COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (10/13-10/19)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/15 Highgate POE, I-89S, 4 Inspectors screened 75 vehicles. They completed 14 inspections which resulted in 15 vehicle violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.
- 10/17 Williston, I-89S, 4 Inspectors screened 345 vehicles. They completed 17 inspections which resulted in 23 vehicle violations and 3 driver violations. Two vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.

Crashes:

• Nothing to report.

Notables:

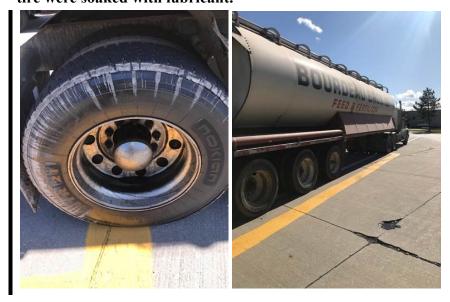
• 10/14 Inspector stopped a utility truck hauling a loaded trailer for an equipment violation. A subsequent inspection revealed the emergency breakaway device was not connected to the towing vehicle. The trailer was placed out of service due to the violation.



• 10/14 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham for an inoperable lamp on the trailer and for a missing wheel flap. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service for a hub that was leaking lubricant.



• 10/15 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the I89 Highgate POE. The truck tractor was placed out of service as a hub was leaking lubricant. The wheel and tire were soaked with lubricant.



• 10/16 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte 22a in Bridport for speeding. An inspection was conducted and the carrier was grounded as the carrier was suspended in VT. The carrier was issued a ticket for the violation.



• 10/16 Inspector stopped a box truck for speeding on VT Rte 22a in Addison. An inspection was conducted and the driver was placed out of service as he was operating with an expired medical certificate. He had a prior violation for the same.



• 10/16 Inspector stopped a roll off truck on VT Rte 100 in Hyde Park for load securement. The rear of the roll off container was not secured at all. Ticket was issued and the vehicle was placed out of service.



10/16 Inspector stopped a dump truck on VT Rte 15 in Morrisville. The 4 axle dump truck was traveling with the tag axle raised. This invalidated their overweight permit. The vehicle was found to be over 9000 lbs. overweight. The driver lowered the tag axle to come back into compliance.



- 10/17 Inspector while working at Williston SB RA discovered a non-inspectable truck which was leaking fuel due to its filler cap being left off. The driver contacted his company to get a replacement cover.
- 10/17 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the I89 Williston south bound rest area. The trailer was placed out of service as a tire had a hole in it and was leaking air. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.



• 10/17 Inspector inspected a dump truck at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed the drivers CDL had been cancelled in their home state. The driver was placed out of service for not having a valid CDL and the driver was ticketed for the infraction.



• 10/18 Inspector stopped a box truck operating on I89 in the Town of Williston for an equipment violation. A subsequent inspection revealed the driver's commercial driver's license was suspended and the driver had a detectable amount of alcohol in his system. The driver was ticketed for both infractions and placed out of service for 24 hours.



Passenger Carrier:

• 10/16 Inspector was asked by a CDL driver training school to conduct a Level 5 terminal inspection of a new motor coach to be used for driver training. The motor coach was placed out of service after several marked emergency exits were found to be inoperative.



NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

• 10/15 Coventry Rest Area, I-91S, 3 Inspectors screened 40 vehicles. Twelve Level 1 (one hazardous materials) were completed. Seven vehicle (two out of service) violations were discovered.

Crashes:

• 10/15 Inspector responded to US Rte 5 in Coventry to assist VSP-Derby with a single CMV versus passenger vehicle. The CMV, a tractor trailer transporting garbage, was struck at the rear by a passenger vehicle when the CMV pulled

- out from a turn out onto the highway. A Level 1 inspection was completed. There were no injuries reported but the passenger vehicle was towed from the scene.
- 10/15 Inspector responded to VT Rte 58 in Lowell to assist VSP-Derby at a multiple passenger vehicle versus CMV reportable crash. The CMV, a tractor trailer transporting garbage, was stopped at the stop sign at the junction of VT Rte 58 and 100 in Lowell. A passenger vehicle crossed the centerline and struck the other passenger vehicle and then struck the stopped CMV. The operator of the passenger vehicle was transported to the hospital and passed away. A Level 1 inspection was completed. No contributing pre-existing violations were discovered.

