

## COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT NOVEMBER 22, 2019

### NORTH WEST SECTOR

#### Details:

- 11/13 I89 Georgia SB 4 inspectors screened 199 vehicles. They completed 14 inspections resulting in 1 driver violation and 13 vehicle violations. Two vehicles were placed out of service.
- 11/15 I89 Williston NB 4 inspectors screened 355 vehicles. They completed 20 inspections resulting in 3 driver violations and 28 vehicle violations. Four vehicles and one driver were placed out of service.
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#### Crashes:

- 11/12 – Inspector responded to the report of a jackknifed tractor trailer on Rt 104 in Fairfax. The CMV became disabled in snow and ice conditions and the VT State police responded to the scene, as well. Inspector conducted an inspection and provided traffic control until a heavy wrecker arrived on scene.



- Inspector responded to I89 in Montpelier for a tractor trailer crash. The tractor trailer was northbound on a steep hill. The driver advised a car moved from the left lane into the right lane, cutting him off. He said the car braked suddenly and when he braked in response, the tractor trailer slid. The tractor trailer destroyed some guardrails and ended up jack knifed in

**the median. As a result of the accident, the saddle tank ruptured. There were no injuries, but the tractor trailer was towed due to disabling damage.**



- **11/15- Inspector responded to I89 Exit 13 for a tractor trailer crash. A car was disabled on the off ramp. When a tractor trailer tried to move around the disabled vehicle, they collided. There was no damage to the tractor trailer and minor damage to the car.**

**Notables:**

- **Inspector stopped a tractor trailer in Berlin for a placarding violation. The trailer was displaying a Dangerous placard on only one end. An inspection was conducted and the Hazardous Materials on board were found to be improperly secured. The violations were corrected.**



- **11/15- A tractor trailer came into the I89 Williston north bound rest area detail site. The driver was en route to Burlington, VT and came from Plainfield, Vt. Inspector conducted an inspection and the truck tractor was placed out of service for a leaking wheel seal that contaminated the brake friction surface.**



- **A tractor trailer came into the I89 Williston north bound rest area detail site. The driver came from Glens Falls, NY and was en route to South Burlington, Vt. Inspector conducted an inspection and the trailer was placed out of service for 4 out of 10 wheel fasteners loose on axle 5 driver's side.**



- **Inspector inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston northbound detail. The inspection revealed a tire on the truck and the trailer were both severely deflated. Both vehicles were placed out of service for repair.**



- **At the Williston detail, Inspector inspected an interstate tractor trailer hauling hazardous materials. The HM shipping papers had a number of defects and the vehicle contained no emergency response information. The carrier was ticketed.**



**Passenger Carrier: No activity reported.**

## **NORTHEAST SECTOR**

### **Details:**

- **11/13 Waterford Rest Area. Three Inspectors screened 82 vehicles. Seven Level 2 (two hazardous materials) and six Level 3 inspections were completed. Seven driver and five vehicle violations were discovered.**
- **11/14 I-91N Coventry Rest Area. Three Inspectors screened 67 vehicles. Five Level 2 and seven Level 3 inspections were completed. Three vehicle and seven driver violations were discovered.**

### **Crashes:**

- **11/12 Inspector responded to US Rte 302 in Orange for a report of a passenger vehicle versus tractor trailer. The passenger vehicle lost traction in the inclement weather and struck the CMV. No injuries were reported. A Level 2 inspection was completed. The crash did not meet the criteria for a reportable crash.**
- **11/14 Inspector responded to Newport to assist Newport Police with a passenger vehicle versus tractor trailer non-reportable crash. The CMV contacted a passenger vehicle as the CMV was taking a wide right turn and the passenger vehicle attempted to pass the CMV in the right lane. No injuries were reported and no vehicle was required to be towed. A Level 2 inspection was completed on the CMV, a four axle tractor trailer transporting refrigerated foods.**
- **11/15 Inspector responded to US Rte 302 in Montpelier to assist Montpelier Police with a passenger vehicle versus CMV with reported injuries. The CMV was struck at the rear while in a roundabout by the passenger vehicle. An occupant in the passenger vehicle sought medical attention as a result of the crash. A Level 1 inspection was completed. Prior existing defects included improper brake hose repair, inoperative brake lamps, and a false log.**

