

## COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (9/1-9/7)

### NORTHWEST SECTOR

#### Details:

- 9/3 Georgia, I-89S, 5 Inspectors screened 313 vehicles. They completed 23 inspections which resulted in 32 vehicle and 5 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service.
- 9/5 Williston, I-89N, 5 Inspectors screened 471 vehicles. They completed 34 inspections which resulted in 41 vehicle and 7 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service.

#### Crashes:

- 9/3 Inspector was called to US Rte 2 in Alburch to assist the Grand Isle County Sheriff's with the report of a CMV which had crashed in South Hero and had left the scene of the crash. Another officer in Alburch stopped the CMV prior to reaching the NY State line. A level 2 inspection was conducted. The driver was cited to appear in court by Grand Isle Sherriff's Department for leaving the scene of a crash.

#### Notables:

- 9/3 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The trailer was placed out of service for a cut air hose that was leaking air; not at a proper connection.



- 9/3 Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Georgia detail. The truck tractor came in with the brakes on axles 2 and 3 smoking. The truck was placed out of service for the defective brakes on the truck and the trailer was placed out of service

as it had a tire with a hole in it and was actively leaking air. The carrier was ticketed for the tire violation.



- **9/3** While leaving from the I89/Georgia detail, an Inspector stopped a tractor trailer BOL from VSP. It was reported the car hauler CMV was crossing the highway markings and operating erratically. A level 3 inspection was conducted. No driver intoxication was discovered.
- **9/4** Inspector worked in the I89/ Colchester Bridge Replacement work zone. He handled several motorist assists while working in the zone.
- **9/5** Inspector inspected a tractor trailer unit at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed a tire was severely deflated and two out of ten service brakes were defective on the truck. The combination was placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed for the brake violation.
- **9/5** Inspector inspected a tractor trailer unit at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed a tire was severely deflated on the truck. The truck was placed out of service and the driver repaired the defect at the scene.



- **9/5 Inspector while working at the Williston detail stopped an intrastate CMV for no inspection sticker. Although it was not inspectable, it was determined that the carrier was using another carrier's plates improperly and that the trailer was not registered. It was also found that the truck was overweight. The Inspector collected forced registration fees and issued several tickets for the registration violations.**

#### **Passenger Carrier:**

- **Nothing to report.**

#### **NORTHEAST SECTOR**

##### **Details:**

- **9/5 Waterford Welcome Center, I-93N, 3 Inspectors and an FMCSA screened 100 vehicles. Eleven Level 1 (three hazardous materials), five Level 2, and one Level 3 inspections were completed. Twenty-two vehicle (six out of service) and four driver violations were discovered.**

##### **Crashes:**

- **9/3 Inspector conducted a post-crash inspection of a three axle CMV at Laroche's Towing in Barre. The crash had occurred in Warren, but no notification was made to VSP or DMV. A Level 2 inspection was completed. There were numerous pre-existing violations that were discovered, including defective brakes and hours of service. Tickets were issued to the carrier.**



**Notables:**

- **9/4 Beecher Falls Port of Entry. Two Inspectors conducted inspections focusing on size and weight violations. Two tickets were issued for violations of 6,300 lbs and 5,600 lbs overweight.**
- **9/5 Waterford detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 Hazardous Materials inspection on a five axle tractor trailer discovered improper a hazardous material violation. The hazardous material, Class 8 Wet Batteries, were improperly secured and thus, became subject to the regulations. An inspection was completed and the CMV was placed out of service.**



- **9/3 Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection of a five axle CMV tractor trailer discovered this defective upper fifth wheel plate. The trailer was placed out of service and a ticket was issued to the company.**





#### **New Entrant:**

- **Eleven carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. Five audits were completed, five were uploaded. 15.25 hours.**

#### **Passenger Vehicles:**

- **No activity reported.**

#### **CENTRAL SECTOR**

##### **Details:**

- **9/3 WRJ, I91N, Inspectors screened 120 CMVs. Three level 1, six level 2, and two level 3 were inspections were completed. A total of 9 vehicle violations (1 vehicle OOS) and 1 driver OOS violation were discovered. Four permits were checked.**



- **9/6 Ira, US Rte 4, Inspectors screened 90 CMVs. Three level 1, four level 2, and five level 3 were inspections were completed. A total of 16 vehicle violations (5 vehicle OOS) and 1 driver violation were discovered.**



