

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (12/15-12/21)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 12/18 Highgate POE, I-89 SB, 3 Inspectors screened 200 vehicles. They completed 22 inspections which resulted in 15 vehicle violations and 1 driver violation. One vehicle was placed out of service.
- 12/20 Williston, I-89 NB, detail cancelled.

Crashes:

- 12/17 Inspector was called out to assist State Police-St. Albans with a CMV vs. pickup truck crash on VT Rte 78 in Highgate Center. It was reported that the driver of the pickup had perished in the crash and that all vehicles involved were disabled from the incident. A level 1 post-crash inspection was conducted, and several pre-existing vehicle violations were discovered. Additionally, it was found that the driver was in possession of a false logbook and was in violation of the hours of service regulation prior to the crash. Inspector is continuing work with VSP-Crash Reconstruction Unit as crash investigation work continues. The inspection was completed, and tickets issued to the driver & NY based carrier.





- **12/20 Inspector started followed up on a CMV crash that was investigated by Swanton PD on 12/18; case is still active as more information is gathered.**

Notables:

- **12/16 Inspector stopped a box truck for speeding on I-89 near exit 15 in Winooski. A level 1 inspection was conducted on the MA based carrier. During the course of the inspection it was discovered that the driver & passenger possessed Marijuana. The driver was placed out of service for 24 hours and enforcement action was taken.**



- **12/16 Inspector stopped a straight truck hauling a roll off container on I89 in Georgia for a load securement infraction. The driver's side rear strap was not attached to the container. The truck was placed out of service and the driver addressed the observed defect.**



- **12/18 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Highgate inbound POE detail. The inspection revealed a tire on the trailer was flat and a piece of metal was lodged in the tire. The trailer was placed out of service for the infraction.**



- **12/19 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte 22a in Orwell for an inoperable head lamp. An inspection was conducted and the truck tractor was placed out of service for a flat tire. The carrier was issued a ticket for the violation.**



- **12/19 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for speeding on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham. An inspection was conducted and the driver was placed out of service for a false log. The driver was ticketed and placed out of service for 10 hours off duty.**



- **12/19 Inspector stopped a box truck delivering Amazon packages for speeding on US Rte 7 in New Haven. An inspection was conducted and the carrier was placed out of service as the carrier had no operating authority as required.**



- **12/20 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham as the ABS lamp on the trailer remained illuminated indicating an issue with the ABS system. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service as one tire had less than 50% of required air pressure.**



Passenger Carrier:

- 12/18 A level 3 PVI inspection was completed at the Highgate POE; no violations located.

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 12/19 Lyndonville Rest Area, I-91S, 3 Inspectors and 2 FMCSA screened 46 vehicles. Ten inspections were completed. Seven driver (three out of service) violations were discovered.
- 12/20 Coventry Rest Area, I-91N, 3 Inspectors screened 50 vehicles. Nine Level 3 inspections were completed. Six driver violations were discovered.

Crashes:

- None reported.

Notables:

- 12/16 Inspector stopped and weighed a four axle dump truck on State St in Montpelier. The truck was 9,600 lbs over permitted road limits. A ticket was issued to the company.



- **12/16 I-89 Berlin. An Inspector stopped a CMV for speeding 72/65 mph zone. Upon driver interview, the Inspector detected the odor of burnt marijuana. The driver admitted to having smoked marijuana earlier in the day before shift had begun. There was marijuana residue in the ashtray. The driver passed roadside field sobriety exercises. An inspection was completed. The driver was placed out of service for no record of duty and the marijuana violation. A ticket was issued to the driver.**
- **12/18 Inspector stopped a three axle dump truck on VT Rte 114 in Brighton. The CMV had a defective tire. The violation was noted and a ticket was issued to the company for the violation.**



New Entrant:

- Seven carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. 10.5 hours.

Passenger Vehicles:

- No activity reported.

CENTRAL SECTOR:

Details:

- 12/16 Hartford SB Rest Area, I-91, Inspectors screened 186 vehicles, completed 1 level 1, 12 level 2, and 3 level 3 inspections revealing 22 vehicle violations (2 vehicle out of service violation) and 4 driver violations (1 driver out of service violation).
- 12/18 Hartford NB Rest Area, I-91, Inspectors screened 140 vehicles, completed 1 Level 1, 4 level 2, and 7 level 3 inspections revealing 3 vehicle violation and 4 driver violations (2 out of service violation). FMCSA Safety Investigators also attended and handed out drug and alcohol clearing house pamphlets to drivers during the detail.



- During the detail Inspector was conducting a level 2 inspection when he discovered that the driver had a suspended license, and an active arrest warrant out of Washington County. The driver was taken into custody, and brought to court to answer the charges.

Crashes:

- 12/16 Inspectors responded to a crash involving two CMV's on US Rte 7 in East Dorset. Investigation revealed a loaded tractor trailer was backing across US Rte 7 to make a delivery when a second tractor trailer loaded with wood chips

impacted the bay area of the trailer. No injuries were reported.



- **12/20 Inspector responded to a crash involving a school bus on Vt Rte 107 in Bethel. The school bus was stopped at the time of the crash and was rear ended by a passenger vehicle. No injuries were reported. An inspection was completed.**

Notables:

- **12/18 Inspector stopped a 2 axle box truck on I89 in Randolph. The operator had crossed the center line and was observed with a cell phone in his right hand. The driver stated that he was reading a text message but had not replied. The driver was issued a ticket.**
- **12/19 Inspector stopped a CMV on Interstate 91 for speed. A level 3 inspection was completed and the carrier was found to be under suspension in VT for carrier noncompliance. The vehicle was allowed to continue the trip after the carrier became reinstated.**



- **12/19 Inspector came upon a single vehicle crash on I-89 MM24 north. Assistance was provided until VSP arrived. The driver was found to be traveling too fast for conditions.**



- **12/20 Inspector stopped a box truck operator for speeding and using a handheld cell phone while operating on I91 in Hartford. The operator did not possess a valid medical card. A level 2 inspection was conducted and a ticket was issued to the operator.**



- **12/20 Inspector noticed a log truck that appeared to be overweight. An inspection was completed and the vehicle weighed. The vehicle was 16,800lbs overweight and offloaded. Several other violations were noted, to include a trailer wheel that was broken and out of service, load securement (out of service violations) and the trailer was not registered or inspected. The company was ticketed.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **No activity reported.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **12/16 South Sector Inspectors joined the central unit for the detail at Hartford SB.**
- **12/18 South Sector Inspectors joined the central unit for the detail at Hartford NB**

Crashes:

- **No crashes to report.**

Notables:

- **12/15 Inspector stopped a truck carrying hazardous materials that failed to stop at a set of railroad tracks in Chester. A hazmat inspection was completed.**
- **12/16 Inspectors assisted the permits unit in Windsor where they weighed a crane.**
- **12/20 Inspector conducted a directed patrol on I 91 in Brattleboro. Two inspections were conducted. 1 driver violation and 4 vehicle violations were noted.**

Safety Audits:

- **Four off-site safety audits, and two on-site safety audits were completed.**

Passenger Carrier:

- **No activity reported**