COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (5/31-6/6)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

No details conducted.

Crashes:

• 6/2 Inspector responded to the report of a tractor trailer engulfed in flames on I89 southbound in S. Burlington. Upon arrival, the truck tractor hauling a windmill blade was smoldering and the S. Burlington fire department was extinguishing the fire. The truck tractor was a total loss and the Inspector assisted Vt State Police with traffic control during the fire fighting and subsequent removal of the burnt vehicle. A post-crash inspection was conducted and the truck tractor was placed out of service for extraordinary fire damage. The cause of the fire was undetermined.



Notables:

• 6/4 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer operating south on I89 through Colchester VT. The truck tractor had a flat and shredded tire on one of its drive axles. A subsequent inspection detected multiple serious equipment violations and the truck and trailer were placed out of service for repair. A ticket was issued to the carrier.



Passenger Carrier:

Nothing to report.

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

No details conducted.

Crashes:

• 6/1 Inspector responded to I-91 in Barnet for a report of a passenger vehicle versus deer crash. There were no reported injuries. The passenger vehicle was totaled and was towed from the scene.

Notables:

- Sector Inspectors monitored incoming traffic in Canaan, Waterford, Guildhall, Norwich, White River, Bradford, and at the Derby Line Port of Entry.
- 6/2 Inspector responded to the Derby Line Port of Entry for a report of the operator of a five-axle tractor trailer in possession of marijuana. The driver was found to be in possession of 9 grams of marijuana. An inspection was completed, the driver was issued a ticket and placed out of service for 24 hours.



New Entrant:

• Six carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. Two audits completed and uploaded. 6.75 Hours.

Passenger Vehicles:

No activity reported.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

No details conducted.

Crashes:

• 5/31 Inspector responded to tractor trailer roll over hauling sheets of glass at the Randolph rest area off ramp on Interstate 89. A preliminary investigation reveals a possible issue with the load securement and speed to fast for conditions. The rest area was temporarily closed until the tractor and trailer were removed. No injuries were reported, and this incident is currently under investigation by the Vermont State Police.



Notables:

- 5/31-6/6 Inspectors supported VTrans at the Vermont border crossings, patrolled Interstate's I 91 and I 89.
- 5/31 Inspector assisted Vermont State Police after they requested a drug recognition expert following a serious crash in Rockingham in which the passenger received significant injury. The driver told Troopers he was using Ketamine just before the crash. A drug recognition evaluation was conducted on the driver at Springfield Hospital where he was found to be impaired by drugs.

Safety Audits:

- Inspectors assisted a Federal Out of Service Carrier from Bennington County to get their US DOT number re-instated. Carrier made contact after they had been contacted by numerous vendors to hire them for their new entrant status as a lot of the vendors use very similar names and logos. Carrier provided proof to the inspector they are in compliance and have everything ready for an audit.
- One new entrant safety audit was completed on a US carrier. Six new audits are ongoing. Inspectors reviewed carrier documents, made contact with company officials, and sent request letters to companies for further documentation.
- Communicated with several D&A Consortiums regarding requirements of carrier participation.

Passenger Carrier:

None reported.