

## COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (8/18-8/24)

### NORTHWEST SECTOR

#### Details:

- 8/22 Ferrisburgh, US Rte 7, 3 Inspectors screened 105 vehicles. They completed 23 inspections which resulted in 29 vehicle and 2 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service.

#### Crashes:

- 8/23 Inspector responded to a crash on I89 in Richmond involving a tractor trailer and a van. The crash occurred at the site of a fatal collision which occurred earlier in the morning and was still being manned by multiple first responders. Investigation determined the van driver merged suddenly from the passing lane into the driving lane upon coming upon the crash scene and slowed rapidly in front of the commercial truck. The commercial truck was unable to stop in time and struck the van. Both vehicles came to uncontrolled positions of rest within the median. A subsequent post-crash inspection determined the truck was out of service for a damaged steering box and due to multiple brakes on the trailer being out of adjustment. The vehicles were placed OOS and the carrier was ticketed for the brake defects.



#### Notables:

- 8/19 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on VT Rte 22a in Orwell as the driver was speeding. An inspection was conducted and the truck tractor was placed out of service as a brake malfunction led to the braking surface to begin to burn and smoke.

- **8/19 Inspector stopped a dump truck operating on I89 in Winooski for a suspected overweight violation. The dump truck was loaded over the sideboards and had its dropped axle raised. A portable weigh and inspection revealed the truck was overweight and the truck's 4 axle permit was invalid. The carrier was ticketed for the violation and the driver acknowledged it was his mistake.**



- **8/20 Inspector inspected an interstate truck and trailer delivering farm supplies at the Fair Haven detail. This was a Class A vehicle and the driver was operating outside of 150 miles, so he was not covered under the agricultural exemption. The driver only had a Class D license. He was placed out of service.**



- **8/20 Inspector inspected an interstate truck and trailer at the Fair Haven detail. One of the rear doors was unsecured and swinging open into traffic as the vehicle moved down the road. An inspection was conducted and the door was secured.**



- **8/21 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for speeding north on VT Rte 22a in Orwell. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire and for having 2 loose wheel fasteners on a spoke wheel.**



- **8/21 Inspector responded to Old Creamery Rd in Williston to assist Williston PD. They stopped a tractor trailer operating on the locally posted road without an overweight permit. The driver's status showed off duty at the time of the stop. A level 3 inspection was conducted.**



- **8/22 Inspector inspected a work truck and trailer at the Ferrisburgh detail. The inspection revealed the Co. was under an active federal out of service order. The OOS order was confirmed with FMCSA VT and vehicle was placed OOS. The carrier was ticketed for the infraction.**



- **8/22 Inspector inspected an unloaded log truck at the Ferrisburgh detail. The subsequent inspection revealed the truck was out of service for multiple brake defects. The truck was OOS and the carrier was ticketed for the infraction.**



- **8/23 Inspector stopped a CMV pickup truck towing a trailer on VT Rte 22a in Orwell for speeding. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service for having 3 flat tires and unsecured cargo. The truck was placed out of service as the parking brake was inoperable. The carrier was ticketed for the inoperable parking brake.**



- **8/23 Inspector stopped a CMV pulling a trailer for speeding on VT Rte 22a in Orwell. An inspection was conducted and the truck was placed out of service as the external fuel tank in use that was leaking fuel from the bottom and onto the ground. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.**



**Passenger Carrier:**

- **Nothing to report.**

**NORTHEAST SECTOR**

**Details:**

- **8/20 Bradford, I-91S, 3 Inspectors screened 49 vehicles. Eight inspections were completed. Six vehicle and three driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.**
- **8/22 Lyndonville, I-91S, 3 Inspectors screened 85 vehicles. Eleven inspections were completed. Nine vehicle (three out of service) and two driver violations were discovered.**

**NOT AN ALLOWABLE PLACARD:**



#### **Crashes:**

- **8/15 Inspector responded to Colchester to assist VSP-Williston with a CMV versus passenger vehicle reportable crash. The operator of the passenger vehicle, which received significant damage requiring tow from scene, was transported for minor injuries. Initial reports showed the operator of the CMV changed lanes without noticing the passenger vehicle in the lane to his right. The right front of the CMV struck the left side of the passenger vehicle causing it to spin out. A Level 1 Hazardous Materials Cargo Tank inspection was completed with no pre-existing defects which contributed to the crash. A ticket was issued to the driver for improper lane change.**

#### **Notables:**

- **8/21 Ryegate Rest Area. An Inspector stopped and weighed this four axle CMV. The CMV was found to be 9,700 lbs overweight without a permit. The carrier was issued a permit roadside and inspection was completed.**



- **8/22 I-91 Lyndonville. An Inspector weighed this six axle CMV transporting Hazardous Materials-Elevated Temperature. The CMV was found to be 19,700 lbs without a permit. An inspection was completed. The carrier was grounded until a forced permit was issued.**



