

COMMERICAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (9/4-9/10)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 9/7 Colchester NB, I89, 6 Inspectors screened 343 vehicles. They completed 23 inspections which resulted in 40 vehicle and 5 driver violations. Three vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.
- 9/8 Fair Haven Scale House, US Rte. 4, 5 Inspectors and 1 FMCSA inspector screened 83 vehicles. They completed 19 inspections which resulted in 25 vehicle and 1 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service.

Crashes:

- 9/6 Inspectors responded to a report of a single vehicle crash on VT Rte. 103 in the town of Wallingford. The highway was closed for a short period of time while the commercial motor vehicle (CMV) was returned to the roadway. Investigation suggests the CMV left the roadway at a slow speed and collided with a telephone pole. No injuries were reported.

Notables:

- 9/6 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer in Shoreham. The trailer was placed out of service for a tire that was leaking air from a screw in the tread.



- 9/6 Inspector stopped a tractor towing two trailers on VT Rte. 22A in Orwell. The CMV was grounded as the configuration is not permitted on this route.



- 9/6 Inspector stopped an interstate tractor trailer for an ABS violation. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for an inoperable rear turn signal.



- 9/6 Inspector stopped an intrastate oversize load on I89 in Williston for a load securement violation. The hydraulic arm on the cargo was not secured. The aggregate working load limit of the tiedowns failed to meet the minimum of half the machine weight. The trailer was placed out of service until the load was properly secured.



- 9/6 Inspector worked on multiple new entrant safety audits.
- 9/7 Inspector inspected an interstate truck and trailer at the Colchester detail. This was a Class A CDL combination vehicle, and the driver had a Class D license. The driver was placed out of service.



- 9/7 Inspector inspected an oversized tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The permitted width was 10'10" and the carrier was in violation of this width.



- 9/7 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a tire leaking air from metal in the tread.



- 9/7 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Colchester detail. Multiple brakes were found to be out of adjustment on the truck, in excess of 20% of the service brakes. The truck was placed out of service for the defects.



- 9/8 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire.



- 9/8 Inspector inspected an interstate truck and trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The carrier was found to be operating for hire in interstate commerce without operating authority. The vehicle was placed out of service.



- 9/8 Inspector inspected a box truck at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed the carrier's state operating authority was suspended. The vehicle was grounded until the authority was reinstated and the carrier was ticketed for the violation.



- 9/8 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed multiple excavators were not secured properly on the flatbed trailer. The trailer was placed out of service until the driver properly secured all four corners of the machine with 4 binders.



NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 9/7 Passenger Vehicle Inspection detail. See below.
- 9/8 I 91 N Coventry Rest Area. Five Inspectors screened 116 vehicles. Twenty-three inspections were completed. Thirty vehicle (four out of service) and two driver violations were discovered.

Crashes:

- None reported.

Notables:

- 9/6 Coventry, I 91. An Inspector conducted a Level 1 inspection on a tractor trailer. The CMV had an air leak in the service brake line not at a proper connection and also failed the air drop rate loss test. The CMV was placed out of service.
- 9/8 Coventry detail. An Inspector noted a violation for a service air brake system leak for a non-manufactured hole in a brake chamber.



- 9/8 Coventry detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection on a four axle dump truck discovered a defective tire.



- 9/8 Coventry detail. An Inspector placed a CMV out of service for a defective air brake hose. An attempt was made to repair the defect using zip ties.



- 9/8 Coventry detail. An Inspector placed a CMV out of service for an active fuel leak in addition to improper load securement- missing required strap for load exceeding 1,100 lbs not blocked/braced.



- 9/9 Burke, VT Rte 114. An Inspector stopped a two axle CMV transporting general freight as the rear door was not closed and boxes for delivery were an imminent hazard from falling out. A Level 2 inspection was completed. The driver consulted delivery manifests to verify that no packages were lost.
- 9/9 Ferdinand, Vt Rte 105. An Inspector placed a CMV out of service for improper load securement- improper number of straps/chains for load exceeding 1,100 lbs not blocked/braced.

