COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (10/27-11/2)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

- 10/29 Georgia, I-89S, 4 Inspector, 1 DMV Investigator, 1 VPD Officer, and the Guard CST Team screened 228 vehicles. They completed 22 inspections which resulted in 29 vehicle violations and 1 driver violation. Four vehicles were placed out of service.
- 10/31 Ferrisburgh, US Rte 7N, 5 Inspectors screened 65 vehicles. They completed 17 inspections which resulted in 16 vehicle violations and 2 driver violations. One vehicle was placed out of service.



Crashes:

• 10/30 Inspector responded to VT Rte 105 in Sheldon for an overturned tractor trailer. The driver was speeding as he entered a sharp curve. He lost control of the vehicle and it crossed the lane for oncoming traffic and landed on its side in a field. The vehicle had to be towed and driver had minor injuries.



Notables:

• 10/28 Inspector stopped a straight truck on Industrial Ave in Williston for unsecured straps. An inspection was conducted and the vehicle was placed out of service until the straps were secured.



• 10/29 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the I89 Georgia detail. An inspection was conducted and the truck tractor was placed out of service for a flat tire.



• 10/29 Insepctor inspected a tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The inspection revealed the truck had an air hose with an audible leak. The infraction was not at a proper connection and the truck was placed out of service for repair.



• 10/30 Inspector stopped a truck and trailer on I89 in Williston for an expired state inspection. An inspection was conducted. The driver was placed out of service for operating a CDL required CMV without a CDL. The trailer was placed out of service for inoperable parking brake and emergency breakaway. The carrier was ticketed.



• 10/30 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on US Rte 7 in Ferrisburgh for missing reflective material on the truck tractor. An inspection was conducted and the carrier was grounded for being suspended in VT. The carrier was ticketed for the suspension.



- 10/30 Insepctor, while working in the I89 Safety Corridor, stopped a tractor trailer for speeding. A level 3 inspection was conducted. It was found that the driver had improperly used "personal conveyance" time since leaving Schoharie, NY to get to his next load in St Albans, VT. The driver was over his 11 & 14 hour rules. The driver was placed out of service for a false logbook and issued a ticket for the offense.
- 10/31 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ferrisburg detail. The inspection revealed a load securement violation as the manlift hydraulic arm was not secured. The trailer was placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed for the violation.



- 11/1 Inspector was flagged down by motorist on I89 on the Winooski River Bridge in regards to a refrigerator that had fallen from a truck into the southbound passing lanes. The pickup truck came back and the refrigerator was loaded back into the vehicle. This caused significant traffic congestion and 2 VSP troopers assisted in this area.
- 11/1 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer operating on US Rte 2 in the City of South Burlington for a load securement violation. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service as all four corners of the grader were not secured as required. Only 2 binders were being utilized. A ticket was issued to the carrier.



Passenger Carrier:

• Nothing to report.

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/28 West Danville. US Rte 2, 3 Inspectors screened 45 vehicles. Twelve Level 1 inspections were completed. Eleven vehicle (two out of service) and one driver violation were discovered.
- 10/29 Waterford Welcome Center, I-93, 4 Inspectors screened 120 vehicles. Sixteen Level 1 (four hazardous materials) inspections were completed. Thirty-eight vehicle (three out of service) and six driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.

Crashes:

None reported.

Notables:

• 10/29 Inspector stopped a CMV that had driven past the inspection detail area without stopping. The CMV was escorted to a turnout further up the road where a Level 1 inspection was completed. The CMV was placed out of service for an inoperable emergency braking system on the trailer and a flat tire.



 10/29 Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a dump truck discovered this cracked support plate for the suspension air bag. The CMV was placed out of service.



transporting vehicles southbound on I-91. The Inspector was able to get the CMV stopped in Lyndonville and a Level 1 inspection was completed. The CMV had been in a crash and was not repaired in a workman's fashion. Twenty-one violations were discovered; eight of them placed the CMV or driver out of service. Notable violations- driver's license was under suspension in NY, the carrier's DOT number was inactive, no insurance, improper load securement devices, and the fuel tank was loose. Five tickets were issued and the CMV was towed from the inspection location.





