## **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (12/8-12/14)**

## **NORTHWEST SECTOR:**

## **Details:**

No details conducted this week.

## **Crashes:**

No crashes to report.

## **Notables:**

- 12/9-12/13 Two Inspectors attended General Hazardous Materials class in Albany, NY.
- 12/10 Inspector stopped an intrastate vacuum truck for an inoperable lamp on I89 in Colchester. While speaking with the driver, she noted indicators of alcohol use. The driver was screened and gave a preliminary breath sample of 0.047%. The driver was processed for DUI and placed out of service for 24 hrs.



• 12/10 Inspector stopped at tractor trailer for going 69 mph in the 55 mph zone prior to the Winooski River Bridge. A level 3 inspection was conducted and the driver was ticketed for speeding.

Clip No: 625 Date: 12/10/2019 Time: 10:33:50 Manual: Speed

Loc: NW Sector

ID: 2145 Speed Limit: 55 MPH Speed: 69 MPH (APP) Distance: 669.6 ft



12/11 Inspector responded to Camp Johnson in Colchester for a tractor trailer driver with a large quantity of alcohol in the cab. The driver was in possession of 29 full cans of beer. The driver's electronic log was also found to be false, showing him off duty for the entire day. The driver was ticketed and placed out of service for 24 hrs.





- 12/12 Inspector came across a disabled wrecker on VT Rte 15 in Essex which was blocking traffic. He assisted on scene until other units arrived to care for the scene.
- 12/12 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on I89 in Colchester for having a passenger side headlight out. A level 2 inspection was conducted and the vehicle was placed out of service for several defects. Additionally, the truck was weighed and found to be 10,000 lbs overweight. The carrier was ticketed for both offenses.



• 12/13 Inspector went to Burlington and assisted both the US Coast Guard Station and UVM Special Events Division with weighing trailers & vehicles for proper weight distribution and certifications.





 12/13 Inspector assisted Richmond PD with a DRE evaluation arising out of a multi vehicle collision.

# **Passenger Carrier:**

Nothing to report

## **NORTHEAST SECTOR:**

### **Details:**

• 12/10 Wenlock detail moved to Lunenburg due to inclement weather. Two Inspectors screened 44 vehicles. Six inspections were completed. Thirteen vehicle and two driver violations were discovered.

### **Crashes:**

- 12/8 Inspector responded to assist VSP at a CMV versus passenger fatal crash on VT Rte 9 in Wilmington. The passenger vehicle lost traction and crossed the centerline where it contacted the left front of the CMV. The driver of the passenger vehicle was pronounced as deceased on scene. A Level 1 inspection was completed. An investigation by the VSP Crash Reconstruction Team is ongoing.
- 12/13 Inspector responded to VT Rte 114 in Norton to assist Canaan PD at a reportable passenger vehicle versus CMV crash. The passenger vehicle struck the parked five axle CMV, which was on the side of the road with its hazard flashers on. A Level 2 inspection with no violations pre-existing noted. No action was taken against the operator of the CMV or the motor carrier.



### **Notables:**

- 12/8-12/13 Inspector attended and successfully passed the FMCSA General Hazardous Materials course in Albany NY. Inspector will now have to complete supervised roadside inspections to complete the certification process.
- 12/11 Inspector stopped and weighed a six axle CMV transporting logs on US Rte 5 in Bradford. The CMV was found to be 119,600 lbs; 20,600 lbs over the permitted road limit. A level 2 inspection was completed and a ticket was issued to the company.



• 12/11 Inspector spent the day visiting numerous District 7 AOT garages in the Northeast. In an effort to better estimate how much salt is being used, Sergeant Fenby weighed up each bucket loader that is used. Each garage has a different sized loader bucket so each scoop weighs a different amount. Sergeant Fenby was able to give each garage an approximate weight of a full scoop of salt.

## **New Entrant:**

• Two carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. 2 hours.

# **Passenger Vehicles:**

No activity reported.

# **CENTRAL SECTOR:**

## **Details:**

12/10 Fair Haven Weigh Station, US Rte 4, Inspectors screened 203 vehicles, and checked 18 permits. Ten level 2, and 2 level 3 inspections were conducted revealing 9 vehicle violations (1 vehicle out of service violation) and 2 driver violations (1 driver out of service violation). During the Fair Haven detail this CMV was placed out of service after Inspectors discovered a flat tire.





• 12/12 Clarendon NB Rest Area, US Rte 7, Inspectors screened 78 CMV's and checked ten permits. Nine Level 2 (2 hazmat) inspections were conducted revealing 1 vehicle violation and 2 driver violations (1 out of service violation). No tickets were issued. During an inspection at the Clarendon NB Detail, Inspectors found this equipment tied down using lever style chain binders that were not secured, and also discovered one loose chain.



### **Crashes:**

No crashes reported.

#### **Notables:**

- 12/9-12/13 Inspector attended Hazmat Training at the NYSP Academy.
- 12/9 Inspectors attended the First Responder Wellness Conference at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Montpelier. This group consisted of representation from police, fire, EMS and corrections. The group met in an effort to raise awareness of the dangers of chronic exposure to stress and trauma. The focus was to create better opportunities to support the total wellness of all first responders in Vermont.
- 12/12 Inspector assisted Killington Police with a reported unresponsive child at the Killington Elementary School during a directed patrol in Killington. The child was transported by paramedics to RRMC for further evaluation.
- 12/12 Inspector conducted an inspection on a straight truck in Clarendon. The operator was found to be utilizing paper logs in a rented CMV. The operator stated that he had been using paper for 3 weeks, and provided paper logs for 12 days. The operator was placed OOS for no record of duty status.

• 12/13 Inspector conducted a directed patrol on I-91 in Hartford. Four CMVs were stopped for speeding. Four level 3 inspections were conducted.

# **Passenger Carrier:**

No activity reported.

# **SOUTH SECTOR:**

## **Details:**

None conducted.

### **Crashes:**

• 12/8 Inspectors inspected a second CMV involved in a fatal crash involving two CMV's and a passenger vehicle on VT Rte 9 in Searsburg. A level 1 inspection was completed and a pre-existing out of service violation was discovered. After contacting the carrier it was discovered that the vehicle was manufactured with the defect in place. The axle 1 airline hose kinked when turning to the right and when the wheels were straight.



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- 12/13 Inspector conducted 3 Inspections during a directed patrol on VT Rte 9 in the Marlboro/Wilmington area. One CMV was placed out of service. Five vehicle violations were found and 3 permits were checked.
- 12/13 Inspector stopped this CMV pictured below which was found with one tire having no tread and with low air pressure. This CMV was placed out of service on Hogback Mtn.



# **Safety Audits:**

• Four safety audits were completed, and two more were started.

# **Passenger Carrier:**

No activity reported