

COMMERICAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (9/25-10/1)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 9/27 Ferrisburgh NB, US Rte 7, 3 Inspectors screened 67 vehicles. They completed 5 inspections which resulted in 1 vehicle and 1 driver violations. One vehicle was placed out of service.
- 9/29 Georgia SB Rest Area, I-89, 5 Inspectors, 1 FMCSA investigator, 1 trooper screened 173 vehicles. They completed 18 inspections which resulted in 26 vehicle and 8 driver violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.

Crashes:

- 9/29 Inspector responded to I89 South at Exit 12 for a report that a tractor trailer that caught fire and was still in traffic. Upon arrival it was discovered that a brake had failed and caused a fire on the trailer. An inspection was conducted, and the roadway cleared.



- 9/30 Inspector responded to VT Rte. 108 at Smuggler's Notch for the report that a CMV, which was 64' long, had become stuck in the Notch and then hit a passenger car. VSP units had arrived on scene and escorted the CMV down to Stowe where an inspection and crash report were completed. The driver was issued a civil violation for being in Smuggler's Notch when prohibited.



Notables:

- 9/26 Inspector an interstate truck and trailer for a marking violation on I89 in Georgia. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service until the breakaway cable was properly connected.



- 9/26 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The driver was placed out of service as his CDL was suspended.



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- 9/27 Inspector inspected an interstate truck and trailer at the Ferrisburgh detail. The trailer was placed out of service as one hub cover was missing, allowing an open view into the hub assembly.



- 9/28 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Orwell. The trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire.



- 9/28 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty for a false log. The driver's log showed sleeper berth time while he drove from IL to Erie, PA.



- 9/28 Inspector inspected a truck and trailer in Shoreham. The combination required IFTA and the carrier did not have it. The combination was grounded until the carrier got an IFTA permit.



- 9/29 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer hauling heavy machinery at the Georgia detail. The inspection revealed a tire was flat on the truck and a rearmost turn signal was inoperative on the trailer. Both vehicles were placed out of service for the defects.



- 9/29 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Georgia detail. The inspection revealed the carrier was suspended in Vermont for failing to return two previous inspection reports from 2021. The vehicle was grounded until reinstatement and the carrier was ticketed.
- 9/29 Inspector inspected a box truck at the NB Georgia rest area. The truck was placed out of service as the parking brake was inoperable and for a flat tire.



- 9/30 Inspector stopped a car travelling 32 mph over the posted speed limit on VT Rte. 22A. The driver was ticketed.



Passenger Vehicle:

- 9/28 Inspectors went to Premier Motor Coach in Milton and conducted 17 Level 5 terminal inspections on passenger vehicles.



New Entrant

- 9/30 Two new entrant safety audits were completed.

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 9/27 US Rte 2, North Concord. Five Inspectors and an auditor screened 53 vehicles. Twenty inspections were completed. Seven vehicle (one out of service) and two driver violations were discovered.

- 9/28 US Rte 302, Wells River. Four Inspectors screened 88 vehicles. Nineteen inspections were completed. Ten vehicle (one out of service) and three driver violations were discovered.
- 9/29 VT Rte 105 Wenlock Crossing. Three Inspectors screened 76 vehicles. Twelve inspections were completed. Eight vehicle (two out of service) and three driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.

Crashes:

- None reported

Notables:

- 9/13 Lyndonville detail. An Inspector conducting an inspection on a combination CMV discovered a crack in the lower fifth wheel halve parent material. Due to the size of the crack not meeting the out of service criteria, the violation was only noted.



- 9/27 Concord detail. An Inspector conducting an inspection on a CMV transporting bulk hazardous materials (corrosives) placed the trailer out of service for a defective brake chamber. The brake chamber had non-manufactured holes in the spring brake side of the chamber.



- 9/27 Concord detail. An Inspector conducting an inspection discovered a defective tire. The tire had internal belt/ply material visible from damage.



- 9/27 Concord detail. An Inspector weighed a six axle CMV transporting wood chips. The CMV was found to be 111,000lbs; 12,000lbs over its 99,000lb permit. An inspection was completed and a ticket was issued to the company.
- 9/28 Wells River detail. An Inspector conducting an inspection on a CMV transporting bulk hazardous materials (liquid propane gas) placed the truck tractor out of service for a defective air brake hose. The air brake hose leaked air at other than a proper connection upon application of the service brake.
- 9/28 Wells River detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a three axle dump truck placed the CMV out of service for a loose pitman arm at the steering gear box output shaft.

- 9/29 Wenlock Crossing detail. An Inspector conducting an inspection discovered that the carrier operating in interstate commerce had an inactive US DOT number. The carrier had failed to update their MCS-150. Guidance was provided on how to reactivate their US DOT number.
- 9/29 Bradford, I-91N. Inspector assisted VSP-St Johnsbury at a three-vehicle crash. No CMVs were involved. The operator of one of the passenger vehicles was transported for processing of suspected DUI.



