## COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (11/17-11/23)

## **NORTHWEST SECTOR:**

### **Details:**

• 11/19 Ferrisburgh, US Rte 7, 3 Inspector & 1 Vergennes PD Officer screened 72 vehicles. They completed 19 inspections which resulted in 14 vehicle and 8 driver violations. Three vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.



• 11/22 Cambridge, VT Rte 104, 4 Inspectors screened 64 vehicles. They completed 12 inspections which resulted in 12 vehicle violations. One vehicle was placed out of service.

### **Crashes:**

No crashes reported.

#### **Notables:**

• 11/18 Inspector sopped a tractor trailer for speeding on US Rte 7 in Charlotte. A subsequent inspection revealed the carrier's VT operating authority was suspended. The carrier was ticketed for the infraction and grounded until the carrier was reinstated.



• 11/19 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Ferrisburg detail. The inspection revealed the trailer's stop lamps were inoperative. The trailer was placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed for the infraction.



• 11/18 Inspector stopped a dump truck and trailer on I89 in Georgia. The trailer was hauling machinery, which was loaded in such as manner as to make the vehicle an oversize load. The carrier had no oversize permit, signs, or flags. The machinery was able to be repositioned to be brought back into legal dimensions. A level 2 inspection was conducted and the carrier was ticketed for an expired state inspection.



• 11/18 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for speeding on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham. An inspection was conducted and the truck tractor was placed out of service for a leaking wheel seal which contaminated the brake friction surface. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.



• 11/19 Inspector conducted an inspection on a tractor trailer that came into the US Rte 7 Ferrisburgh truck safety inspection site. The trailer was placed out of service for a tire leaking air from a bolt in the tread. The driver was placed out of service for not having any record of duty status. The carrier was ticketed for the tire violation.



• 11/19 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer that came into the US Rte 7 Ferrisburgh truck safety inspection site. The trailer was placed out of service for a tire leaking air from a bolt/screw in the tread. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.



• 11/20 Inspector stopped an intrastate tractor trailer on VT Rte 15 in Cambridge for an inoperable lamp. A level 2 inspection was conducted and the driver was found to be in possession of marijuana. The driver was ticketed and placed out of service for 24 hours.





• 11/21 Inspector inspected an interstate truck and trailer in WRJ. One bundle of materials was found to be unsecured. The driver was able to properly secure the load to get back in service.



• 11/22 Inspector inspected an intrastate tractor trailer at the Cambridge detail. The vehicle was placed out of service until the loose chains on the trailer deck were secured.



# **Passenger Carrier**

• Nothing to report.

# **NORTHEAST SECTOR:**

## **Details:**

• 11/19 Detail moved from Wenlock to the Beecher Falls Port of Entry due to inclement weather. Two Inspectors completed eight inspections. Six driver violation and 3 vehicle violations were discovered.

# **Crashes:**

• None reported.

#### **Notables:**

• Inspector weighed a CMV on Derby Pond Road. The CMV was 14,000 lbs over the posted 24,000 lb limit.

#### **New Entrant:**

• Five carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. Three audits completed. 9 hours.

# **Passenger Vehicles:**

No activity reported.

## **CENTRAL SECTOR:**

#### **Details:**

- 11/18 the Clarendon Northbound Detail on US Rte 7 detail was cancelled due to snow.
- 11/21 Inspectors from the Central, South, and Northwest sectors conducted a safety checkpoint at the Hartford NB Rest Area. Inspectors screened 231 CMV's, 9 level 1 (2 hazmat), and 2 Level 2 inspections were conducted revealing 8 vehicle violations (1 vehicle out of service violation) and 7 driver violations (1 driver out of service violation).





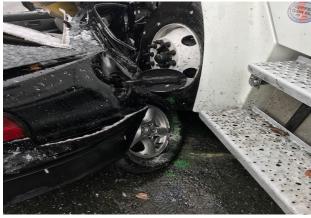
• 11/22 Fair Haven, US Rte 4, Inspectors screened 88 CMV's, and checked 4 permits. Four level 2, and 1 level 3 inspection were conducted. Three driver violations were detected (1 driver placed out of service).



## **Crashes:**

• 11/19 Inspectors responded to Stockbridge on VT Rte 107 for a fatal crash involving a passenger car and a CMV. It was determined that the operator of the passenger vehicle lost control on the snow covered roads and spun into the path of the CMV. An inspection was completed on the CMV and no pre-existing defects were noted. A repair company pulled the bumper away from the CMV's front wheels and the truck continued on to its terminal.





## **Notables:**

- 11/18 Directed patrol was conducted on US Rt 4 at Killington Flats. Two level 2 inspections were completed. One driver violation was noted and 1 permit was checked.
- 11/19 Inspector attended a Commercial Vehicle Safety Summit presented by the University of Massachusetts in Northampton, Massachusetts.
- 11/19 Inspectors attended a traffic safety press conference in New Hampshire with Vermont State Police & New Hampshire State Police.
- 11/22 Inspector stopped a CMV operator on US Rte 4 in Mendon for failure to maintain lane. A level 3 Inspection was conducted.



## **Passenger Vehicles:**

No activity reported

# **SOUTH SECTOR:**

#### **Details:**

- 11/18 Inspectors from the South & Central Sectors participated in a safety checkpoint at the Weight Station on VT Rte 279 in Bennington. Inspectors screened 38 CMVs. 2 permits were checked. 2 level 1, and 4 level 2 inspections were conducted revealing 7 vehicle violations (1 vehicle out of service violation).
- 11/20 Inspectors from the South Sector participated in a safety checkpoint at the Searsburg Parking Area. Inspectors screened 49 CMVs and checked five permits/ 1 level 1, five level 2, and two level 3 inspections were conducted revealing 8 vehicle violations (1 vehicle out of service violation due to load securement).



• 11/21 Inspectors from the South joined Central & Northwest Inspectors for a detail on I91 NB in Hartford.

#### **Crashes:**

• 11/18 Inspectors responded to VT Rte 100 in Stamford for a crash involving a CMV. Investigation revealed that the driver was distracted at the time of the crash. The CMV left the roadway and rolled onto its side.



• 11/19 Inspectors responded to a CMV crash with injury on I91 MM67SB in White River Junction. At the time of the crash it was snowing and the roadway was wet. Investigation revealed that the driver of the CMV was operating too fast for conditions and lost control. When the CMV struck the guardrails the cab of the truck sheared off from the frame, and landed on the guardrail. The CMV continued along the Interstate finally coming to rest. The CMV was loaded with bottles of maple syrup and food products. The Interstate was closed

for approximately 11 hours. An inspection was performed and further investigation is still ongoing reference operators hours of service. There were several other crashes in this same location during this time period.



• 11/20 Inspector responded to a CMV crash on I-91 near Exit 3 in Brattleboro where a passenger vehicle sideswiped a CMV. The passenger vehicle became disabled and had to be towed from the scene. A level 3 inspection was completed on the CMV. The CMV was able to return to its route.

#### **Notables:**

• 11/18 Inspector stopped a dump truck to check for excess weight permit and the load. The CMV was weighed on portable scales and determined to be 7000 lbs over its 69000 lb excess weight permit. An inspection was performed and traffic complaint issued for Over Road Limitations.



# **Safety Audits:**

• Expedited action on carrier for FMCSA, inactivated 3 carriers.

# **Passenger Carrier:**

• No activity reported