

## COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (2/2-2/8)

### NORTHWEST SECTOR:

#### Details:

- 2/4 Colchester NB, I-89, 4 Inspectors screened 438 vehicles. They completed 31 inspections which resulted in 27 vehicle violations and 14 driver violations. One vehicle and two drivers were placed out of service.
- 2/6 Highgate POE, I-89, 5 Inspectors, and 1 Vergennes PD Officer screened 150 vehicles. They completed 30 inspections which resulted in 6 vehicle violations and 4 driver violations.

#### Crashes:

- 2/3 Inspector responded to a crash on I89 in Richmond. Upon arrival he observed a tractor trailer blocking both northbound lanes. The tractor trailer had struck a pickup truck which sustained disabling damage and both occupants were transported for non-life threatening injuries. Investigation revealed the CMV driver had slowed in the breakdown lane and attempted to reverse direction through the U-turn. The driver advised he had missed his exit. A level 1 post-crash inspection was conducted. The truck was placed out of service for a damaged and leaking hub assembly caused by the collision. The driver was issued a criminal citation for the crime of negligent operation.



- 2/6 Inspector responded to I89 in Williston for a crash involving multiple commercial motor vehicles. A westbound tractor trailer operated collided with a box truck in front of him. Some witnesses reported a car spun out and the box

**truck stopped to avoid the car. After hitting the box truck, the tractor trailer hit the guardrail and went off the road into the trees. There were no injuries. Both the box truck and tractor trailer had to be towed due to disabling damage. A second tractor trailer jack knifed in the median, in an effort to avoid the first crash. This vehicle did not sustain disabling damage.**



- **2/7 Inspector was asked to assist VSP-Williston with a multi-vehicle crash on US Rte 7 in Charlotte which included a tractor trailer. A level 2 post-crash inspection was conducted. No improper driving or vehicle violations were discovered as a result of the inspection.**





**Notables:**

- **2/3 Inspector stopped an intrastate fuel hauler on US Rte 2 in Williston for an inoperable lamp. The carrier was using a specification cargo tank, but had failed to conduct required tank testing. The vehicle was placed out of service for ID # markings that misrepresented the HM on board. The carrier was ticketed.**



- **2/3 Inspector stopped an interstate tractor trailer on I89 in Williston for inoperable lamps. The trailer was placed out of service for no working brake lights.**



- **2/4 Inspector inspected an interstate box truck at the Colchester detail. The driver's logging system was not synced to the truck and showed he had only driven for 1 minute that day. The driver had in fact driven from MA to VT. The driver was placed out of service.**



- **2/4 Inspector inspected a truck at the Colchester detail. The truck was placed out of service for improper load securement. The carrier was also suspended in VT.**



- **2/4 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer. The trailer was placed out of service for exposed ply in the tread area. The carrier was ticketed.**



- **2/5 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham as the trailer had an inoperable lamp. An inspection was conducted and the driver was placed out of service for not having hours of service logs. The driver was using paper logs for the 3 weeks when ELD was required. The driver had been placed out of service 2 days prior for the same violation and had not corrected said violation.**
- **2/5 Inspector stopped an interstate tractor trailer on VT Rte 2A in Williston for inoperable lights. There were no working lights at all on the trailer. The vehicle was placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed.**



- **2/6 Inspectors came upon a two vehicle crash on US Rte 7 in Georgia near the I89 exit 18 off ramp. There were no injuries reported, however both vehicles were disabled and caused the road to be blocked off. They assisted on scene until the vehicles were removed and traffic was no longer backed up.**



- **2/7 Inspector worked the I89 Williston area assisting VSP units with heavy interstate traffic conditions due to an ongoing winter storm. Several slide off's and jack knifed tractor trailer units were assisted.**





- **2/7 Inspector assisted with numerous vehicle and tractor trailer slide off's on I89 between Richmond and Colchester during the winter storm.**



**Passenger Carrier:**

- **2/6 Highgate POE, 1 inspector completed 3 level 3 Passenger Vehicle Inspections. One driver was placed out of service.**



- **Inspector inspected a motor coach at the Highgate POE transporting Canadian school children to a ski resort. The driver declared to Customs that he was in possession of alcohol. The driver had a full bottle of beer inside the bus with him. The driver was ticketed and placed out of service for 24 hrs. The passengers were escorted to a nearby exit with food and restroom facilities to wait for a new driver.**



**NORTHEAST SECTOR:**



**Details:**

- **2/5 West Danville, US Rte 2, 3 Inspectors screened 65 vehicles. Ten inspections were completed. Ten vehicle (one out of service) and one driver violation were discovered.**