• 10/30 Inspector stopped a six axle tractor trailer transporting logs on US Rte 2 in Lunenburg. The CMV was found to be 11,200 lbs over its 99,000 lb permit. An inspection was completed and a ticket was issued to the company. The trailer was also placed out of service for a defective required web strap.



• 11/1 Inspector stopped and weighed a four axle dump truck on VT Rte 114 in Brighton. The CMV was found to be 7,400 lbs over permitted road limit. An inspection was completed and a ticket was issued to the company.



New Entrant:

• Five carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. One audit was completed. 5.75 hours.

Passenger Vehicles:

No activity reported.

CENTRAL SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/29 Randolph, I-89N, Inspectors screened 246 CMVs. Three level 1, five level 2, and three level 3 inspections were conducted revealing 11 vehicle violations (2 vehicle out of service violations) and 11 driver violations (2 driver out of service violations).
- 10/31 Ira, US Rte 4W, Inspectors screened 214 CMVs. Four level 1, eight level 2, and two level 3 inspections were conducted revealing 22 vehicle violations (1 vehicle out of service violation) and 4 driver violations (1 driver out of service violation).



Crashes:

• No crashes reported.

Notables:

- 10/30 Inspectors conducted a size and weight saturation patrol in Rutland County. Three overweight violations were detected and \$1,866.00 in fines were issued.
- 10/30 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer operator for not wearing a seat belt on I91 in Fairlee. A ticket was issued to the operator.
- 10/30 Inspector stopped this 6 axle truck for a portable weigh. The vehicle was found to weigh 110,400 lbs. and operating on a 99K permit. The carrier was issued a ticket for 11,400 lbs. overweight. The left front tire was also found to be at 1/32" tread in major tread grooves. The tractor was placed OOS.



• 10/31 Inspector stopped this truck and trailer for failing to stop at the Ira west bound detail. Further investigation and inspection revealed the truck was interstate commerce and the operator was in possession of a marijuana. A level

2 inspection was completed and several more violations were noted. The driver was ticketed and placed out of service.





• 10/31 A level 1 inspection was conducted on a tractor trailer hauling crushed cars at the Ira WB detail on US Rte 4. The trailer had an inoperable left turn signal and brake linings less than ½ inch. The vehicle was placed out of service.



• Inspector placed a truck out of service in Ira for a load securement violation. A ticket was issued to the carrier.



Passenger Vehicles:

No activity reported

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

• 10/28 Bennington Chain Up Area, VT Rte 9, Inspectors screened 81 vehicles and checked 9 permits. Fourteen inspections were completed with a total of 15 violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service and, one driver placed out of service (under 21 years of age). One portable weigh of a dump truck that weighed 14,000 lbs overweight. Pictured below is the overweight dump truck and, fuel truck that was placed out of service for no operating authority.



• 11/1 Searsburg, VT Rte 9, Inspectors screened 44 vehicles and checked 7 permits. Seven inspections performed with a total of eight violations discovered.

An oversize load was grounded until proper signage was in place. No out of service.

Crashes:

• 10/29 Insepctor responded to US Rte 7/VT Rte 103 in Clarendon for a CMV crash involving a passenger vehicle rear ending into a loaded dump truck. Inspection was performed on the CMV with no pre-existing violations. The CMV was placed out of service as a result of damage incurred by crash. Investigation determined the operator of the passenger vehicle was not paying attention and at fault in this incident.



Notables:

- 10/30 Inspector spoke at Vermont Local Roads training for local highway foreman. The training took place in Manchester, VT at the fire department. There were 10 highway foreman and crew in attendance. Topics covered ranged from local roads permitting process, setting local speed limits, size & weight process on local roads and, Drug and Alcohol Testing.
- 10/29 Inspector assisted Winhall PD in attempting to locate an individual and vehicle who left the scene of an accident. The vehicle and operator in question matched description of individual earlier in the week which was assaultive to law enforcement. Neither the operator or vehicle were located.
- 11/01 Strong winds caused trees down along state and local roadways.

 Inspectors assisted VSP, AOT and local towns with trees across roadways, road closures, etc.

Safety Audits:

One carrier inactivated and 1 Safety Audit completed.

Passenger Carrier:

Inspector performed 2 inspections at local motor coach company.