination's required a Class A CDL. The driver was placed out of service for the violation.**



- **8/31 Inspector conducted an inspection and portable weigh on this 4 axle flatbed at the Williston detail. The vehicle was found to weigh 82,300 lbs. The road limit is 60,000 lbs. for this configuration with no permit. The vehicle was placed out of service for tires over the applicable load limit marked on the sidewall. A ticket was issued for 22,300 lbs. overweight, and the vehicle was offloaded at the detail.**



- **8/31 Inspector conducted an inspection tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The front brake shoes were found to be cracked, as well as separated from the backing plate due to rust jacking. The vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **8/31 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The trailer was placed out of service for no operable brake lamps, the passenger side brake lamp inoperable, and for more than 20% defective brakes.**



- **8/31 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed a wheel seal was leaking on the truck tractor and the leak contaminated the brake components. The truck tractor was placed out of service for repair.**



- **9/1 Inspector stopped an intrastate tractor trailer on I89 in Georgia for an ABS lamp violation. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service for an inoperable turn signal.**



- **9/2 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **9/2 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed a tire was flat on truck tractor. The vehicle was placed out of service for repair.**
- **9/3 Inspector stopped an intrastate straight truck for an inoperable lamp on US Rte. 2 in Colchester. An inspection was conducted and two unsecured items of cargo were discovered. The vehicle was placed out of service until the cargo was properly secured.**



- **9/3 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Clarendon detail. The trailer was placed out of service for no operable brake lamps and for a tire that was leaking air.**
- **9/3 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Clarendon detail. The inspection revealed a tire was severely deflated on the truck tractor. The driver remedied the out of service defect.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **8/31 West Danville pull off, US Rte 2. Two Inspectors screened 75 vehicles. Eight inspections were completed. Seven vehicle (one out of service) violations were discovered.**

- **9/2 Lyndonville Rest Area, I-91 South. Four Inspectors screened 120 vehicles. Fourteen inspections were completed. Thirty-one vehicle (three out of service) and two driver (two out of service) violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **Nothing to report.**

Notables:

- **8/30 Hartford Rest Area I 91 South. An Inspector conducted several inspections on carnival vehicles as they travelled between fairgrounds to verify compliance with safety regulations.**



- **9/2 Lyndonville detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection discovered a cracked leaf spring assembly that did not meet the out of service criteria- no separation between broken segments. The violation was noted.**



- **9/2 Lyndonville detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection placed the CMV out of service for a defective driveline component- loose yoke ends.**
- **9/2 Lyndonville detail. An Inspector placed a CMV out of service for defective leaf spring assembly. The broken segments were separated.**
- **9/2 Inspector located a defective suspension part while conducting a level 1 inspection. A pier that the suspension bag rests on was cracked and separated.**



- **9/3 Inspector found multiple violations while conducting a level 2 inspection at the Wenlock pull-off on VT Rte 105 in Ferdinand. Inspection found that not enough straps were used to secure the load of lumber and there were multiple loose fifth wheel bolts, resulting in the truck being placed out of service.**



New Entrant:

- **Eight carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. One audit completed. 20 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **8/31 Putney Scale House, I-91S, 5 Inspectors screened and weighed 254 vehicles. They completed 5 Level 1 inspections which resulted in 2 driver violations and 9 vehicle violations; 1 driver and 3 vehicles were placed Out-of-Service. Two CVSA Decals were issued and 6 Over-dimension permits were checked.**



- **9/2 Sharon, I-89N, 6 Inspectors screened 218 vehicles. They completed 7 Level 1 and 3 Level II inspections which resulted in 2 driver violations and 16 vehicle violations; 2 vehicles were placed Out-of-Service. Four Over-dimension permits were checked.**



Crashes:

- **Nothing to report.**

Notables:

