

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (1/12-1/18)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 1/14 Colchester NB, I-89, 5 Inspectors screened 384 vehicles. They completed 23 inspections which resulted in 47 vehicle violations and 19 driver violations. Three vehicles and three drivers were placed out of service.
- 1/16 Highgate POE, 3 Inspectors screened 98 vehicles. They completed 18 inspections which resulted in 6 vehicle violations and 5 driver violations. One inspector had to leave the detail early to respond to a truck crash.

Crashes:

- 1/16 Inspector was dispatched to a tractor trailer roll over on VT Rte 17 in West Addison. It was dark at the time of the crash, heavy snow falling, and the road was snow covered and slippery. The driver slid off the south side of VT Rte 17, collided with and cut a utility pole in half, and both units rolled and remained on the passenger side. The driver was transported by rescue to UVM hospital as a precaution. The road remained closed for several hours while Green Mountain Power worked on restoring power. The tractor trailer had to be towed from the scene.



- 1/16 Inspector responded to VT Rte 15 in Winooski for a CMV crash. A tractor trailer hauling fuel was exiting the interstate and attempted to change lanes.

The tractor trailer struck a van. The van had to be towed. The tractor trailer sustained minor damage. No injuries were reported.



- **1/17 Inspector responded to a CMV crash on the Susie Wilson Bypass in Essex. An eastbound pickup truck slid on the icy road and collided with the rear wheels of a westbound US Mail hauler. Both vehicles were towed. No injuries were reported. The motor carrier failed to maintain true and accurate time records and the driver was placed out of service.**





Notables:

- **1/13 Inspector stopped a box truck for speeding on US Rte 7 in New Haven. An inspection was conducted and the driver was placed out of service for having no logs for the previous 7 days when required.**



- **1/14 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The driver was placed out of service for using an AOBRD instead of an ELD.**



- **1/14 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The inspection revealed the Florida based driver was unable to produce his electronic log in any form. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours and ticketed for the infraction.**



- **1/14 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service for 1 tire being flat and 2 other tires shredded on the same axle. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.**



- **1/14 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a tire that was leaking air through a hole punctured in it.**



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- **1/14 Inspector was called to assist Grand Isle Sheriff units which had stopped a Florida based tractor trailer that had crashed into several wooden fence posts in the parking lot of Lake Champlain Ferry. The tractor trailer had left the scene without contacting the ferry company. A level 2 inspection was done. It was found that the driver & co-driver did not have ELD's or hours of service records as required. It was also found that these operators had been inspection 3 days prior by Florida Highway Patrol and placed out of service at the time as well for "No ELD/No RODS." The operator was issued a ticket for no ELD. The tractor trailer was towed from the scene.**



- **1/15 Inspector stopped a suspected overloaded log truck operating on VT Rte 15 in Morrisville. A subsequent inspection and portable weigh were conducted. The log hauler weighed 108,000 pounds and was ticketed for being 9,000 pounds over his 99,000 permitted weight.**



- **1/15 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for speeding on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service for having 3 adjacent floor cross members broken.**



- **1/16 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for speeding, 65mph in a 50mph zone, on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham. An inspection was conducted and the truck tractor was placed out of service as a tire was leaking air from a hole created by a screw. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.**



- **1/17 Inspector stopped a tank truck for an equipment violation operating on I-89 through Colchester. An inspection was conducted and revealed a brake cannister had a significant leak under the truck. The truck failed the air drop test and was subsequently placed out of service for repair.**



- **1/17 Inspector stopped a garbage truck on Williston Rd in Williston because trash was flying off the top of the truck and into the roadway. During the inspection, a bald tire was discovered. The vehicle was placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed.**



- **1/17 Inspectors responded to I89 in Milton for a report of a tractor trailer which was on fire. Upon arrival it was found the trailers brakes had caught fire, as a malfunction during transit caused the brakes to apply. A level 2 inspection was completed and the vehicle was placed out of service and towed from the roadway.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **1/15 Derby Line Port of Entry, I-91 (detail moved from Coventry NB due inclement weather). Four Inspectors conducted sixteen inspections. Four driver and eight vehicle violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **1/15 Inspector responded to assist the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department with a reportable crash involving a tanker tractor trailer transporting milk. The CMV lost traction while backing up and rolled onto its side after leaving the roadway. A Level 1 inspection was completed.**



Notables:

Some notable equipment violations from this week-

- **Loose bolt securing driveshaft universal joint. This out of service condition could lead to drive train failure during operation.**



- **A brake supply hose had become loose and was chaffing on the frame and brake components. Violation did not meet the out of service criteria.**



- **8,000 lb over permitted weight on US Rte 2 in Lunenburg.**



- **Defective tire on a six axle tractor trailer transporting 99,000 lbs of wood chips in Beecher Falls. Carrier was issued a ticket.**



- **Defective fuel tank on a two axle CMV. The fuel was seeping but was not dripping resulting in a violation but not an out of service violation.**



- **Defective upper fifth wheel plate on a five axle CMV transporting metal. All bolts on the right side securing the upper fifth wheel to the frame were loose.**



