

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (9/29-10/5)

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/2 Ferrisburgh, US Rte 7, 3 Inspectors screened 110 vehicles. They completed 8 inspections which resulted in 5 vehicle and 3 driver violations. One vehicle and one driver were placed out of service.
- 10/4 Ferrisburgh, US Rte 7, 5 Inspectors screened 90 vehicles. They completed 14 inspections which resulted in 13 vehicle and 1 driver violations. One vehicle and one driver were placed out of service.

Crashes:

- 9/30 Inspector was asked to conduct a Post-Crash Inspection on a CMV which had crashed overnight on I89 northbound in the Colchester bridge construction area. The tractor trailer was towed from the scene due to disabling damage after striking concrete lane barriers. Interstate 89 northbound lanes were closed for about 8 hours while crews cleaned up the scene. No vehicle pre-existing vehicle violations were discovered from the Post-Crash Inspection. It was found that the crash was caused by driver error, failing to stay within the roadway laned for traffic.





- **10/1 Inspector was dispatched to a late report of a commercial motor vehicle crash. A tractor trailer crashed into the concrete lane barrier in the I89 work zone around mm 95 in Colchester. This was the same place another CMV crashed the previous evening. A level 1 post-crash inspection was completed. The truck tractor was placed out of service for significant disabling damage as the front axle was ripped off the truck when it contacted the concrete barriers. The carrier was under suspension in Vermont and a ticket was issued for the infraction. The causation of the crash remains under investigation.**



Notables:

- **9/30 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for speeding on US Rte 7 in Charlotte. A subsequent inspection revealed one of the glad hand hoses was improperly joined. The combination was placed out of service for the needed repair.**



- **9/30 Inspector stopped a tractor trailer for speeding on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham. An inspection was conducted and the driver was placed out of service as his CDL was suspended in NJ. The trailer was placed out of service for no operable brake lamps. The carrier was ticketed for the brake lamps violation.**



- **10/1 Inspector stopped a dump truck on US Rte 7 in Ferrisburgh. The carrier was under suspension in VT.**
- **10/2 Inspector inspected an intrastate truck and trailer at the Ferrisburgh detail. This was a Class A CDL combination being operated by a driver with a Class B CDL. A ticket was issued and the driver was placed out of service.**



- **10/2 Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the Ferrisburgh detail. The tractor was placed out of service for a flat tire.**



- **10/3 Inspector stopped an overloaded chip truck traveling on US Rte 2 in Alburgh. A subsequent portable weigh determined the 5-axle combination weighed 103,000 pounds. The carrier had obtained a 90,000 pound overweight permit. A level II inspection was completed and an overweight ticket was issued to the carrier.**



- **10/4 Inspector responded to Williston for a tractor trailer inspection. The driver had been inspected the night before and placed out of service for a detectable amount of alcohol, possession of marijuana, and HOS violations by Williston PD. The driver decided to return to the CMV and drive away before he was back in service. Williston PD stopped the vehicle on Marshall Ave. An inspection was conducted and the driver was placed out of service for another 24 hrs. The vehicle was towed and the driver was ticketed.**



Passenger Carrier:

- **Nothing to report.**

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- **10/2 Lyndonville Rest Area, I-91S, 4 Inspectors screened 100 vehicles. Twelve Level 1 (two hazardous materials) and one Level 2 inspections were completed. Twenty-two vehicle and three driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.**
- **10/4 Coventry NB Rest Area, I-91, 4 Inspectors screened 89 vehicles. Eight Level, five Level 2, and three Level 3 inspections were completed. Twenty-one vehicle and two driver violations were discovered.**

Crashes:

- **9/30 Inspector responded to River Rd in Victory to assist the Essex County Sheriff's Department with a single CMV crash. The CMV, a six axle tractor trailer loaded with wood chips, rolled onto its side after swerving for a moose. The driver was transported to a local hospital by private vehicle for minor injuries. The CMV was towed from the scene. A Level 2 inspection was completed. There were no pre-existing defects which contributed to the crash.**



Notables:

- **9/25 Coventry detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection of a CMV transporting a piece of equipment placed the trailer out of service for unsecure load. There was a significant amount of dirt and stones on the tracks which could cause property and bodily injury if dislodged while in transit.**



- **9/30 VT Rte 114 East Haven. An Inspector stopped a loaded dump truck for a portable weigh. The CMV was found to be 7,300 lbs over registered limit without an excess weight permit. There were also large stones/aggregate on the tailgate. The CMV was placed out of service until the tailgate was cleaned off and a ticket was issued to the company for the weight violation.**



