

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (2/16-2/22)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 2/19 Colchester, I-89N, 5 Inspectors screened 364 vehicles. They completed 16 inspections which resulted in 7 vehicle violations and 1 driver violation. One vehicle was placed out of service.
- 2/20 Georgia, I-89S, 5 Inspectors screened 172 vehicles. They completed 26 inspections which resulted in 16 vehicle violations and 8 driver violations. Three vehicles and two drivers were placed out of service.

Crashes:

- 2/18 Inspector responded to the report of a tractor trailer off US Rte 7 in the Town of Charlotte. Upon arrival, the Inspector observed a combination off the west side of US Rte 7 at the intersection with East Thompson's Pt. Rd. The truck tractor sustained front end damage and vehicle components were contacting the steer tires. The driver was not injured. A tow truck responded to the scene for recovery and the Inspector assisted VSP with traffic control. The driver attributed the crash to a wrecker driver who stopped suddenly in the road and the CMV driver having to take evasive action to avoid colliding with the wrecker. The truck tractor camera footage was requested and an inquiry into the causality of the crash is continuing. A post-crash inspection was conducted.



- **2/21 Inspector responded to a tractor trailer crash on I89 in Middlesex. The driver admitted he “dozed off”. Vehicle left the road and collided with rock ledges in the median. Tractor and trailer sustained disabling damage and were placed out of service. Driver placed out of service for fatigue. Fuel tank ruptured on tractor and HM was called regarding cleanup.**



Notables:

- **2/18 Inspector stopped a truck towing a transporter RV on VT Rte 22a in Orwell for speeding. An inspection was conducted and the truck was placed out of service as the parking brake was inoperable.**



- **2/19 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service as a tire had a hole in it and was leaking air. The carrier was issued a ticket for the violation.**



- **2/20 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The trailer was placed out of service as there were no operable brake lamps.**



- **2/20 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service as a hub assembly was not plugged or covered and was exposed. The trailer was placed out of service as there were 3 broken adjacent cross members. The carrier was ticketed for the hub violation.**



- **2/20 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The driver was placed out of service as he began driving and didn't have the required rest time.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **2/18 Waterford Welcome Center, I-93, 3 Inspectors screened 65 vehicles. Seven inspections were completed. Five vehicle and seven driver violations were discovered. Detail was shut down early due to inclement weather.**



- **2/20 Coventry Rest Area, I-91N, 2 Inspectors screened 85 vehicles. Eight inspections were completed. Seventeen vehicle (three out of service) and three driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **None reported.**

Notables:

- **2/18 Waterford detail. Three drivers were placed out of service for ELD violations- no ELD when required, ELD not connected to the truck module, and intentional falsification of record of duty.**
- **2/18 This vehicle came into the Waterford detail at 8,000 lbs over its legal road limit.**



- **2/20 Inspector stopped and inspected a combination CMV transporting a Bobcat on I-91 at the Coventry detail. The CMV was a Class A CDL required combination. The driver possessed only a Class D license. The driver was placed out of service for no CDL when required. The carrier was issued a ticket for allowing the operation of a CDL vehicle without a CDL.**



- **During the above aforementioned inspection, after the Inspector detected the odor of marijuana, K-9 Annie was deployed and gave an alert. A consent card**

was obtained and during the subsequent search, 15.4 grams of marijuana along with two pipes were located in the truck cab. The driver was placed out of service for 24 hours and issued a ticket for the violation.



- 2/20 Inspector observed a wheel stud on a trailer axle missing its fastener at the Coventry detail.



- **2/21 Inspector stopped and weighed a six axle CMV transporting logs at the Beecher Falls Port of Entry. The CMV was not permitted for excess weight. The CMV was found to be 8,600 lbs over the legal road limit. A ticket was issued to the company.**



New Entrant:

- **Eight carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. One audit completed and uploaded. 8 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

CENTRAL SECTOR:

Details:

- **2/18 Randolph NB Rest Area, I-89, Inspectors screened 110 vehicles. Inspectors completed 2 level 2 inspections and 3 level 3 inspections revealing no violations. Detail was closed at noon due to inclement weather.**
- **2/19 Fair Haven Scale House, US Rte 4, Inspectors screened and weighed 129 vehicles. Inspectors completed 1 level 1 inspection, 10 level 2 inspections (1 hazmat inspections) and 1 level 3 inspection. Eleven vehicle violations (2 out of service vehicle violations) and 6 driver violations (1 driver out of service violations) were detected.**



Crashes:

- **No crashes reported.**

Notables:

- **2/19 Inspector discovered a false log while conducting an inspection at the Fair Haven Scale House. The driver had gone 332 miles on personal conveyance to a loading destination during his 34 hour restart period. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours.**
- **2/19 Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on a tractor trailer hauling sugar syrup at the Fair Haven Scale House. The manhole cover on top of the tank was not secured and product was leaking down the side and pooling on the ground. The vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **2/19 Inspector conducted an inspection on this tractor trailer at the Fair Haven detail. The container was loaded with slate, and the vehicle was found to weigh 95,080 lbs., 15,080 lbs. in excess of the 80,000 lb. road limit. The carrier did not have any overweight permit. The carrier was ticketed.**



Passenger Carrier:

- No activity reported.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 2/18 Guilford Truck Check Area, I-91, Inspectors screened 88 vehicles. They completed 11 inspections resulting in 9 driver violations and 14 vehicle violations. Three vehicles and 1 driver were placed out of service. The detail was closed early due to snow and hazardous road conditions.
- 2/19 Springfield, I-91N, 6 Inspectors screened 325 vehicles. They completed 14 inspections which resulted in 2 vehicle violations and 3 driver violations. No out of service violations were detected.

Crashes:

- No crashed reported.

Notables:

- 2/18 Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on a tractor trailer at the Guilford detail. The truck was not apportioned, the driver had an intrastate CDL restriction and the truck was placed out of service for equipment violations.



Safety Audits:

- **Inspector completed 1 offsite new entrant audit and started 2 onsite audits and scheduled and started 2 additional onsite audits (1 passenger carrier and 1 private property carrier). The Inspector also assisted with inactivating 1 US DOT number for a carrier.**

Passenger Carrier:

- **Inspector answered questions from local school district on whether or not a US DOT is needed for their vehicles.**