

## **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (8/8-8/14)**

### **NORTHWEST SECTOR:**

#### **Details:**

- **8/10 Clarendon NB RA, US Rte 7, 4 Inspectors screened 88 vehicles. They completed 10 inspections which resulted in 1 vehicle and 11 driver violations. One driver was placed out of service.**
- **8/12 Highgate Springs POE, I-89, 2 Inspectors screened 54 vehicles. They completed 8 inspections which resulted in 3 vehicle violations.**

#### **Crashes:**

- **Nothing to report.**

#### **Notables:**

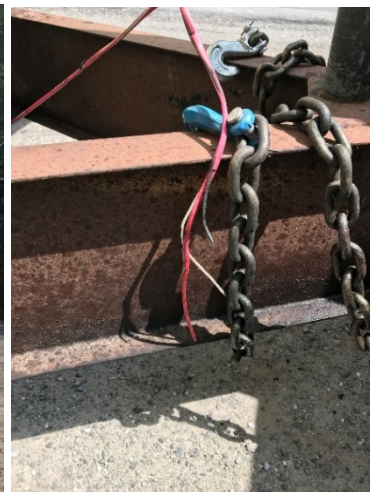
- **8/10 Inspector inspected an intrastate oversize load at the Clarendon detail. The load of machinery was not properly secured. The trailer was placed out of service until the load securement issue was corrected.**



- **8/11 Inspector stopped a roll-off container truck on US Rte 7 in Ferrisburgh for a load securement violation. An inspection was conducted, and the vehicle was placed out of service until the load was properly secured.**



- **8/11 Inspector stopped an interstate oversize load on US Rte 7 in Leicester for multiple violations. An inspection was conducted. There were no working brakes on the mobile home/trailer as the driver had failed to connect the wiring. There was only one working light on the rear of the mobile home/trailer. Portions of the mobile home were found to be dragging on the roadway as well. The vehicle was placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed. (This carrier has crashed 2 mobile homes on Vt roadways in the last 3 months).**



- **8/12 Inspector conducted an inspection on a combination vehicle at the Emerald Lake detail. The combination required a class A CDL, for which the driver did not possess. The driver was ticketed, and placed OOS.**



- **8/13 Inspector inspected an intrastate truck and trailer in Cambridge. The driver has no valid license at all and has never possessed a CDL. This was a Class A CDL required vehicle. The driver was also found to be in possession of 3 full cans of Heady Topper (8% alcohol). The trailer was hauling several propane tanks and cans containing gasoline. None of them had been secured and some had overturned in transit. The driver and trailer were placed out of service, ticket was issued.**



**NORTHEAST SECTOR:**

**Details:**



- **8/9 Coventry, I-91 S. Two Inspectors and an Auditor screened 90 vehicles. Nine Level 1 inspections were completed. Fifteen vehicle (six out of service) and one driver violations were discovered.**
- **8/12 Jay Mountain pull off. Two Inspectors screened 20 vehicles. Four supervised Level 1 inspections were completed. Eleven vehicle violations (five out of service) violations were discovered. Inspectors closed the detail area early to respond to a CMV reportable crash in Lyndonville.**

#### **Crashes:**

- **8/12 Lyndonville, Center Street. Inspectors responded to a reportable CMV crash on Center Street in Lyndonville to assist Lyndonville Police. The driver of the CMV, a five-axle tractor trailer combination, failed to negotiate a turn and struck a large lane divider at an intersection. A Level 1 inspection was completed. The truck received disabling damage to its fuel tank, axle positioning components, and the steer tire was contacting the cab. The CMV was towed from the scene.**



#### **Notables:**

- **8/10 Concord, US Rte 2. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection discovered a CMV with defective brake linings. The violation did not meet the out of service criteria but was noted in the inspection report.**



- **8/10 Concord, US Rte 2. An Inspector stopped and issued a speeding violation to the operator of a passenger vehicle for operating 33 MPH above the 50 MPH speed limit.**
- **8/10 Concord, US Rte 2. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection placed the CMV out of service for a defective brake hose (chafed through outer reinforcement layer).**



- **8/11 Beecher Falls Port of Entry. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a six axle CMV discovered a ruptured air brake chamber on the steer axle. The truck was placed out of service.**
- **8/12 Jay Mountain detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a CMV placed the CMV out of service for a defective driveline component-**

greater than 1/8 of an inch of vertical movement was found using hand pressure between opposing yoke ends of a CMV universal joint.

