

## COMMERICAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (9/11-9/17)

### NORTHWEST SECTOR:

#### Details:

- 9/13 Williston NB, I89, 6 Inspectors screened 286 vehicles. They completed 28 inspections which resulted in 26 vehicle and 9 driver violations. Eight vehicles and 2 drivers were placed out of service.
- 9/15 Georgia SB, I89, 4 Inspectors screened 208 vehicles. They completed 15 inspections which resulted in 30 vehicle and 2 driver violations. Six vehicles and 1 driver were placed out of service.
- 9/15 Ira WB, Rte. 4, 2 Inspectors screened 109 vehicles. They completed 13 inspections which resulted in 11 vehicle and 5 driver violations. Two vehicle and 1 driver were placed out of service.

#### Crashes:

- 9/12 Inspector was notified of a commercial vehicle crash which had occurred on VT Rte. 125 in Ripton. Sparse information was able to be communicated about this crash, as there was no cellular service. Upon arrival it was discovered that a CMV had crashed into a set of guard rails and had become disabled because of the crash. No injuries were reported, and no hazardous materials/spills occurred. A crash report and post-crash inspection were completed.



- 9/16 Inspectors responded to a tractor trailer roll over on VT Rte. 22A in Benson. The tractor trailer had left the roadway and overturned hauling crushed glass. No injuries were reported.



- 9/16 Inspectors responded to VT Rte. 105 in Enosburg for a report of a CMV crash. No injuries or other hazards were reported. Upon arrival it was discovered that no disabling damage had been done to either vehicle. A crash report was completed by Insp Sargent.

Notables:

- 9/12 Inspector inspected a truck on VT Rte. 22A in Shoreham. The driver was placed out of service for not having the previous 7 days of logs as required. The driver only had the previous and current day logs and didn't create logs for the previous days.



- 9/12 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer on VT Rte. 22A in Orwell. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty for a false log. The driver had several days where he drove off duty when it was not permitted.



- 9/13 Inspector assisted VSP Williston with a reported 6 vehicle crash on I 89 south on the Winooski River Bridge. Upon arrival it was discovered that it involved only 2 vehicles and minor damage was reported. The vehicles were moved from the roadway and the operator's exchanged information on VSP's request.
- 9/13 Inspector was advised that a mobile home/oversize load, that was being escorted by the Lamoille County Sheriff Department had become stuck on I89 South in the Richmond culvert replacement project. It was reported that the vehicle was too wide and was not able to pass through the narrowed highway lanes and needed to back up over a mile to continue its trip. Upon arrival, DMV Inspectors discovered that the load, which was 15'10" wide, was not on its pre-approved and permitted route. Movement of these types of "Super Loads" require special route studies by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and are routed on highways that engineers have cleared to protect Vermonters and our infrastructure. DMV Inspectors conducted a commercial vehicle inspection, and the trailer was placed out of service for defective equipment. The carrier was issued a civil violation for violating the requirement of the issued permit. All traffic had to be stopped on I89, VT Rte. 117, and US Rte. 2 while the load was moved. DMV had 5 Inspectors assist with this incident, which resulted in the Williston NB detail being closed early.



- 9/13 Inspector inspected a flatbed truck at the Williston detail. The truck was placed out of service for having loose cargo on the flat bed with no means from preventing the cargo from falling onto the highway.



- 9/13 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The trailer was placed out of service for having 2 large pieces of lumber loose on the flatbed trailer with no means from preventing them from falling onto the highway.



- 9/13 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The trailer was placed out of service for having 2 wood chocks loose on the flatbed trailer. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a tire leaking air from metal in the tread.



- 9/13 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service as the emergency glad hand hose swelled creating a bulge in the line when the system was aired up.



- 9/13 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The trailer was placed out of service for having loose cargo on the flatbed trailer. Bands used for the machine were not secured from falling onto the highway.



- 9/13 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The driver was placed out of service for a false log (driving from PA to VT on personal conveyance to avoid an HOS violation). The trailer was placed out of service until the load was properly secured.