- **8/22 I-91 Lyndonville. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection on a five axle tractor trailer discovered this defective wheel seal. The wheel seal had failed and resulted in the leaking of hub oil onto the brakes. The hub was elevated in temperature and visibly smoking upon entry into the detail area. The trailer was placed out of service.**





- **I-91 Lyndonville. An Inspector conducted an inspection on a drive away/tow away. The CMV was towing the driver's personal pick up, used to drive him home from the dealership after delivery. There was an electronic control in the CMV that when activated via a toggle switch, provided brake and turn lamps at the rear of the combination. The CMV was placed out of service due to improper brake lamps- the brake lamps on the towed vehicle only activated upon the driver pushing a button. Federal regulations state that the brake lamps must activate upon application of the service brake.**



#### **New Entrant:**

- **Eight carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. Five audits were completed, three were uploaded. 18.5 hours.**

### **Passenger Vehicles:**

- **Two Inspectors went to the Danville School to conduct inspections on school buses prior to the beginning of the school year. They conducted five Level 7 inspections and discovered no violations.**



### **CENTRAL SECTOR**

#### **Details:**

- **8/20 Fair Haven, US Rte 4, Inspectors screened and weighed 151 vehicles. Seven level 1, and 8 level 2 inspections were conducted revealing 27 vehicle violations and 2 driver violations (4 vehicles OOS and 1 Driver OOS).**
- **8/22 Clarendon SB, US Rte 7, Inspectors screened 87 vehicles. One level 1, four level 2, and one level 3 inspections were conducted revealing four vehicle violations (1 vehicle OOS).**

#### **Crashes:**

- **No crashes reported.**

#### **Notables:**

- **8/20 Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on a tractor trailer combination at the Fair Haven Scale House. The left front wheel was found to have multiple cracks and the emergency air line was chaffed through the reinforcement ply and leaking. The vehicle was placed OOS.**



- **8/21 Inspector stopped a single axle dump truck in the Town of Bethel for a weight violation. The owner/operator did not know the vehicle GVW rating and was completely unfamiliar with VT size and weight regulations. The vehicle was registered for 25,999 lbs but a portable weigh found the actual gross weight as 43,200 lbs. The driver was educated on the regulations and the vehicle was off loaded.**



- **8/21 Inspector stopped this 6 axle log truck for a permit check and portable weigh. The vehicle weighed 113,900 lbs on a 99k permit. A ticket was issued to the carrier.**



- **8/23 Inspector stopped this six axle tractor trailer for speeding on I91 S in the Town of Norwich. The vehicle was clocked at 82 MPH in a posted 65 MPH zone. A Level 3 inspection was conducted and a ticket was issued to the driver.**



- **8/23 Inspector stopped this six axle log truck on Interstate 91N in the Town of Thetford. The truck was permitted for 99K but a portable weigh indicated an actual gross weight of 109,900 lbs. A ticket was issued to the carrier.**



- **8/22 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer that was hauling an oversize load, which did not have the boom secured or meet the minimum tie down requirements for the weight. The vehicle was placed out of service until the defect was corrected.**



#### **Passenger Vehicles**

- **Nothing to report**

#### **SOUTH SECTOR**

##### **Details:**

- **8/20 Bennington, VT Rte 279, 3 Inspectors screened 112 vehicles and checked 17 permits. Ten inspections completed resulting 24 vehicle and 4 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service. One vehicle placed OOS was an oversize mobile home with the trailer tire condition bald tire condition that was showing throughout the tread.**



- **8/22 Searsburg, VT Rte 9, 1 Inspector screened 53 trucks, and checked 4 permits. Five inspections were completed resulting in 12 violations and 1 vehicle placed OOS. One CMV was placed OOS for several air lines with leaks at other than proper connection and, unable to pass air drop test. Driver holding brake hose which was going to steering axle brake canister had large hole in line.**

#### **Crashes:**

- **8/20 Inspector responded to a single vehicle crash on VT Rte 30 in Jamaica. The vehicle was not CDL required and had less than 6000 miles on it. An interview was conducted, and the driver stated they were avoiding passenger car and lost control. A post-crash inspection was completed, power company repaired the damage to the guide wires and pole. The truck was recovered and towed to their facility in Guilford.**

#### **Notables:**

- **8/19 Inspector responded to a request for assistance from the Brattleboro Police at exit 3 after an oversized modular home lost four of its tires and wheels. The pavement on I-91N near exit 3 was affected. AOT Supervisor was notified and inspected the damage. A level 2 inspection was completed and the trailer placed OOS.**



- **8/20 Inspector, working the VT Rte 279 detail, inspected a CMV loaded with stone. The truck and trailer did not meet the axle distances necessary for using their excess**

**weight permit. An inspection was completed and an overweight ticket was issued to the carrier.**



**Passenger Vehicles:**

- **None Reported.**

**New Entrant:**

- **Five audits were completed and three carriers were inactivated.**