

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (7/14-7/20)

NORTHWEST SECTOR

Details:

- **7/16 Operation Safe Driver Traffic Enforcement, 5 Inspectors completed 19 inspections which resulted in 27 vehicle and 14 driver violations. Four vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.**
- **7/18 Operation Safe Driver Traffic Enforcement, 3 Inspectors completed 15 inspections which resulted in 20 vehicle and 13 driver violations. One vehicle and two drivers were placed out of service.**

Crashes:

- **7/16 Inspectors responded to a CMV crash on US Rte 7 in Colchester. It was determined that the CMV had rear ended a slowed passenger vehicle in traffic. Additionally, it was found that the CMV driver did not have a CDL when required. A level 1 post-crash inspection was conducted. The driver & carrier were ticketed.**



Notables:

- **NW Inspectors worked several shifts in the I89 NB & SB Colchester Bridge replacement work zone during commuter traffic times.**



- **7/15 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for speeding on US Rte 7 through Charlotte. A subsequent inspection revealed the operator’s commercial driver’s license had been downgraded and there was no medical certificate on file. The driver was ticketed and placed out of service.**



- **7/15 Inspector stopped an oversize load on US Rte 7 in Middlebury, as it was displaying only one oversize load sign. The driver was found to be operating without his required corrective lenses. The driver was grounded until he was in compliance.**



- **7/15 Inspector stopped an interstate box truck for failing to display a company name and USDOT#. An inspection was conducted and it was determined they have no current USDOT Registration. The carrier was cited for the same violation two months ago. The carrier was ticketed and the vehicle was placed out of service.**



- **7/16 Inspector stopped a loaded dump truck on I89 in South Burlington for a suspected overweight violation. A subsequent inspection revealed a tire on the dump truck was severely deflated. The truck was placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed.**



- **7/16 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on I89 in Williston for a placarding violation. The trailer was displaying 3 Dangerous placards. An inspection was conducted and it was determined that there was no Hazardous Materials on board. The placards were removed for the remainder of the trip.**



- **7/16 Inspectors worked Operation Safe Driver activities in Berlin & Colchester areas. Several stops were conducted. One driver was found using a portable electronic device while operating. A level 3 inspection was conducted and the driver was ticketed.**

- **7/16 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer unit operating on I89 in Williston for a load securement violation. A piece of heavy machinery was not secured on all 4 corners as 1 binder and chain were securing the rear of the loader. The vehicle was placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed. The driver addressed the securement defect.**



- **7/16 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for speeding on VT Rte 22a in Orwell. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.**



- **7/17 Inspector stopped a truck and trailer operating on alternate VT Rte100 in Morrisville. The trailer was hauling a junked vehicle displaying securement issues and the trailer was not inspected. It was determined the trailer was not registered**

and had defective components. The operator was ticketed and the trailer was grounded.



- **7/17 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer traveling south on US Rte 7 in Ferrisburgh for missing reflective material. An inspection was conducted and the driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty for having a false log.**



- **7/17 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on I89 in Williston for an inoperable lamp. The driver was placed out of service as her driver's license had been downgraded to a Class D because no valid medical card was on file. The vehicle was placed out of service for a tire with a large bulge.**



- **7/18 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer driver for speeding on VT Rte 22a in Bridport. An inspection was conducted and the driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty for not having any logs as required. The truck tractor was placed out of service for an air hose that was chaffed through the outer protective layer and the ply was frayed.**



- **7/18 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham for speeding. An inspection was conducted and the driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty for falsifying his log.**



- **7/18 Inspector responded to Hazens Notch Rd in Montgomery for a dump truck crash. The dump truck driver was making a delivery at a private residence when he backed over a propane tank. Propane was leaking and VT Gas was present to**

monitor the situation. This did not occur on a public highway and there was no disabling damage to the truck. The truck was being towed off of the tank at the request of VT Gas to prevent further issues.