**Crashes:**

- **2/7 Inspector responded to an incident involving three CMVs on I-89 in Montpelier at the exit 7 on ramp. The CMVs, all five axle tractor trailers were northbound travelling in the right lane. A passenger vehicle entered the right lane from the on ramp. The passenger vehicle failed to speed up to the flow of traffic. The first of the three CMVs had to merge into the left lane. While doing so, CMV #1 lost traction and jackknifed, causing the other two CMVs to also jackknife into the median. CMVs #1 and #2 were able to be towed back onto the interstate and quick cleared from the scene. CMV #3, received damage to one of its fuel tanks, which resulted in it leaking. A Level 2 inspection was completed and the CMV was placed out of service. No injuries were reported, and no tickets were issued.**



**Notables:**

- **2/4 Inspector stopped and conducted a Level 2 inspection on a six axle tractor trailer on US Rte 2 in Lunenburg. The truck was placed out of service for loose wheel fasteners and the vehicle was placed out of service in combination for a cracked upper fifth wheel plate. A ticket was issued to the company.**



- **2/5 Inspector conducted a Level 2 inspection on a six axle CMV transporting wood chips. The CMV was weighed and found to be 18,100 lbs over axle weight limits for the tandem drive axles. A ticket was issued to the company.**

**New Entrant:**

- **No activity reported.**

**Passenger Vehicles:**

- **No activity reported.**

**CENTRAL SECTOR:**

**Details:**

- **2/4 Clarendon NB, US Rte 7, Inspectors screened 61 vehicles. They completed 2 level 2 inspections and 3 level 3 inspections revealing 4 vehicle violations.**
- **2/5 WRJ NB, I-91, 3 Inspectors screened 212 vehicles. They completed 12 inspections which resulted in 11 vehicle violations and 11 driver violations. One vehicle and two drivers were placed out of service.**

**Crashes:**

- **No crashes reported.**

**Notables:**

- **2/3 Inspector noticed a truck that appeared to be overweight. The vehicle was weighed and inspected. The vehicle weighed 112,900 lbs operating on a 99,000lb. The company was issued a ticket for the 13,900 lbs overweight.**



- **2/3 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer at the Sharon SB rest area. During the inspection 2 flat tires were discovered on the trailer. The vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **2/4 Inspector discovered this defective chain during a level 2 inspection at the Clarendon NB rest area. The chain was securing blasting mats on a low bed trailer. The driver replaced the defective chain and was allowed to continue the trip.**



- **2/4 Inspector conducted an inspection on a box truck at the White River Junction detail. The driver's medical certificate stated that the driver must wear hearing aids. The driver was not wearing hearing aids, nor did he have them with him. The driver was placed out of service.**
- **2/4 Inspector conducted an inspection on this 2 axle box truck at the White River Junction detail. The inspection revealed 2 broken and separated leaf springs. One of the broken leaves was a main leaf. The vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **2/5 Inspector assisted Royalton Police Department with a death investigation involving a CMV. The operator of a garbage truck was emptying a dumpster into the truck when the cable failed. The dumpster crushed and killed the man as it fell back to the ground. The vehicle had a GVWR of 25,999 lbs and was in intrastate commerce, so a level 7 inspection was conducted with no defects found. The investigation is still ongoing.**



**Passenger Carrier:**

- No activity reported.

**SOUTH SECTOR:**

**Details:**

- 2/4 Springfield, I-91N, Inspectors screened 154 vehicles and checked 2 permits. They completed 5 level 2 inspections (2 hazmat inspections) and 2 level 3 inspections revealing 3 vehicle violations and 3 driver violations.
- 2/5 South Inspectors joined the Central Unit for a detail on I-91 NB in Hartford.

**Crashes:**

- **No crashes reported.**

**Notables:**

- **During patrol an Inspector stopped and oversize load for operating in heavy fog conditions after the driver failed to stop at the first safe location. An inspection was performed and the CMV was placed out of service for a tire which had no tread. A ticket was issued to the carrier.**



- **Inspector stopped and weighed CMV. The CMV was 7000 lbs over its permitted road limit of 90,000 lbs and, was not in possession of the excess weight permit as required. Inspection performed and a ticket was issued to the carrier for the overweight violation.**



- **2/7 Inspector patrolled the VT Rte 9/VT Rte 11 corridor and assisted local PD's with weather related motor vehicle issues. During the storm a Motor Coach loaded with passengers got stuck on a hill. The Inspector assisted with traffic control until the vehicle was able to be moved.**

**Safety Audits:**

- **None reported.**

**Passenger Carrier:**

- **2/2 Inspector conducted motor coach inspection at Mt. Snow. Two level 2 inspections were completed.**





- **2/6 Inspector stopped at Mt. Snow and performed several Motor Coach Inspections.**