New Entrant:

- Eight carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Three audits completed. Detail attended to complete inspections for annual certifications. 37.75 hours.

Passenger Vehicles:

- No activity reported.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 9/27 Randolph Rest Area, I89 N, 4 Inspectors screened 127 vehicles. They completed 9 inspections which resulted in 1 vehicle and 3 driver violations. One driver was placed out of service.



- 9/29 Emerald Lake-Dorset, US Rte. 7, 4 Inspectors screened 53 vehicles. They completed 12 inspections which resulted in 5 vehicle and 8 driver violations. One vehicle and one driver were placed out of service.



Crashes:

- 9/28 Inspector responded to a report of a trailer that came uncoupled from the tractor on I91 north of Springfield. The rubber hose lines were torn off but were able to be changed and the combination drove from the scene to where a level 2 inspection was completed. This Inspector failed to find defects which would result in the coupler failure. The cause was attributed to driver error.



- 9/28 Inspector responded to VT Rte. 11 in Londonderry to a CMV oversize load that struck a passing RV with its extended mirror. Investigation revealed the extended mirror shattered 2 side windows of the RV. Lieutenant Giolito located a witness traveling behind the RV who dash cam video which assisted in the ongoing investigation. A crash report and a level 2 inspection were completed. The trailer of the CMV was placed out of service for a rear inoperable signal.



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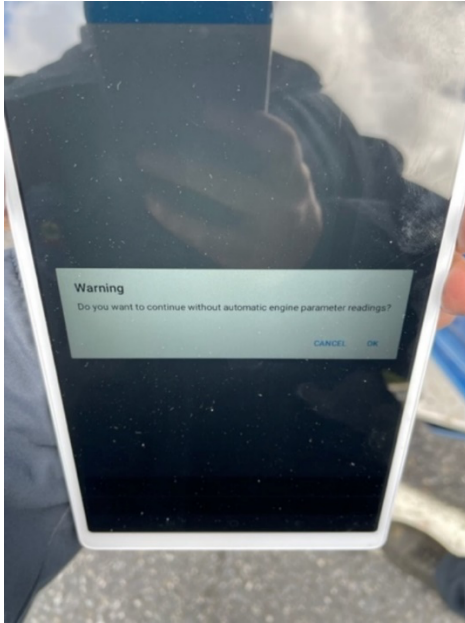
- 9/27 Inspector discovered a bald tire in a dual set during a level 2 inspection. This did not meet the out of service criteria and was marked as a violation only.



- 9/27 Inspector placed a trailer out of service for a chaffed air brake hose. The chaffing had damaged the reinforcement ply.



- 9/27 Inspector completed a level 2 inspection on a drive by CMV. The driver was placed out of service for failing to use an ELD when required. The driver did have an ELD in the cab, but it was not connected to the truck, the driver was making sporadic manual entries and was missing all vehicle related information like odometer, engine hours and all GPS information.



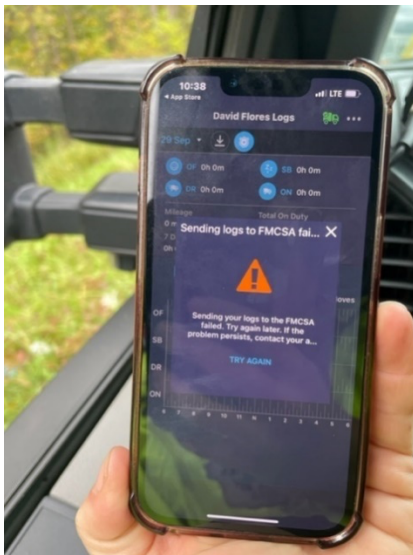
- 9/28 Inspector completed an industry outreach training with Dead River in Brattleboro.



- 9/28 Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a passenger truck with a flat tire driving north on I91 in Springfield. VSP was called to assist because as the passenger took leg bail across all four lanes of the Interstate then ran into the woods wearing a backpack. VSP assisted in attempting to locate the passenger with negative results. No narcotics were located, and the vehicle was towed from the scene. The identity of the passenger is still unknown.



- 9/29 Inspector placed a driver out of service for no CDL. The combination had a gross weight of 29,100lbs and was only registered for 26,000. The company was written a ticket for the overweight. The driver was able to unload one of the three cars which reduced his weight under the CDL requirement and was placed back into service.
- 9/29 Inspector placed a driver out of service for no ELD at the Emerald Lake detail. The driver had downloaded the wrong app and had not been using an ELD. The carrier was contacted, and the correct app was installed.



- 9/29 Inspector discovered a carrier that had been under suspension in VT since October of 1995 during an inspection at the Emerald Lake Detail. The carrier was given instructions on how to correct the suspension. Additionally, one loose wheel fastener was located.



- 9/28 Inspector instructed a class on load securement for AOT Districts 1-4 at the Dorset AOT Garage.

Passenger Vehicles:

- 9/26 Bus inspections were conducted in Brattleboro.