- **8/30 Inspector completed a Level 1 inspection on a 6-axle log truck in E. Dorset and found the tractor protection valve was inoperative. The truck placed out of service while in combination.**
- **8/30 Inspector completed a Level 1 inspection on a combination vehicle transporting a skid steer with a GCWR of 35,500 in E. Dorset; the driver did not possess a Commercial Driver's License and the trailer emergency breakaway device was not connected properly. The driver was placed Out-of-Service and the trailer was placed Out-of-Service until the emergency breakaway device was connected properly.**

- **8/31 Inspector completed a level 1 inspection at the Putney detail and discovered a CMV with an inner dual tire that measured 10 PSI. The CMV was placed out of service until the repair could be made.**



- **8/31 Inspector weighed a 5-axle tractor trailer hauling 2 CMV plow trucks at the I-91 Putney detail. The truck and trailer had a gross weight of 93,500 lbs. The carrier did not have any excess overweight permits for the state of Vermont. The carrier was fined for being 13,500 lbs over its registered capacity.**



- **8/31 Inspector completed two level 1 inspections at the Putney detail and discovered two different CMV's with air leaks on the service lines at the glad hands. Both CMV's were able to maintain air pressure and were not put out of service.**



- **8/31 Inspector completed a Level 1 inspection at the Putney detail and found a leaking hub on a steer axle. The vehicle was placed out of service and towed for repair.**



- **8/31 Inspector completed a level 1 inspection at the Putney detail and discovered a CMV with several log issues. The owner/operator, new to the industry, did not understand how to properly use his EDL. He was inappropriately utilizing “off duty” time any time he was working and did not have a load on his trailer. The operator was put out of service for 10 hours for logs not current.**



- **8/31 Inspector completed a level 1 inspection at the Putney detail and discovered a CMV missing reflective material on the back of the cab and mudflaps.**



- **9/1 Inspector completed a level 1 inspection while patrolling US Rte. 4 and discovered a CMV with an exhaust leak under the cab of the truck. The exhaust was not leaking into the cab, so it did not meet the OOS criteria.**
- **9/1 Inspector completed a level 1 inspection while patrolling US Rte. 4 and discovered a CMV with a significant hydraulic oil leak. The CMV was placed out of service for multiple equipment issues.**



- **9/1 Inspector completed a level 1 inspection while patrolling US Rte. 4 and discovered an inoperable front right brake canister. A section of the return spring on the service brake canister was protruding out near the push rod. A total of 6 brakes were out of adjustment or inoperable. The CMV was put out of service until repairs could be made because of the 20% rule. The vehicle was being operated within in permitted weight.**



- **9/1 Inspector completed a traffic stop for an unsecure load. A local excavator was transporting a small tractor on an uninspected trailer without adequate tie downs. The trailer had severely weather checked tires, no emergency brake-away cable and no operable electric trailer brakes. The trailer was grounded. The operator had several questions about load securement and proper tie downs for equipment weight which were answered. Several warnings were written to document the educational opportunity.**



- **9/2 Inspector completed a level 1 inspection at the Sharon detail and discovered several damaged brake hoses. They did not meet the out of service criteria because the inner steel braid was intact.**



- **9/1 Inspector completed a level 1 inspection while patrolling US Rte. 4 and discovered a CMV loaded with gravel with 2 of 6 brakes out of adjustment or inoperable. The CMV was put out of service until repairs could be made because of the 20% rule. The vehicle was being operated within in permitted weight.**



- **9/2 Inspector completed a level 2 inspection at the Sharon detail and discovered a CMV operating on a short-term lease that could not locate a DOT number. Ultimately the company was called, the number was verified. The marking violation was noted a because it did not appear on the lease agreement.**



- **9/2 Inspector completed a level 1 inspection at the Sharon detail and discovered a CMV with no operable trailer brake lights and no operable rear right turn signal. The CMV was placed out of service until repairs could be made.**



- **9/2 Inspector completed a level 1 inspection at the Sharon detail and discovered a CMV with chaffed wires and a chaffed (service) brake hose under its trailer. The chaffing did not extend into the reinforcement ply.**



New Entrant:

- **Nothing to report.**

Passenger Vehicle:

- **Nothing to report.**