

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 02/06 Northbound Ryegate rest area, 4 Inspectors screened 110 vehicles. 25 inspections were completed which resulted in 23 vehicle violations and 8 driver violations. 4 vehicles were placed out of service.

Notables:

- 02/05/24 Lunenburg an Inspector on patrol stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a size and weight inspection. A portable weigh was completed, and the six-axle combination was found to weigh 109,000 lbs., the truck was registered for 80,000lbs. The truck was force permitted on scene, a level 2 inspection was completed, and the truck was placed out of service for a damaged securement device and not enough tie downs. The carrier was issued a VCVC.



- 02/05/24 St. Johnsbury an Inspector on patrol stopped a commercial motor vehicle for an equipment violation, the skid steer which exceeded 10,000lbs was not properly secured to the trailer and the driver did not possess a CDL when it was required.



- 02/06/24 Ryegate NB an Inspector conducted a size and weight inspection on a tow truck that responded to the detail area to tow a commercial motor vehicle which had been placed out of service. The truck was found to weigh over 30,000lbs and the driver of the tow truck did not possess a CDL.



- 2/6 Ryegate detail. An inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered an emergency brake hose had been rubbing against a bolt causing chafing through the outer protective material and fraying the reinforcement. The CMV was placed out of service.



- 02/07/24 Berlin an Inspector on patrol stopped a commercial motor vehicle for an equipment violation, the combination was placed out of service for an inoperable brake light on the trailer.
- 02/07/24 Berlin an Inspector on patrol stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a moving violation, the driver was found to have driven to VT from Minnasota and did not have any records of duty. The driver was placed out of service and instructed how to complete a logbook.
- 2/7 Moretown an Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle. The driver was found to be in possession of Marijuana, have no records of duty status and the vehicle had a broken main leaf spring. The marijuana was seized, and both the driver and vehicle were placed out of service.



- 2/7 Wolcott an inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle. A portable weight was conducted and the CMV was discovered to be 12,401 lbs. overweight and the driver's CDL was disqualified. The carrier was grounded until a permit was obtained, a ticket was issued, and the driver was placed out of service.



- 02/08/24 an Inspector on patrol stopped a commercial motor vehicle for inspection, the combination was placed out of service for failing to prevent the front end loader from articulating while being transported.
- 2/8 Lyndon, an inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the driver had no record of duty status when required and was placed out of service. It was later discovered the driver continued to drive and was involved in a crash where the driver left the scene of the accident. The driver informed me the carrier advised him to continue. Another inspection was completed, and multiple tickets were issued to the carrier and driver as well as the driver receiving a citation for the offense. Inspectors were assisted by the Lyndon Police department.



- 02/09/24 Guildhall an Inspector on patrol stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a load securement violation, the driver did not have a record of duty status. The driver and vehicle were placed out of service.



- 2/9 Swanton an inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered more than 20% of fasteners (3/5) on the left side of Lower fifth wheel mounting plate loose and can moved by hand the CMV was placed out of service.



- 2/9 St. Albans an inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle who failed to secure accessory equipment on a mini excavator to prevent shifting. It was also discovered there were no trailer brakes, and the breakaway was not attached to the power unit. The CMV was placed out of service.



NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 2/06 I89 Highgate POE, 4 Inspectors screened 80 vehicles. 19 inspections were completed which resulted in 21 vehicle violations and 1 driver violation. 3 vehicles were placed out of service.
- 2/06 US RTE 7 Clarendon SB detail, 2 Inspectors screened 56 vehicles. 11 inspections were completed which resulted in 8 vehicle violations and 2 driver violations. 2 vehicles were placed out of service.
- 2/08 US RTE 4 Fair Haven scale house detail, 7 Inspectors screened 164 vehicles. 24 inspections were completed which resulted in 23 vehicle violations and 11 driver violations. 2 vehicles were placed out of service.

Notables:

- 2/5 Cpl. stopped a TT unit on VT Route 22a in Shoreham for an equipment issue. The driver was placed out of service as he was required to wear corrective lenses while driving and he was not.
- 2/5 Cpl. stopped a TT unit for speeding on VT Route 22a in Orwell. The driver was placed out of service as he was required to wear corrective lenses while driving and he was not.
- 2/05 Insp stopped a vehicle for a CMV marking violation on I 89 in Williamstown. An inspection was conducted and the vehicles were placed OOS for an inactive USDOT number.



- 2/06 Cpl. inspected a TT unit at the US RTE 7 Clarendon SB detail. The truck tractor was placed out of service as the emergency glad hand hose had fabric ply exposed and the ply was frayed.



- 2/06 Cpl. inspected a TT unit at the I 89 Highgate POE detail. The inspection revealed the rearmost stop lamps were inoperative on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service for the defect.



- 2/06 Cpl. inspected a TT unit at the I 89 Highgate POE detail. A portable weigh and inspection were conducted. The combination weighed 107000 pounds on a valid 99K permit. The carrier was ticketed.
- 2/07 Cpl. stopped a truck and trailer on VT Route 22a in Benson. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty for having no record of duty status as required.