**New Entrant:**

- **Thirteen carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Five inspections completed towards annual certifications. Two audits completed. 35 hours.**

**Passenger Vehicles:**

- **No activity reported.**

**SOUTH SECTOR:**

**Details:**

- **8/10 Bennington Chain Up Area, VT Rte 9, 5 Inspectors screened 61 vehicles. They completed twelve inspections resulting in eight vehicle violations and two driver violations. One vehicle was placed out of service.**
- **8/12 Emerald Lake Detail, Dorset, US Rte 7, 7 Inspectors screened 58 vehicles. They completed 14 inspections resulting in 16 violations. Three drivers were placed out of service. One CMV was weighed on portable scales and issued civil fines for being over its legal permitted weight. One driver was placed out of service, seen below, for driving a CDL Class A vehicle with a Class D license.**



**Crashes:**

- **8/9 Inspectors completed a post-crash inspection from the overturned box truck on 8/7. Multiple vehicle defects were found to exist prior to the crash. The truck was found to have no operating authority, no US DOT number, only one of four brakes operable and a set of bald tires. discovered the right and left wheel hubs of the second axle displayed inner wheel seal oil leaks. Oil contaminated the**

**brake surface on both sides, putting both rear brakes out of service and one of the steering axle brakes was out of adjustment.**



**Notables:**

- **Inspector spent time on three different days in the Londonderry-South Londonderry area after receiving complaints which were submitted to DMV about speeding and overweight CMV traffic. Fifty-nine CMVs were observed on radar around the area of the complaints. Only 3 were found to exceed the speed by 4 mph.**
- **8/10 Inspector discovered a marking violation during inspection. The carrier had been purchased by another larger company and the former DOT number was inactive. The carrier had mismatched the former company name with the new DOT number.**
- **8/10 Inspector discovered chaffed air lines at the Bennington detail, the damage did not meet the out of service criteria but both lines were marked as a violation.**





- **8/10 Inspector discovered a cracked weld on a CMV's rear protection guard during a supervised inspection.**



- **8/12 Inspector discovered an active power steering leak.**





- **8/12 The Emerald Lake detail Inspectors completed a portable weigh on an unpermitted milk truck. The truck was found to be 10,400 lbs. over its registered weight. A ticket was issued for the overweight violation.**



- **8/12 Inspector discovered two of five loose bolts on one side of the lower mounting 5<sup>th</sup> wheel plate. The CMV was put out of service until the bolts could be tightened.**



- **8/12 Inspector discovered an unsecure roll-off dumpster. A Level-1 inspection was completed, and vehicle was then placed out of service for load securement purposes. The dumpster was secured properly prior to leaving.**
- **8/13 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer hauling a large excavator with no signs or flags on Vt Rt 11 in Londonderry. The total width of trailer and load was 9 feet. The driver had only been driving large construction equipment in the past few months. The driver was educated on the permitting rules for Vermont to**



**include the proper procedure for securing a large machine to a low bed trailer. The CMV was grounded until proper signs and flags were being displayed.**



**Passenger Carrier:**

- **Nothing to report**

**New Entrant Safety Audits.**

- **Inspector spoke with three motor carriers who called to determine the best course of action to get their US DOT activated. One carrier was contacted and sent their 10-day letter to obtain additional information to complete their offsite New Entrant Audit.**