

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

- 01/26/24 Captain Adam Pockette retired from the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit after 18.5 years of service. Retired Captain Pockette is leaving to start his next career as the State Programs Specialist with the FMCSA-Vermont Division.



NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 1/23 I91 Derby Line Port of entry, 5 Inspectors screened 68 vehicles. 30 inspections were completed which resulted in 26 vehicle violations and 12 driver violations. Three vehicles were placed out of service.
- 1/25 I91 Bradford southbound rest area, 3 Inspectors screened 102 vehicles. 14 inspections were completed which resulted in 27 vehicle violations and 5 driver violations. 6 vehicles were placed out of service and 2 drivers were placed out of service.

Notables:

- 01/22/24 Vt Route 58, Orleans. An inspector on patrol stopped a Commercial motor vehicle after the driver was seen using their cell phone while driving. A level 2 inspection was completed, and the vehicle was placed out of service for not having warning flags on its projected load. The driver was issued a VCVC.



- 01/22/24 Sheldon an Inspector on patrol stopped a commercial motor vehicle for an equipment violation, a level 2 inspection was completed, and the vehicle was placed out of service for a load securement violation and a flat tire.



- 01/23/24 Derby Line POE an Inspector conducting a level 2 inspection on a super load placed it out of service for not having two warning flags on its projecting load when it was required.
- 01/23/24 Derby Line POE an inspector conducting a level 2 inspection and portable weigh of a six-axle commercial motor vehicle issued a VCVC to the carrier after it was determined that the six axle CMV had a total gross weight of 111,200lbs which exceeded their permitted weight of 99,000lbs.



- 1/23 Us Route 5, Derby. An inspector conducted a traffic stop on a Commercial motor vehicle for insufficient number of tie-towns on 12 ft lumber. The CMV was placed out of service until corrected.
- 1/23 Derby Port of Entry. An inspector conducting a level 2 inspection placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for inoperable turn signals.



- 01/24/24 Coventry an Inspector conducting a level 2 inspection placed a Commercial Motor Vehicle out of service for being under a federal out of service order. The carrier was engaged in Interstate commerce at the time of the inspection, the carrier was grounded and a VCVC was issued.



- 01/24/24 Lyndon Inspectors patrolled a local road which is posted with a weight limit of 24,000lbs after receiving multiple complaints of overweight vehicles using the road instead of the posted truck route. Several log trucks were stopped, and the drivers were educated on the correct route as well as State size and weight rules and regulations.
- 01/24/24 St Albans an Inspector on patrol stopped a commercial motor vehicle, a level 3 inspection was completed. It was determined that the driver had intentionally falsified his hours of service by placing himself in the sleeper berth while continuing to drive. At the time of inspection, the driver did not have enough off-duty time and was out of service for 10 hours.
- 01/24/24 St Albans an Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a load securement violation, the excavator which was loaded on the trailer was not properly secured. The violation was completed at the inspection site.
- 01/25/24 Waterford an Inspector on patrol stopped a Commercial motor vehicle for inspection, the combination was placed out of service for a load securement violation. The pallet of cargo at the front of the trailer was not blocked or braced to prevent forward movement and required two straps.



- 01/25/25 Bradford an Inspector on patrol stopped a loaded six axle tractor trailer unit for a size and weight inspection. The carrier did not have a valid overweight permit, a portable weigh and level 2 inspection was completed. The truck was found to be 107,200lbs and its allowable gross weight was 80,000lbs. The combination was placed out of service for several equipment related violations, the truck was force permitted and the carrier was issued a VCVC.



- 1/25 Us Route 5, Bradford. An inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the driver was operating the CMV in violation of restriction: corrective lenses. The driver was placed out of service.



- 1/25 Bradford detail. An inspection was completed on a commercial motor vehicle and subsequently placed out of service for Insufficient tiedowns to prevent forward movement for load not blocked by header board, bulkhead, or other cargo. Also, the load did not have at least one required flag on the rear of load projecting 4.3 ft beyond body of vehicle.



- 1/25 Bradford detail. An inspection was completed on a commercial motor vehicle and the CMV and driver were subsequently placed out of for a ruptured diaphragm on the emergency side of a brake cannister and the driver was operating the CMV in violation of restriction: corrective lenses.
- 01/25/24 Bradford an Inspector conducting a level 2 inspection placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for multiple loose wheel fasteners on both rear wheels. The driver was given a violation for not having a medical card when it was required.



NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 1/23, 7 Inspectors screened 259 vehicles at the I 89 Williston S rest area. 13 inspections were completed which resulted in 4 vehicle violations and 6 driver violations. Four vehicles and 1 driver were placed out of service.
- 1/25, 6 Inspectors screened 240 vehicles at the US RTE 4 Fair Haven scale house. 30 inspections were completed which resulted in 29 vehicle violations and 17 driver violations. 7 vehicles and 2 drivers were placed out of service.

Notables:

- 1/24, Inspector stopped a TT unit operation on I 89 in Williston for an equipment violation. An inspection was conducted, and several air leaks were discovered, and the truck tractor failed the air drop test. The truck tractor was placed out of service for the violation and a ticket was issued to the carrier.



- 1/24, Inspector stopped a work truck hauling a trailer on I 89 in Richmond for an equipment violation. All lights were inoperable on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service and the driver remedied the defect.
- 1/26, Inspector inspected an interstate oversized load at the Fair Haven scale house detail. The driver was placed out service for failing to wear required corrective lenses. The trailer was placed out of service for inoperable brake lamps.
- 1/26, Inspector inspected a TT unit at the Fair Haven scale house detail. The rearmost stop lamps on the trailer were inoperable. The trailer was placed out of service for the defect.



- 1/26, Inspector inspected a TT unit at the Fair Haven scale house detail. The rearmost stop lamps and turn signals on the trailer were inoperative. The trailer was placed out of service for the defects.
- 1/26, Inspector inspected a TT unit at the Fair Haven scale house detail. The inspection revealed the driver was in violation of the 60/70-hour rule. The driver was placed out of service for the violation.

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SOUTH SECTOR:

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Details:

- 1/23, Putney Weigh Station. 3 inspectors screened 205 vehicles resulting in 11 inspections.
- 1/25, Putney Weigh Station. 3 inspectors screened 150 vehicles resulting in 9 inspections. There were 4 driver violations (1 OOS) and 3 vehicle violations (1 OOS).

Notables:

- Inspector attended COHMED Conference in Savannah, Georgia.
- 1/24, Inspector stopped a truck towing an excavator on Route 103 in Rockingham. The trailer had no brake lights and was placed out of service. Other violations were documented. The driver was able to swap a fuse and continue on his way.



- 1/25, at the Putney detail, Inspector placed a box truck driver out of service for no CDL. The truck had an actual weight of 26,800, requiring a Class B.



- 1/25, Inspector placed a flatbed truck out of service for improper machinery securement. The Kubota front loader that weighed over 10,000 pounds did not have the locking pin in place to prevent articulation. The driver was able to fix the issue and continued.