- 9/13 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Williston detail hauling hazardous materials. The trailer was placed out of service until the cargo was secured.



- 9/14 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte. 22A in Shoreham. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a tire that was leaking air from the valve stem.



- 9/14 Inspector was contacted via telephone by dispatch about a crash involving a tractor trailer and car on VT Rte. 22A in West Haven. The tractor trailer and a pick up truck came together as they were both passing another tractor trailer south on VT Rte. 22A between Devils Bowl Speedway and Long Hill. No injuries or towable



damage were sustained. The trailer was placed out of service as the passenger side rear turn signal was inoperable.



- 9/14 Inspector stopped a truck in interstate commerce on VT Rte. 22A in Orwell. The carrier was suspended in VT and the vehicle was grounded until the suspension was cleared.



- 9/14 Inspector stopped a dump truck hauling equipment for speeding on I89 in Colchester. The driver was placed out of service until he was wearing required corrective lenses.



- 9/14 Inspector stopped an intrastate tractor trailer on VT Rte. 15 in Jeffersonville that was displaying one oversize load sign. The load was not oversize. The trailer was placed out of service until the cargo was properly secured.



- 9/15 Inspector inspected a dump truck and trailer at the Ira detail. The driver was placed out of service as his CDL was suspended.



- 9/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ira detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a flat tire.



- 9/15 Inspector inspected an interstate truck and trailer at the Georgia detail. Unsecured items were found on the trailer. The vehicle was placed out of service until the cargo was secured.



- 9/15 Inspector inspected an interstate truck involved in driveaway/towaway operations at the Georgia detail. The driver was found to be in possession of 4 full cans of beer. The driver was ticketed and placed out of service for 24 hours. The truck was placed out of service for a defective parking brake.



- 9/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The inspection revealed a tire was severely deflated on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service for the defect.



- 9/15 Inspector inspected a truck and car hauler trailer combination at the Georgia detail. The inspection revealed a tire was defective on the trailer measuring 0/32 in multiple adjacent major tread grooves around the circumference of the tire. The trailer was placed out of service for the defect.



- 9/16 Inspector observed a dump truck traveling north on VT Rte. 22A in Addison with the driver's side steer axle hub on fire. The dump truck and trailer were pulled over and the Inspector assisted with extinguishing the fire. The two units were towed from the road.



#### Passenger Vehicle:

- Nothing to report.

#### New Entrant:

- 9/16 Inspector completed a new entrant safety audit and worked on several other audits.

#### NORTHEAST SECTOR:

##### Details:

- 9/13 Lyndonville Rest Area, I-91S. Four Inspectors and an auditor screened 138 vehicles. Twenty-five inspections were completed. Twenty-one vehicle (three out of service vehicles) and six driver (one out of service driver) violations were discovered.

##### Crashes:

- 9/16 Williamstown. Inspector responded to a reported crash involving a town dump truck. The crash investigation report was completed, but no inspection as the vehicle did not qualify.



Notables:

- 9/13 I 91 Lyndonville. An Inspector stopped an unmarked CMV transporting a carnival ride that failed to stop at the detail area for inspection. The CMV was placed out of service due to inoperable brake lamps and grounded for an expired trailer registration. The driver was placed out of service for possession of marijuana.



- 9/13 I 91 Lyndonville. An Inspector stopped an unmarked CMV transporting a carnival ride that failed to stop at the detail area for inspection. Numerous violations were detected including a defective tire.



- 9/15 US Rte 2 Concord. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a CMV discovered a defective lower fifth wheel- a crack in the parent metal on the lower fifth wheel assembly. The violation did not meet the out of service criteria.



- 9/15 Concord, US Rte 2. An Inspector conducting an inspection on a CMV discovered the trailer was not registered. The carrier was able to correct the violation during the course of the inspection.





New Entrant:

- Eleven carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Five audits completed. Detail attended to complete inspections for annual certifications. 40 hours.