- **7/18 Inspector stopped an oversize load on I89 in Williston. An inspection was conducted and the carrier was found to be suspended in VT. The vehicle was grounded until the carrier was reinstated.**



- **7/18 Inspector responded to Bean Rd in Charlotte for a report of a dump truck which had flipped onto its side after pulling down utility wires when pulling out of a driveway. It was determined that the farm truck had not had its dump body down completely when this accident occurred.**



- **7/19 Inspector stopped a dump truck hauling an equipment trailer on I89 through Williston. The subsequent inspection revealed the passenger side turn signal was inoperative on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed.**
- **7/19 Inspector worked in the I89-Colchester Bridge replacement work zone and stopped a BOL vehicle issued by State Police for which was reported to be operating aggressively in the work zone.**
- **7/19 Inspector worked in the I89-Colchester Bridge replacement work zone and stopped a dump truck after State Police issued a BOL for the vehicle reporting equipment safety issues while operating in the work zone. An inspection was conducted and the vehicle was placed out of service for inoperative brake lamps and a flat tire.**

Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR

Details:

- **Details were conducted for Operation Safe Driver. Operation Safe Driver is a CVSA program described as:
Drivers' actions contributed to a staggering 94 percent of all traffic crashes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) [2015 Traffic Safety Facts](#) report. In response to this issue, law enforcement personnel will be on the lookout for commercial motor vehicle drivers and passenger vehicle drivers engaging in dangerous driver behaviors July 14-20 as part of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) Operation Safe Driver Week. Drivers engaging in unsafe driving behaviors will be pulled over by law enforcement and may be issued a warning and/or citation.**

- **7/15 US Rte 302 Newbury AOT. Inspectors conducted covert enforcement looking for seat belt/cell phone use. Five inspections were completed. Seven driver and five vehicle violations were discovered. Five tickets were issued including two for failing to use seat belt and one for speeding.**
- **7/16 US Rte 2/VT Rte 18 St Johnsbury. Inspectors conducted covert enforcement looking for seat belt/cell phone use/failing to stop at stop sign violations. Five inspections were completed. Two driver and six vehicle violations were discovered. Five tickets were issued including three for failing to use seat belt, one for no CDL, and one for speeding in a CMV 87/65 MPH zone.**
- **7/17 I-91 SB Lyndonville Rest Area. Three Inspectors screened 135 vehicles. Fourteen inspections were completed. All drivers entering the detail area were properly seat belted. Six driver and eight vehicle violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **None reported.**

Notables:

- **7/15 Newbury. An Inspector stopped this CMV transporting a large piece of equipment. The piece of equipment was improperly secured and placed out of service. The driver was provided guidance on how to properly secure the load and how to access the FMCSA website for additional guidance on the federal regulations.**



- **7/16 Inspector stopped and inspected a CMV on US Rte 2 in St Johnsbury. The driver was not wearing a seat belt. The CMV, due to the weight of the logs, was a CDL Class A required combination, which the driver did not possess. The CMV weighed in excess of its registered capacity. An inspection was completed, the driver was issued a ticket for the seat belt violation and placed out of service for no CDL. The carrier was issued a ticket for the weight violation.**
- **7/16 Inspector responded to I-91 in Thetford to assist a Sheriff's Department Deputy that had stopped a tractor trailer speeding at 22 MPH above the posted speed limits. An inspection was completed and the Deputy issued a ticket to the driver.**



Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

New Entrant:

- **Nine carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, or audit. Seven audits completed. 19.25 hours.**

CENTRAL SECTOR

Details:

- **7/15-7/17 & 7/19 Inspectors participated in the High Priority and Operation Safe Driver patrols on US Rte 7, US Rte 4 from Rutland to the New York State line and in the I-89/91 Safety Corridor looking for cell phone, seat belt, and work zone violations.**

Crashes:

- **7/17 Inspector responded to Interstate 91S Exit 6 off ramp to assist VSP with a commercial vehicle crash. The operator was going too fast on the ramp and lost control of the vehicle causing the trailer to flip over. A post-crash Inspection was done at the scene. No preexisting mechanical defects were discovered however several hours of service violations were. The vehicle was recovered by Reeds Truck Service. VSP investigated the crash and the driver was issued a ticket for speed.**



- **7/18 Inspector responded to Rutland Town to a report of mail contractor that had collided with a telephone pole, stone wall, and tree. First responders were eventually able to access the victim once Green Mountain Power arrived on scene to shut off the power. The driver suffered life threatening injuries and was flown from Rutland Regional Medical Center to more definitive care. A post-crash inspection was conducted and several violations were discovered. The cause of this crash is unknown. This crash is under investigation by the Vermont State Police Rutland Barracks.**