### **Notables:**

- **An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspections discovered this improper repair to the trailer air brake supply hose. The CMV was placed out of service.**



- **An Inspector conducted a Level 2 inspection on a five axle CMV in St Johnsbury. The motor carrier was under suspension in Vermont for Carrier Non-compliance and the CMV was grounded. The driver was placed out of service for a false log. A ticket was issued to the driver and the carrier for those violations.**



**Passenger Vehicles:**

- **No activity reported.**

**SOUTH SECTOR:**

**Details:**

- **11/13 RT 9 Searsburg Checkpoint. Inspector screened 38 vehicles and checked 5 permits. There were 6 platform weighs. 5 inspections were completed with a total of 9 violations. No tickets issued. Checkpoint closed early because Inspectors responded to a CMV crash.**



- **11/15 Detail performed in Clarendon with Central Sector**

#### **Crashes:**

- **11/12 Inspector responded to VT RT 30 for a single CMV crash of a tractor trailer attempting to go around curve and rolled on side losing load of lumber. Inspection performed on cmv with no pre-existing violations. The operator was issued a traffic complaint for failure to maintain lane. This exact company and driver were involved in a similar crash at almost same spot in October 2014.**



- **11/13 Inspector responded to a single CMV fatal accident involving a home heating fuel truck along VT RT 35. Inspection performed on the CMV. Investigation still on going.**





**Notables:**

- **11/11 While on patrol Inspector stopped a dump truck to check for excess weight permit and the load. The CMV was weighed on portable scales and determined to be 7000 lbs over its 69000 lb excess weight permit. An inspection was performed and traffic complaint issued for Over Road Limitations.**



**CENTRAL SECTOR**

**Details:**

- **On 11/12 the Fair Haven detail was cancelled due to snow.**
- **On 11/14 Inspectors from the Central participated in a safety checkpoint at the Randolph SB Rest Area. Inspectors screened 298 CMVs. One level 1, eight level 2, and two level 3 inspections were conducted revealing 6 vehicle violations (2 vehicle out of service violations) and 5 driver violations (1 driver out of service).**
- **On 11/15 Inspectors from the Central and South Sector participated in a safety checkpoint at the Clarendon SB Rest Area. Inspectors screened 62 CMVs. One level 1, five level 2, and two level 3 inspections were conducted revealing 6 vehicle violations (2 vehicle out of service violations) and 6 driver violations.**

**Notables:**

- On 11/12 Inspector conducted a DRE evaluation at the Hartford Police Department on a male that showed signs of impairment during a traffic stop.
- On 11/12 Inspector stopped an oversize load traveling in a snow storm where the roads were completely covered. The vehicle was operating in violation of the permit and was grounded until it came into compliance.



- On 11/13 Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on a tractor trailer that had 5 flat tires. Inspection found that the operator struck a curb and the outer right tires were compromised.



- On 11/14 a CVE Inspector conducted a level 1 inspection on this box truck at the Randolph SB Detail. Upon initial contact with the driver a strong odor of

marijuana and cologne was detected. A small amount of marijuana was seized and the driver was issued a ticket and placed out of service for 24 hours. Additionally the driver did not have an ELD and was also placed out of service for using paper logs more than 8 days in a 30 day period.



- On 11/15 Inspector responded to Route 7 in Wallingford to assist a Trooper out of the Rutland Barracks with a CMV traffic stop. The operator of the tractor trailer was issued a ticket for talking on his cell phone and a level 3 inspection was conducted.
- On 11/15 a CVE Inspector found this cracked brake lining on the steer axle while conducting a level 1 inspection at the Clarendon NB rest area. The crack was almost four inches in length and the vehicle was placed out of service.