Passenger Vehicles:

- No activity reported.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 9/13 Putney SB Scale House, I-91, 3 Inspectors screened and weighed 112 vehicles. They completed 8 inspections, resulting in 7 vehicle violations and 3 OOS vehicles.



- 9/15 Bennington, VT Rte 279, 2 Inspectors screened 37 vehicles. Inspectors completed 6 inspections resulting in 1 vehicle violation. Fourteen OS/OW permits were also checked for compliance.



Crashes:

- 9/12 Inspector responded to a report of a CMV crash on I89 in Middlesex. A truck and small log trailer flipped, it was determined that the GVWR was under 26,001 and the cargo, ash logs being used for flooring, and the carrier were in state only. The operator was belted and did not sustain any injuries.



- 9/13 Inspectors responded to a single vehicle rollover on VT Rte. 11 in Andover. The empty water tanker was traveling east bound and left the roadway, coming to a position of rest facing west on its side. The operator of the vehicle was transported to Springfield hospital for treatment of minor injuries. The truck was removed from the scene by a wrecker due to disabling damage.



- 9/16 Inspectors were called out to a tractor trailer roll over on VT Rte 22A in Benson. The driver reported he slowed down to avoid a family of deer and left the travel portion of the roadway. The driver was uninjured and was wearing his seatbelt. The truck and trailer were removed by a wrecker. This crash is still under investigation.



Notables:

- 9/12 Inspector located defective brake linings during a level 1 inspection on VT Rte 107 in Bethel. The cracks were greater than 1/1/2 inches in length and the vehicle was placed out of service for 20% of the brakes on the vehicle being defective. Repairs were made on site.



- 9/12 Inspector located loose upper coupler mounting bolts on a fifth wheel assembly during an inspection on VT Rte 107. The condition did not meet the out of service criteria because only 2 were loose and 10 were still secure.



- 9/13 Inspector assisted the Northwest Sector with the movement of a super load that had gotten stuck on I89 in Richmond.



- 9/13 Inspector discovered the steering tire on a CMV was contacting the pitman arm when the front wheels were turned to the right during an inspection at the Putney Scale House. The vehicle was placed out of service and repaired.



- 9/13 Inspector located unsecured packages of lithium-ion batteries during and inspection at the Putney Scale House. Additionally, the sliding trailer suspension

system had no locking pins engaged at the time of the inspection. The CMV was placed out of service and the defects were corrected on site.



- 9/13 Inspector located an airline on a front steer axle that was too short. The airline crimped shut at the brake chamber when the wheels were turned to the left. Another brake on the truck tractor had an audible air leak at the brake chamber due to a ruptured diaphragm. The CMV was placed out of service.



- 9/14 Inspector placed a trailer out of service in Rockingham for a wheel crack that exceeded 3”.



- 9/14 Inspector identified an error on a hazardous materials shipping paper during an inspection on VT Rte 103 in Rockingham. The hazardous material was required to have a technical name listed in parenthesis on the shipping paper and it was not present.
- 9/14 Inspector placed a trailer out of service for an inner wheel seal leak which contaminated the brake surface.



- 9/14 Inspector located loose bolts connecting the leaf spring to the hanger. The CMV was placed out of service and repaired at a local repair shop.



- 9/14 Inspector placed a roll-off out of service for insufficient tiedowns and knotted synthetic webbing at the Rockingham detail. The roll off container itself was empty but it was severely corroded with holes which, if full, would not have held a load.



- 9/14 Inspector discovered a leaking inner wheel seal that had contaminated the brake surface during an inspection on VT Rte 103 in Rockingham. The vehicle was placed out of service.



- 9/14 Inspector discovered a torn diaphragm in an air brake canister. The air leak counted towards the 20% brake criteria but did not place the trailer out of service. The trailer was placed out of service for a chaffed and damaged air hose with an audible leak.



- 9/14 Inspector discovered a fuel tank violation. One of the fuel tank straps had rusted and fallen off. This was marked as a violation only because the tank was not yet loose due to the other strap being intact.

