

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (11/3-11/9)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 11/5 Williston I-89S, 4 Inspectors, 1 DMV Investigator, 1 VPD Officer, and the Guard CST Team screened 404 vehicles and weighed 3 vehicles. They completed 22 inspections which resulted in 54 vehicle violations and 9 driver violation. Six vehicles and three drivers were placed out of service.
- 11/7 Highgate POE, I-89S, 4 Inspectors screened 74 vehicles. They completed 32 inspections which resulted in 25 vehicle violations and 4 driver violations.

Crashes:

- 11/6 Inspector responded to VT Rte 104 in Fairfax for a CMV crash. A van had put on his blinker and was moving, partially in the travel lane to meet up with a pedestrian. A dump truck pulling a trailer passed the van and both vehicles collided. The minivan sustained disabling damage. There were no equipment violations on the CMV.



Notables:

- 11/4 Inspector stopped a dump truck on VT Rte 207 in Highgate. The vehicle had no excess weight permit and was found to be 18,000 lbs. overweight. The carrier was ticketed and the vehicle was offloaded.



- **11/4 Inspector sopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham for an inoperable head lamp. An inspection was conducted and the driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty for not having a log. The trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire and for 3 adjacent floor cross members broken under the trailer. The carrier was ticketed for the flat tire violation.**



- **11/4 Inspector stopped a truck on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham for speeding. An inspection was conducted and the truck was placed out of service as the parking brake was inoperable.**



- **11/5 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed an audible air leak within the air line running to a cannister on Axle 1. The vehicle was placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed.**
- **11/5 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The driver was placed out of service for a false log as he had unplugged his ELD several days prior and never plugged it back in. The tractor and trailer were both placed out of service. Violations included an active wheel seal leak, defective tractor protection valve, and an unsecured brake chamber.**



- **11/5 Inspector inspected a box truck at the I89 Williston detail. The driver was placed out of service for not using an ELD when required.**



- **11/5 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the I89 Williston detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service for failing the air loss test and for the axle 1 driver's side brake can leaking air from a non-manufactured hole.**



- **11/8 Inspector stopped a straight truck hauling an equipment trailer on I89 in Colchester for a load securement infraction. The driver had failed to secure a hook which was lying on the deck of the truck. The truck was placed out of service and the driver secured the hook.**



- **11/8 Inspector stopped a truck towing a trailer on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham for speeding. An inspection was conducted and the truck was placed out of service as the fuel tank was leaking fuel, pooling onto the exhaust system and dripping onto the ground. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **11/7 A level 3 PVI inspection was completed at the Highgate POE; no violations located.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **11/5 Ryegate Rest Area, I-91N, 4 Inspectors and one FMCSA screened 145 vehicles. Eight Level 1, seven Level 2, and three Level 3 inspections were completed. Twenty-eight vehicle (two out of service) and six driver (three out of service) violations were discovered.**



Crashes:

- **11/7 Inspector responded to VT Rte 105 in Jay to assist VSP-Derby with a single CMV crash. The CMV lost traction during inclement weather and slid off the road, striking a bridge abutment and trees. There were no reported injuries. A Level 2 inspection was completed. No pre-existing defects were discovered which contributed to the crash. Road conditions and driver error were factors in the crash.**



- **11/07 Inspectors responded to VT Rte 15 in Hyde Park to assist the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department at a two vehicle crash. The crash involved a**

passenger vehicle and a farm truck. Initial investigation revealed the farm truck (a two axle stake body truck) lost traction, spun across the center line, and was struck in the rear by a pickup truck. The operator of the pickup truck was transported to the hospital for serious injuries. The driver of the farm truck reported no injuries. A Level 7 inspection was completed. The crash investigation is ongoing. Vermont State Police Crash Reconstruction Team assisted at the scene.



Notables:

- **11/5 Inspector responded to US Rte 2 in St Johnsbury to assist VSP-St Johnsbury. A five axle tractor trailer had attempted a U-turn and got stuck in the process, unable to move and blocking the roadway. A wrecker was called to tow the CMV out. A level 3 inspection was completed and a ticket was issued to the driver.**
- **11/5 Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection in Ryegate discovered this defective leaf spring assembly on the trailer. The CMV was also weighed and was 10,500 lbs over the permitted road limit. The trailer was placed out of service and tickets were issued to the company. Two segments of the leaf spring were missing. This created a significant hazard to the motoring public as they become projectiles once dislodged.**



New Entrant:

- **Three carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. 5.5 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

CENTRAL SECTOR:

Details:

- **11/6 Fair Haven, US Rte 4, Inspectors screened and weighed 194 CMVs. Three level 1, seven level 2, and two level 3 inspections were conducted revealing 9 vehicle violations (4 vehicle out of service violations) and 3 driver violations.**



- **11/7 Randolph, I-91N, Inspectors screened and weighed 283 CMVs. Seven level 1, thirteen level 2, and one level 3 inspections were conducted revealing 30 vehicle violations (4 vehicle out of service violations) and 1 driver violation.**

Crashes:

- **11/5 Inspector responded to a single CMV crash in Mt Holly, where a loaded dry bulk tank trailer damaged a 49 foot section of guard rail while turning. An inspection was completed and the vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **11/6 Inspector responded to a crash involving a box truck on VT Rte 103 in Mount Holly. The vehicle lost control and rolled over a guardrail and impacted 2 telephone poles. The vehicle was recovered after Green Mountain Power declared the scene safe. The truck was found to be 25999 lbs. GVWR, and operating in intrastate commerce. A Level 7 inspection was completed.**



Notables:

- **11/4 Inspectors performed an industry outreach on proper load securement at OMYA Inc. in Florence, VT.**



- **11/5 Inspector stopped a loaded dump truck on VT Rte 100 in Rochester. The vehicle was permitted for 60,000 lbs. but a portable weigh indicated an actual gross weight of 71,100 lbs. A ticket was issued to the carrier.**



- **11/6 Inspector inspected a CMV that was hauling an oversize load at the Fair Haven detail. During the inspection, it was discovered the carrier had falsified dimensions on the permit. The load required an escort vehicle, which the carrier was not using and the permit dimensions were wrong. The vehicle was grounded until a corrected version of the permit was obtained.**



- **11/7 Inspector conducted an inspection on a driver that failed to have a valid medical certificate at the Randolph NB rest area.**



- **11/8 Inspector stopped a CMV operator for failing to wear a seat belt on US Rte 5 in Hartford. A ticket was issued to the operator.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **11/4 Bennington, VT Rte 279, Inspectors screened 58 vehicles, weighed 6 vehicles, and checked 10 permits. Twelve inspections were completed with a total of 11 violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service and, one driver placed out of service. One 7 axle tractor trailer hauling grain came through**

detail weighing 118,000 lbs (no permit) claiming agricultural exemption. The CMV was grounded until excess weight permit was obtained and off loaded. Oversize load came through detail over permitted length, as well as, having two tires in out of service condition. Pictured below is the overweight truck tractor, and oversize load over permitted length.



- **11/5 Woodford, VT Rte 9, Inspectors screened 47 vehicles and checked 4 permits. Eleven inspections were performed with a total of sixteen violations discovered. No out of service violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **No crashes reported.**

Notables:

- **11/6 Inspector stopped a log truck during patrol to check for permit and weight. The CMV was weighed on portables and, 10,000 lbs over its 99000 lb permit. Inspection performed and a ticket was issued for the overweight.**



Safety Audits:

- **One carrier was inactivated and three Safety Audits were completed.**

Passenger Carrier:

- **No activity to report.**