

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

- **This week, Inspectors participated in a FMCSA unannounced Hazardous Materials enforcement initiative.**

The goals of the initiative were:

- **Heighten awareness of the rules and regulations in place to keep the public and the environment safe from HM/DG during transport.**
- **Call attention to the hard work of the enforcement community that inspects vehicles transporting HM/DG and enforces compliance regulations.**
- **Highlight the steps taken by safety-compliant drivers, shippers of hazardous materials and motor carriers to ensure HM/DG is appropriately marked, placarded, contained and secured while being shipped from location to location.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR

Details:

- **08/14 I-91-NB White River Junction Rest Area. Two Inspectors and a FMCSA screened 155 vehicles. Four Level 1 (four hazardous materials), seven Level 2 (seven hazardous materials), and two Level 3 inspections were completed. Fourteen vehicle and two driver violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **08/15 An Inspector responded to the off ramp of I-91 at Exit 23 in Lyndonville. The operator of a five axle tractor trailer drove the CMV off the road when the brakes were not working. The CMV was laden with building materials. No injuries were reported. A Level 1 inspection was completed. The inspection revealed that at some point during operation, the service brake supply hose to the trailer had become disconnected resulting in the CMV losing gross quantities of air upon application of the service brake when attempting to exit the interstate. The CMV received disabling damage (flat tire) from leaving the roadway. No tickets were issued to the driver as it appears that his operation at the time of the crash prevented serious injuries/death to other motoring public.**



Notables:

- **Inspector Hailey and K-9 Annie passed their certification for K-9 tracking.**



CENTRAL SECTOR

Details:

- On 8/13 Inspectors participated in a checkpoint on Interstate 89 at the NB Rest Area in Sharon. Inspectors screened 208 commercial motor vehicles and checked 4 permits. Nine level 1 (4 hazmat), two level 2 inspections (1 hazmat) were conducted which revealed sixteen vehicle violations (four vehicle out of service), and one driver violation was also discovered.



- On 8/15 Inspectors participated in a checkpoint on Interstate 89 at the NB Rest Area in Randolph. Inspectors screened 170 commercial motor vehicles and checked 2 permits. Eight level 1 (2 hazmat), four level 2 inspections (2 hazmat) were conducted which revealed fourteen vehicle violations (one vehicle out of service), and two driver violations were also discovered.



Notables:

- On 08/12 Inspector was dispatched to the area of Route 14 in Brookfield to a citizen report of speeding dump trucks. While patrolling the area he received an LPR hit for an inactive DOT number. The carrier was VT based and the vehicle was not leaving the state. That vehicle was also inspected and weighed. The vehicle was 2,000 lbs. under permitted weight but was placed out of service for a broken leaf spring.
- On 8/12 Inspector stopped a TT unit operator for speeding on I91 in the Hartford safety corridor. A ticket was issued to the operator for traveling 69 mph in a posted 55 mph zone.



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- On 8/13, while patrolling I89, Inspector stopped to check on a TT Unit stopped on the interstate at exit 3. The operator advised that he was waiting to deliver a load of plywood to a business on RT 14, and had no other place to park. The TT was escorted off the interstate, and a level 3 inspection was conducted, revealing several HOS violations. The operator was issued a VCVC was issued for parking regulations on the interstate.
- On 8/13 Inspector placed a box truck out of service for defective brakes at the Sharon NB rest area.



- On 8/14, at the Sharon NB detail, Inspector conducted a Level 1 inspection on a 4 axle TT Unit. The inspection revealed a cut service line causing an air leak and rendering the trailer brakes inoperative. The vehicle was placed OOS.



- On 08/15 a CVE Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on a six axle tractor trailer combination at the Randolph NB Detail. Both the truck and trailer had expired VT state inspections and the tractor had a bald tire. A VCVC was issued to the company.



Passenger Vehicles:

- No activity to report.

Crashes:

- None reported.

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 8/13 Rte 7 Ferrisburgh NB, 2 Inspectors and 1 DMV Investigator screened 98 vehicles. They completed 15 inspections which resulted in 24 vehicle and 1 driver violations. One ticket was issued for a total of \$1537.00 in fines.



- **8/15 Rte 104 Cambridge, 3 Inspectors screened 77 vehicles. They completed 9 inspections which resulted in 3 vehicle violations.**

Crashes:

- **8/12 Cpl. responded to Forest Rd in Bridport for a log truck rollover. The truck encountered another truck on the local road and moved right to make room. The log truck caught the soft shoulder and overturned. The carrier did not have a local overweight permit for the locally posted road and was misusing Agricultural plates in a for hire logging operation.**



Notables:

- **8/12 Cpl. stopped an interstate truck on Rte 7 in Ferrisburgh for an inoperable headlamp. An inspection was conducted and the vehicle was placed out of service for a defective parking brake.**



SOUTH SECTOR

Details:

- **8/12 Putney, I-91 NB HM Blitz, 2 Inspectors screened 127 vehicles. They completed 9 inspections resulting in 6 driver and 15 vehicle violations. Four vehicles and one driver were placed OOS.**
- **8/14 Vernon, I-91 SB, 2 Inspectors screened 138 vehicles, checked 18 permits, and verified 4 platform weighs. They completed 8 inspections resulting in 5 driver and 8 vehicle violations. Two vehicles were placed OOS for defective axle positioning parts. An oversize CMV came through detail in violation of permit's length. Numerous VTTC's issued at detail with a total fines of \$716.00.**



Crashes

- Sgt. responded to 4 axle dump who had emptied its load into the Magic Mtn Ski Area Parking lot, pulled out and the owner/operator stated he must have

forgotten to take the PTO out. The dump body rose up, hooked the telephone wires causing the dump truck roll over onto its driver side. No injury or property damage reported but the truck had to be towed to a repair facility.

