

## COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (9/27-10/3)

### NORTHWEST SECTOR:

#### Details:

- 9/29 Ferrisburgh, US Rte 7, 4 Inspectors and 1 DMV Safety Investigator screened 139 vehicles. They completed 34 inspections which resulted in 40 vehicle and 5 driver violations. Four vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.
- 9/29 Fair Haven Scale House, US Rte 4, 3 Inspectors screened 61 vehicles. They completed 12 inspections which resulted in 4 driver violations. One driver was placed out of service. This detail was only open for a portion of the day as the scheduled detail location had to be moved.
- 10/1 Colchester NB, I-89, 6 Inspectors screened 365 vehicles. They completed 30 inspections which resulted in 40 vehicle and 9 driver violations. Four vehicles and two drivers were placed out of service.

#### Crashes:

- 9/28 Inspector responded to VT Rte. 78 in Highgate for a tractor trailer rollover. The tractor trailer was loaded with animal feed, travelling eastbound on VT Rte. 78. A car in front of the tractor trailer braked hard for a vehicle pulling out into traffic. A truck braked, caught the soft shoulder, and overturned. There were no injuries, but the truck had to be towed.



#### Notables:

- 9/28 Inspector stopped an intrastate truck and trailer on VT Rte. 15 in Westford for load securement violations and an inoperable turn signal. This is a Class A combination vehicle and the driver had a Class D license, placing him out of service. The vehicle was placed out of service for defective lights, load securement, and improper breakaway. The carrier was ticketed.



- **9/28 Inspector went to Highgate Springs POE where several cross-border cargo tank inspections were conducted.**
- **9/29 Inspector conducted an inspection on an 8-axle oversized load at the Fair Haven detail. The vehicle was too long to be weighed on the platform scale, so it was weighed with portable scales, and found to be 144,100 lbs., it was permitted for 145,000 lbs. The excavator was found to be lacking the required amount of tiedowns to meet the aggregate working load limit. The vehicle was placed out of service until the required tiedowns were installed.**



- **9/29 Inspector inspected an intrastate truck and trailer at the Ferrisburgh detail. The vehicle was placed out of service for a defective parking brake on the trailer.**



- **9/29 Inspector inspected an intrastate utility truck at the Ferrisburgh detail. The vehicle was placed out of service for mismatched brake cans on the steer axle. The carrier was ticketed.**



- **9/29 Inspector inspected an intrastate roll-off hauler at the Ferrisburgh detail. The vehicle was placed out of service until the rear of the roll-off container was properly secured.**





- **9/29 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ferrisburgh detail. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours for not having any record of duty status. The driver broke the device which contained his log. The carrier was contacted to send the driver's logs to Insp. Hanley, but they never did. The driver did not fill out any paper logs.**



- **9/29 Inspector inspected a commercial vehicle at the Ferrisburgh detail who was grounded as their privilege to operate in VT was suspended.**



- **9/29 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ferrisburgh detail. The inspection revealed the rearmost stop lamps on the trailer were inoperable. The trailer was placed out of service for repair.**



- **9/30 Inspector stopped an oversize load on I89 in Waterbury for a permit check. The carrier failed to obtain a VT oversize load permit. The vehicle was grounded until a permit was obtained. The vehicle was also placed out of service for an inoperable parking brake and an improper breakaway connection. The carrier was ticketed.**



- **10/1 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The carrier had been suspended in VT since 2017. The vehicle was grounded until the carrier was reinstated.**



- **10/1 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service for having a flat tire.**



- **10/1 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service as the passenger side rear turn signal was inoperable.**



- **10/1 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The inspection revealed a load securement infraction as two flat boulders were not**

secured on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service and the driver remedied the defect.



- **10/3 Inspector responded to a tractor trailer stuck and blocking traffic on VT Rte. 108 in Smugglers' Notch. Traffic was extremely heavy with fall foliage visitors. The tractor trailer blocked the pass until it could be removed with the assistance of a tow truck. The driver was escorted to the Williston NB rest area where he was placed out of service for a false record of duty status. The driver was ticketed for traveling in a prohibited location with a tractor trailer and blocking traffic.**





**Passenger Carrier:**

- **Nothing to report.**

**NORTHEAST SECTOR:**

**Details:**

- **9/29 Ferdinand, VT Rte 105, 2 Inspectors screened 52 vehicles. Eight inspections (six Level 2 and two Level 3) were completed. Five vehicle and two driver violations were discovered.**
- **9/30 Ryegate NB, I-91, 2 Inspectors screened 86 vehicles. Nine inspections (eight Level 2 and one Level 3) were completed. Six vehicle and two driver violations were discovered.**

**Crashes:**

- **None reported.**

**Notables:**

- **9/28 Derby, US Rte 5. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 walk around inspection noticed dry powdery rust. The dry powdery rust is usually a good indicator of loose bolts or an inoperative component. In this example, the DPR drew the attention of the inspector to the bolts securing the CMV's suspension brackets. The bolts were found to be loose. The violation was noted and the CMV was placed out of service.**





- **9/29 Ferdinand, US Rte 5. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection of a CMV discovered a crack in the frame. The spidering crack area had been sprayed over with bedliner material in an attempt to conceal the defect. The CMV was placed out of service and the carrier was issued a ticket.**



#### **New Entrant:**

- **Four carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. 8.25 hours.**

#### **Passenger Vehicles:**

- **9/29 Hartford- Two Inspectors completed six Level 5 passenger vehicle inspections. No violations were discovered.**

#### **SOUTH SECTOR:**

##### **Details:**

- **9/29 Bridgewater, US Rte 4, 4 Inspectors screened 63 vehicles. They completed 4 Level II inspections and 7 Level III inspections. Two driver and two vehicle violations were discovered.**



- **10/1 Springfield, I-91N, 5 Inspectors screened 315 vehicles and weighed 5 vehicles. They completed 14 Level I, 1 Level II and 2 Level III inspections. One driver and two vehicles were placed out of service. One Inspector found a commercial vehicle with a cracked trailer frame during an inspection.**



#### **Crashes:**

- **No crashes reported.**

#### **Notables:**

- **9/29 During the detail inspectors received information of a passenger vehicle rollover and possibly on fire, two of the inspectors responded and assisted first responders and Vermont State Police at the roll over.**



- **9/29 Two inspectors participated in a National Cargo Theft webinar sponsored by the National Crime Insurance Bureau. Inspectors learned from other agencies how all types of commodities from electronics, food, motor equipment are being stolen and how they have recovered some of items by using information sharing and multi-agency enforcement. Which has led to some very large-scale thefts to be solved this year.**
- **9/30 Putney Scale House construction project was completed by certifying and testing the platform scales this week.**



**New Entrant Safety Audits:**

- **One New Entrant Safety Audit was completed, one was closed out, and one was initiated.**

**Passenger Carrier:**

- **9/28 Inspector conducted four Level V motorcoach inspections in Brattleboro.**