New Entrant:

- **Two carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. One audit completed and uploaded. 4.25 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **01/17 One Inspector conducted three Level 3 motor coach inspections at the Derby Line Port of Entry. No violations were discovered.**

CENTRAL SECTOR:

Details:

- **1/14 Hartford Rest Area, I-91S, Inspectors screened 319 vehicles. They completed 3 level 1 (2 hazmat inspections), 9 level 2 (2 hazmat inspections), and 3 level 3 inspections revealing 12 vehicle violations and 13 driver violations (2 driver out of service violations).**
- **1/15 Ira Rest Area, US Rte 4W, Inspectors screened 55 vehicles and checked 5 permits. They completed 1 level 1, and 5 level 2 inspections were conducted revealing 8 vehicle violations.**
- **1/16 Central Sector Inspectors joined South Sector Inspectors at a detail in Springfield.**



Crashes:

- **1/16 Inspector responded to VT Rte 74 in Shoreham for a roll over involving a loaded milk tanker. The vehicle left the roadway and overturned into a field. The driver sustained minor injuries to his hands. Poor road conditions were a contributing factor to the crash. An inspection was conducted and revealed no violations that were present prior to the crash.**



Notables:

- **1/13 Inspector conducted a directed patrol on I91 in Hartford. Multiple CMV operators were stopped for speeding, and several log violations were discovered.**



- **1/13 Inspector noticed a tractor trailer hauling crushed cars that appeared to be in excess of the 13'6" height limit. An inspection was completed and the height was measured at 13'10", the vehicle was grounded until the driver fixed the issue.**



- **1/13 Inspector noticed a box truck traveling down the road with severe wobble in the left side rear wheel. An inspection was completed on the Mail hauler and it was discovered two of 6 lug nuts were loose. The vehicle was placed out of service until repaired.**



- **1/14 Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection at the Hartford SB rest area. The driver's log was not current.**



- **1/14 Inspector inspected and grounded one of several trucks hauling Amazon freight that were placed out of service for hours of service violations. This is an ongoing issue with multiple “pop up” companies that haul Amazon freight into Vermont. Inspectors routinely place said vehicles out of service on a weekly basis.**



- **1/15 Inspectors weighed this six axle log truck at the Ira rest area. The vehicle was permitted for 99K but had an actual gross weight of 107,600 Lbs. A ticket was issued to the carrier. Additionally, loose fifth wheel mounting bolts were discovered during a level 2 inspection.**



- **1/15 Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on a disabled tractor trailer on I89 NB in Randolph. A dual set of tires came off during transport. The tractor trailer was placed out of service and escorted off the interstate.**



- **1/16 Inspectors assisted multiple motorists during a morning snowstorm on I91 in Ascutney.**



Passenger Carrier:

- No activity reported.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 1/14 South Sector Inspectors joined the Central Unit at a Detail in Hartford.
- 1/16 Springfield, I-91S, Inspectors screened 232 vehicles and checked 3 permits. They completed 9 level 2 (3 hazmat violations) inspections, and 1 level 3 inspection revealing 2 vehicle violations and 3 driver violations.

Crashes:

- 1/13 Inspector assisted VSP Westminster with a crash on I-91 Exit 5 Access Road in the town of Westminster where a passenger vehicle struck the rear of a CMV. The operator of the CMV was placed out of service due to logbook violations and found to be fatigued. The driver of the passenger vehicle was exiting the Interstate and not paying proper attention while the driver of the tractor trailer was attempting to back onto the off-ramp when the crash occurred. The passenger vehicle was towed from the scene. The CMV was able to be driven from the scene.
- 1/16 Inspector was called out to assist VSP Westminster troopers at a crash on Interstate 91 near exit 8 in Ascutney. The tractor towing 2 trailers lost control traveling southbound when it hit snow and ice. The tractor and trailer went into the median across both northbound lanes after all units completely flipped

over coming to rest in the snow of the northbound shoulder. No other vehicles were involved, the driver from was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.



- 1/16 Inspector responded, at the request of VSP Westminster, to a crash involving 3 CMV's on I-91 northbound in the area of mile marker 40. Inspector provided assistance to Springfield Fire and AOT personnel. The crash began as a tractor trailer was traveling north and lost control as it was heading down a steep grade prior to exit 7. The tractor trailer jack knifed and went in the median facing south when a small 2 axle truck tried to avoid the tractor trailer and went into the shoulder of the north bound travel lane. As this truck went

into the snowbank another tractor trailer placed itself in between both of them, just hitting the trailer of the truck in the median. The CMV in the median broke its driver side mirror and fuel tank step, the small CMV only had snow in its wheels, and the CMV which went in between lost its driver side mirror from hitting the truck in the median.



Notables:

- None reported.

Safety Audits:

- 1/15 Inspectors completed an onsite audit with a Bennington carrier who transports passengers and private property. The vehicles operated by the carrier had to be checked prior to beginning the New Entrant Audit. The carrier passed all components of the audit with only a few minor issues found.

Passenger Carrier:

- None reported.