- **7/18 Inspector responded to assist Hartford PD with a tractor trailer that failed acknowledge the height restriction. An Inspection was conducted.**



Notables

- **7/15-7/16 Inspector stopped multiple CMV units for speeding on I91 in the Hartford safety corridor. Inspections were conducted.**



- **7/16 Inspector discovered a cracked axle housing on a dump truck at the Bradford SB rest area.**



- **7/16 Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on a six axle tractor trailer at the Bradford SB rest area. A damaged upper fifth wheel assembly was discovered. One bolt was completely missing and three additional bolts were loose. The driver indicated the trailer had rolled over earlier in the year which likely caused the damage. The trailer was placed out of service.**



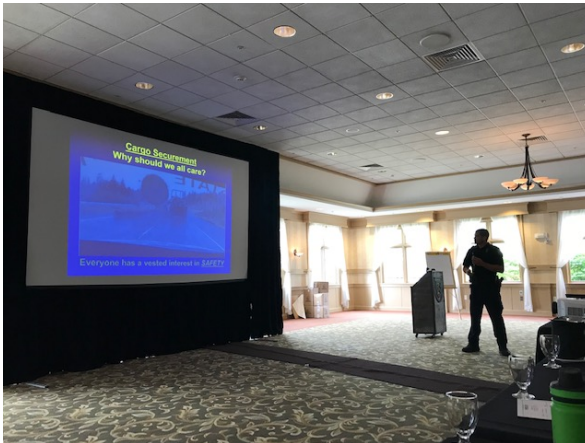
- **7/16 Inspector located a corroded and disconnected service air hose at the Bradford SB rest area. A level 1 inspection was conducted and a ticket was issued to the carrier.**



- **7/17 Inspector was travelling north on I91 just outside the work zone for the Rockingham bridge replacement project and located a dual wheel tire assembly blocking the roadway and removed them. The vehicle that lost them was located approximately two miles up the road and was inspected at the Springfield NB weigh station and put out of service. All ten studs had broken off causing the tires and wheels to come free and damaged the hub on the right side of axle 7. Closer inspection revealed rust on 50% of the broken studs indicating they were broken prior to the catastrophic failure.**



- **7/18 Inspectors presented a 30 minute outreach power point on “hot topics” and cargo securement at the Velco Safety Summit at the Killington Grand Hotel and Conference Center.**





Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported**

SOUTH SECTOR

Details:

- **7/15 Operation Safe Driver I91 Brattleboro Detail, 2 Inspectors focusing on commercial vehicle drivers and passenger vehicle drivers engaged in unsafe driving behaviors. Eleven vehicles were stopped, one of which was a bolo of a box truck traveling south on I91 with the passenger in drivers lap. Seven inspections were completed.**
- **7/16 Inspector performing HP Seatbelt/Cell Phone in Brattleboro area, 6 motor vehicle were stopped, including one stop for a passenger car operator traveling in school zone distracted while talking on cell phone went through a stop sign.**
- **7/17 Operation Safe Driver US Route 7 Bennington Detail. Inspectors made 15 Motor Vehicle Stops. Ten inspections were completed resulting in 4 vehicles being placed out of service. Inspector made a stop of a passenger car for speeding. During the stop a license check of the operator revealed driver was under suspension criminally. Operator was cited and released for Driving While License Suspended. Inspector made a Motor Vehicle Stop of an Oversize Load traveling north on US Rte 7 speeding and with no oversize load flag on rear of load as required. Once stopped it was discovered the carrier only had a NY tractor plate with no IRP or IFTA trip permits. CMV was weighed on portable scales at 134,000 lbs. An inspection was completed on the CMV and 11 violations were discovered including lighting issues which placed the CMV out of service. A prior history check of carrier indicated**

they were stopped 2 years ago operating with a tractor plate and had no permits then either. Tickets were issued to the company.



- **Inspector while on special enforcement detail stopped a tractor trailer loaded with ice cream traveling down VT Rte 9 on Searsburg Mountain at 27 mph over speed limit. Inspection completed. Driver and co- driver were placed out of service for no logs and driver was issued a ticket for \$265.00.**