Notables:

• 10/14 Inspector stopped a vehicle towing a vehicle on US Rte 302 in Berlin. There were no operable lamps visible at the rear of the towed vehicle. A ticket was issued to the driver and the vehicle grounded.



• 10/14 Inspector stopped a CMV for a weight violation on US Rte 2 in West Danville. The CMV, a tractor trailer, was found to be 82' long without a permit. An inspection was completed and the CMV was grounded until a permit was secured.



• 10/14 Inspector stopped a CMV for the operator failing to wear seat belt on US Rte 5 in Orleans. Upon driver interview, the Inspector detected the odor of unburnt marijuana. K9 Annie and handler responded to the location of the stop. K9 Annie positively alerted on the door areas of the CMV. The driver of the CMV gave to the Inspector three marijuana cigarettes. A Level 2 inspection was completed on the straight axle CDL required CMV. The driver was placed out of service for 24 hours and issued a ticket.



• 10/17 Inspector stopped a CMV for inspection on I-93 in St. Johnsbury. The CMV was plated special and was transporting a load. The driver and carrier were advised of the restrictions on "S" plated CMVs. An inspection was completed and a warning issued for the misuse of plate.



New Entrant:

• Six carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. Two audits were completed. 11.25 hours.

Passenger Vehicles:

• 10/18 Three Inspectors went to Lamoille Valley Transportation in Morrisville to conduct passenger vehicle inspections on motor coaches and school buses. Eight Level 5 inspections were completed.



CENTRAL SECTOR:

Details:

• 10/15 Bridgewater, US Rte 4, Inspectors screened 54 CMVs. They completed 5 level 1, 5 level 2 hazmat inspections, and one level 3 inspection revealing 8 vehicle violations. No vehicles or drivers were placed out of service.

- 10/15 Clarendon, US Rte 7N, Inspectors 97 CMVs. Two level 1, and three level 2 inspections were completed revealing 5 vehicle violations (2 vehicle out of service violations).
- 10/18 WRJ, I-91N, Inspectors from the Central and South Sector screened 143 CMVs. Four level 1, five level 2, and three level 3 inspections were conducted revealing 10 vehicle violations (2 vehicle out of service violations) and 2 driver out of service violations.





• 10/18 Dorset, US Rte 7S, Inspectors screened 51 vehicles. One level 1 (hazmat) inspection, and two level 2 inspections (1 hazmat) were conducted. One portable weigh and 4 OW/OS permits were checked. No violations were detected.

Crashes:

No crashes reported.

Notables:

• 10/14 Inspector stopped this six axle log truck on VT Rte 14 in Brookfield. The combination was permitted for 99K but a portable weigh indicated an actual gross weight of 118,200 lbs. Additionally, there was a flat tire discover on the trailer. The vehicle was off loaded, placed out of service and a ticket was issued to the carrier.



• 10/15 Inspector conducted an inspection on this 5 axle flatbed at the Clarendon detail. The trailer was placed OOS for several load securement violations. One row of 3300 lb. pallets were secured with one defective strap, and were not blocked by a header board, bulkhead, or other cargo, and another row was secured by a single defective strap.





Passenger Vehicle:

• Nothing to report.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/16 Guilford, I-91N, Inspectors and a FMCSA Investigator screened 134 vehicles, weighed 4 vehicles, and checked 15 permits. Twelve inspections were completed with a total of 19 violations discovered. There were 2 CMV's and one driver placed out of service.
- 10/17 Pownal, US Rte 7S, Inspectors screened 58 CMV's. There were 6 permits checked. Eleven inspections were completed with 5 violations.

Crashes:

No crashes reported.

Notables:

Nothing to report.

New Entrant:

• One safety audit was completed and one carrier was inactivated.

Passenger carrier:

Nothing to report.