New Entrant:

- Ten carriers contacted regarding audit, document uploads, inactivation, or closeout. Three audits completed. 31 hours.

Passenger Vehicles:

- 9/7 Sector Inspectors conducted passenger vehicle inspections in St Johnsbury and Lyndon. Fourteen Level 5 inspections were completed. Six violations (two out of service) were discovered.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 9/6 Bridgewater WIMS, US RT 4, 4 Inspectors screened 55 vehicles. They completed 5 Level 2 inspections and 3 Level 3 inspection, resulting in 2 vehicle and 1 driver violation. One driver was placed out of service.



- 9/8 Sharon NB Rest Area, I-89, 4 Inspectors screened 200 vehicles. They completed 6 Level 1 inspections (1 HM), 5 Level 2 inspections and 1 Level 3 inspection, resulting in 14 vehicle violations and 3 driver violations. One vehicle and 1 driver were placed out of service.



Crashes:

- 9/6 Inspector responded to VT Rte. 103 from the Bridgewater detail to assist Inspector White with a single-vehicle CMV crash. No injury was reported, the driver drifted off the right side of the road on a soft shoulder and overturned when his wheel sunk into the shoulder taking out a power pole in the process. The bulk tank was carrying a temperature sensitive liquid that solidified at 72 degrees. Wrecker services, DMV, AOT and Green Mountain Power worked quickly to upright the truck and get the polymer to its delivery before it solidified in the tank.



Notables:

- 9/6 Inspector completed a level 3 inspection on a combination vehicle originating from Queensbury, NY. The driver was under 21 years of age and engaged in interstate commerce. The driver was placed OOS and another driver was contacted.
- 9/8 Inspector inspected a 4 axle combination vehicle and found two brake chambers completely rusted through on the service side; the internal components of the brake chamber were visible, however, the brake functioned properly, was adjusted properly and did not leak air; the condition did not meet the OOS criteria because the defect was not on the spring brake housing section.



- 9/8 Inspector completed a level 2 inspection on a box truck transporting US Mail. The carrier was found to have inactive operating authority and the driver possessed an expired medical certificate. The freight was not exempt from the required

operating authority and was in interstate commerce. The vehicle was placed out of service until the proper operating authority was granted. As required, the receiving post office was notified of the delay.

- 9/6 Inspector completed an inspection at the Bridgewater detail. The CMV was found to have no working fire extinguisher and no emergency triangles. The defects did not meet the out of service criteria and were marked as violations only.



- 9/7 Inspector completed a size and weight detail monitoring traffic in the Middlesex to Royalton area of I89. All vehicles weighed were found to be in compliance and permitted properly.



- 9/8 Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a CMV that failed to enter the inspection station and placed the driver out of service for false logs. The driver was inappropriately using personal conveyance to continue driving after his 11-hour limit. There were 914 miles of unaccounted for driving since 9/1.



- 9/8 Inspector discovered a tire with multiple flat spots that measured 0/32” during a level 2 inspection at the Sharon detail. The tire did not meet the out of service criteria as it was in a dual set and other areas of the tire had measurable tread depth. The defect was marked as a violation only.
- 9/8 Inspector located a defective brake during a level 1 inspection on a six axle combination vehicle. The brake failed to move when the service air brakes were applied. The single defective brake did not meet the out of service criteria because it was less than 20% of the brakes on the combination.
- 9/8 Inspector discovered a broken hood latch while conducting a level 2 inspection at the Sharon detail. This was marked as a violation only.



- 9/8 Inspector found several chaffed rubber air hoses under a trailer while conducting an inspection at the Sharon detail. None of the damage extended into the reinforcement ply so the trailer was not placed out of service.



- 9/9 Inspector received a complaint about CMV traffic using local roads and bridges to by pass the detour for the bridge construction project on VT RT 103 in Ludlow. Follow up revealed the local roads and bridge being used are not properly posted or marked with appropriate signage. The Inspector followed up with the Police Chief.

Passenger Vehicles:

- No activity reported.