- **10/2 Lyndonville detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection discovered a defective brake. The brake shoe linings were not making contact with the drum at interface area.**



- **10/2 Lyndonville detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection of a two axle hydraulic CMV placed it out of service for defective brakes. Both steer axle brake rotors had severe rust across the brake pad lining interface area.**



- **10/2 Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection of a CMV placed the driver out of service for not having a hearing aid as required by his medical certificate.**

New Entrant:

- **Seven carriers contacted regarding scheduling, document submission, inactivation, close out. Two audits were completed. 16.75 hours.**

Passenger Vehicles:

- **No activity reported.**

CENTRAL SECTOR:

Details:

- **10/1 Fair Haven, US Rte 4, Inspectors screened and weighed 194 vehicles. They completed 6 level 1 (2 hazmat) inspections and 8 level 2 (1 hazmat) inspections. A total of 13 vehicle violations (3 vehicle OOS) and 1 driver violation were discovered.**



- **10/3 WRJ, I-91S, Inspectors screened 300 vehicles. They completed 8 level 1, three level 2, and four level 3 inspections. A total of 25 vehicle violations (7 vehicle OOS) and 9 driver violations (2 driver OOS) were discovered.**



Crashes:

- **10/4 Inspectors from the Central Unit responded to a report of a loaded log truck that rolled over at the intersection of North Road and Royalton Hill Road in the Bethel. First responders arriving on scene tended to the operator who later died from his injuries. This crash is currently under investigation.**



Notables:

- **9/30 Inspectors participated in a size and weight directed patrol on VT Rte 107 and VT Rte 100 in Stockbridge.**



- **10/1 Inspector identified defective brake lamps on a trailer. A level 1 inspection was conducted at the Fair Haven scale house.**



- **10/3 Inspector conducted a Level 1 inspection on this 2 axle truck at the WRJ detail. The inspection revealed both front brakes had cracked brake shoes, a loose universal joint strap and an air leak from a brake valve. The truck was placed OOS, and tickets were issued.**



- **10/3 Inspector found multiple out of service items including the failure to possess a log book and multiple brake issues during this inspection as WRJ.**



- **10/3 Inspector found an out of service air hose at the WRJ SB rest area. A level 1 inspection was conducted.**



- **10/3 Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on this box truck hauling Amazon packages at the White River SB detail. The vehicle was not marked and there was no lease agreement in the vehicle. The driver gave conflicting information about what carrier he was working for. The first carrier mentioned was under a federal OOS order and the second had an inactive DOT number and no operating authority. The third carrier mentioned would not answer my phone calls to confirm or deny his employment. The driver also claimed a short haul exemption and lied about starting locations and delivery routes to conceal an OOS violation. The driver was ultimately placed OOS for no record of duty status.**



- **10/4 Inspector stopped this 6 axle log truck on US Rte 4 in Fair Haven. The truck was escorted to the Fair Haven Scale House for a platform weigh. The truck was found to weigh 126,300 lbs.; 27,300 lbs. in excess of its 99,000 lb. permit. The carrier was issued a ticket, and offloaded.**



Passenger Vehicles:

- **10/2 Inspectors conducted motor coach inspections in West Rutland. Several inspections were completed with no violations found.**

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- **10/1 Vernon, VT Rte 142, Inspectors screened 40 vehicles and checked 5 permits. They completed 8 inspections resulting in 9 violations. One vehicle**



was placed out of service for no rear lights.

- **10/3 Searsburg, VT Rte 9, Inspectors screened 73 vehicles, weighed 8 vehicles, and checked 14 permits. They completed 12 inspections resulting in 12 violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service. During one of the inspections (cmv shown below) all of the right side fifth wheel bolts were loose. As a result, the CMV was placed out of service in combination.**

Crashes:

- **9/30 Inspector was called to a crash along I91 by Exit 3 in Brattleboro involving a tractor trailer and several passenger car vehicles. Investigation into the crash determined that a passenger vehicle entered on to the interstate and struck the side of the tractor trailer which caused the tractor trailer to swerve into the passing lane striking another passenger vehicle. Both passenger vehicles were towed from the scene and, the operators of the passenger vehicles sustained minor injuries. An inspection of the tractor trailer was performed with violations discovered including two flat tires, sustained during the crash, which placed the CMV out of service. There were no pre-existing violations discovered.**



Safety Audits:

- **Two carriers were inactivated, and 3 Safety Audits were completed.**