**Crashes:**

- **9/4 Inspector was dispatched to a CMV crash on US Rte 4 WB at mile marker 9 in Castleton, VT. The crash involved a single tractor trailer. Investigation revealed the tractor trailer was westbound on US Rte 4. The Operator advised that he swerved left to avoid contact with the deer. The operator then lost control, leaving the south side of the roadway and impacted several trees. The truck and trailer sustained major damage, and were towed from the scene. The operator did not have any injuries. A level 1 inspection revealed multiple violations, and all were caused by the crash.**





- **9/5 Inspectors responded to the MM 67 SB on I-91 in Hartland to a report of a tractor trailer that collided with a disabled vehicle. The driver of the passenger vehicle was transported to the DHMC for injuries. A level 1 inspection was conducted which revealed several violations. This case is still under investigation by the Vermont State Police Royalton barracks.**



**Notables:**

- **9/5 Inspectors participated in “Operation Safe Ride” which targets motorists passing school buses and cell phone use. See newspaper article below.**



#### **WHITE RIVER JUNCTION –**

***“On any given week in Hartford we get 6-to-8 reports of ‘red light runners’ and we just don’t get that in the rest of the districts we serve,” Andy Thorburn, who dispatches 75 school buses for Butler’s Bus Service noted early Thursday morning.***

***Fed up with the frequent reports of dangerous or distracted drivers near the school buses, a contingent of Hartford Police officers and Windsor County Sheriff’s deputies joined several Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles inspectors Thursday morning for “Operation Safe Ride.”***

***Uniformed officers and inspectors boarded school buses first thing in the morning and then accompanied the drivers as they picked up students along the Route 4 corridor in Quechee and up the Hartford Avenue section of Route 5 before heading to the Dothan Brook Elementary School. “Toward the end of the last school year we had a lot of complaints about people passing the buses,” said DMV Inspector Chris O’Keeffe who organized Thursday’s operation.***

***“If we see anybody using a phone or texting anywhere around the school bus, or passing the bus, we are going to radio that in and stop them,” Inspector O’Keeffe explained at an early morning briefing before the group got into their cruisers and spread out along the bus routes.***



*this four times now and sometimes you stop two people, sometimes you stop five,” O’Keeffe noted, “It’s mostly about being visible and stopping some bad behavior and since it’s the new school year it’s a good time to do it.”*

*Ninety minutes later the students were in school and one woman had been issued a ticket for talking on her cellphone and another driver had been ticketed for speeding near a school bus.*

*“I think it went really well,” O’Keeffe said afterwards, pointing out that a lot of drivers saw the increased police presence and were talking about it at the school.*

*“Although we didn’t see a lot of violations today I think it spreads a positive message. A lot of parents of students did notice us out on the road and I think that’s important. It’s community policing.”- Vermont News Upper Valley- Reporter Eric Francis*

- **9/5 Inspector was able to locate a truck tractor towing a camper at the White River Junction south bound rest area. The camper had electric brakes but the truck tractor did not have any electric brake controls or connections. Additionally, there was no emergency breakaway cable and the turn signals on the camper were inoperable. The camper was placed out of service and a ticket was issued to the company.**



- **9/5 Inspector stopped this log truck for a moving violation at the intersection of VT Rte 100 and US Rte 4. A level 3 inspection was completed.**



- **9/6 Inspector conducted a portable weigh on this 6 axle log truck at the Ira detail. The truck was found to be 104,500 lbs., 5500 lbs. in excess of the 99k permit. A ticket was issued.**



#### **Passenger Vehicles:**

- **9/4 Inspectors performed motor coach terminal inspections in West Rutland.**

#### **SOUTH SECTOR**

##### **Details:**

- **9/5 Vernon, I-91S, Inspectors screened 152 vehicles, 17 OS/OW Permits checked along with 5 platform weighs. Twelve inspections were completed resulting in a total of 10 violations. One vehicle placed out of service for flat tire.**
- **9/6 Woodford MT, VT Rte 9, 3 Inspectors screened 64 vehicles. They completed 11 inspections (4 of were HM Cargo Tank). Eleven violations were discovered. Two vehicles were placed out of service. One of the CMV's placed OOS came through detail and an Inspector observed the suspension/leaf springs to be broken and shifted.**

##### **Crashes:**

- **No crashes reported.**

##### **Notables:**

- **9/3 Inspector patrolled a work zone on VT Rte 9 in Woodford. Four CMV's were stopped; 3 for speeding and one for weight. Four inspections were completed. One of the CMV's stopped for speeding had never traveled along this roadway and was traveling 14 mph over the limit.**



**New Entrant:**

- **Five off-site and 1 on-site Safety Audits were completed.**

**Passenger Carrier:**

- **Inspectors met with several southern bus companies setting up terminal inspection dates.**