- 2/08 Cpl. stopped a truck for bypassing the truck safety inspection site on US RTE 4 at the Fair Haven Scale House. The driver was placed out of service as his NY CDL had an intrastate only restriction.
- 2/08 Cpl. stopped an intrastate roll-off truck on Rt. 116 in Hinesburg for failing to secure the rear of the container. The vehicle was placed out of service until the cargo was properly secured. The carrier was ticketed for an unregistered vehicle.



- 2/08 Cpl. inspected an interstate tractor trailer at the US Rte. 4 Fair Haven scale house detail. The vehicle was found to be more than 12,000 lbs. over the permitted weight. The carrier was ticketed.



2/08 Cpl. inspected a box truck at the US Rte. 4 Fair Haven scale house detail. The inspection revealed a tire was severely deflated on the truck. The truck was placed out of service for the infraction.



- 2/08 Insp inspected an oversized combination at the US RTE 4 Fair Haven scale house. The size and weight inspection revealed the carrier had not obtained the proper permit. The carrier was forced to permit on site.
- 2/09 Cpl. stopped a truck and trailer on VT Route 22a in West Haven for speeding. The driver was placed out of service for not wearing corrective lenses while driving as required and for being in possession of intoxicants while operating a CMV. The driver had 13 unopened cans of Busch beer in the truck with him. The truck was out of service for an improperly connected break-away cable.



- 2/09 Cpl. stopped an intrastate heavy wrecker for speeding in the Chittenden County safety corridor. An inspection was conducted, and the towing vehicle was placed out of service for inoperable lamps.



- 2/09 Cpl. stopped an intrastate roll-off truck on US Rte. 7 in Colchester for failing to secure the rear of the roll-off container. The vehicle was placed out of service until the cargo was properly secured.



- 2/09 Insp stopped a CMV for a lighting violation on I 89 in Brookfield. An inspection and a portable weigh were conducted. The carrier was issued a VCVC for being 10000 lbs over their legal tare.



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SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 2/6, I-91 N, Springfield. Six inspectors screened 247 vehicles resulting in 25 inspections. There were 2 driver violations, (2 out of service) and 13 vehicle violations (1 out of service).



- 2/8, I-91 North, Hartford Rest Area. 4 Inspectors screened 265 vehicles resulting in 16 inspections. There were 9 vehicle violations (3 out of service) and 4 driver violations (1 out of service).



Crashes:

- 2/7 Cpl. was dispatched from Bridgewater WIMS to a car into a Propane truck at the intersection of Route 5 and Guilford Center Road in the Town of Guilford. Upon arrival it was found the driver of the car had severe dementia and was operating with an expired license. During the investigation it was learned that the driver of the car was traveling 10 mph on RT 5 and made a left hand turn onto Guilford Center Road. The Propane CMV was stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of Guilford Center Road and RT 5 waiting to turn right. The driver of the car oversteered, crossing the center line and side swiped the rear bumper of the stopped propane truck. The car had major damage to its front bumper drivers' side front fender, and driver's door. There was little to no damage to the rear bumper of the propane truck. No one was injured during this crash. A level 2 post-crash inspection was completed along with a State of Vermont Crash Report.

Notables:

- 2/5, Inspector stopped a log truck on Route 7 in Manchester for a portable weigh. The truck weighed 118,000 on a 99K permit. The carrier was issued a VCVC.



- 2/5, Inspector stopped a truck towing a mini excavator for a cargo securement issue. The mini excavator weighed over 10,000 pounds and was not secured per requirements. The trailers' emergency breakaway cable was not connected. The trailer was placed out of service.



- 2/5, Inspector stopped a Pennsylvania based contractor on Route 4 in Mendon. The contractor failed to register for a USDOT number prior to beginning interstate operations. The driver had no medical card.



- 2/5, Inspector stopped a dump truck on Route 4 in Rutland. The truck was registered for 33099 but had an actual weight of 39220. A violation was documented, and the driver was told to scale back.



- 2/5, Inspector conducted a Level 2 inspection on a CMV combination that bypassed the open weigh station on Rte. 279 in Bennington. The combination was placed out of service for emergency brake and trailer brake violations.



- 2/6 Cpl. did Two portable weighs at the Springfield Detail.
- 2/6, Cpl. discovered a driver with an expired medical card at the Springfield Detail.
- 2/6, Inspector Tingle stopped a drive by at the Springfield Detail. The driver was placed out of service for no medical card, second offense.



- 2/6, Inspector discovered a defective tire during an inspection at the Springfield Weigh Station. The tire was missing a portion of the tread section but not enough to meet the out of service criteria.



- 2/6, Inspector discovered 3 flat tires on a tractor trailer combination at the Springfield Weigh Station. The CMV was placed out of service and repaired onsite.
- 2/6, Inspector stopped a drive by at the Springfield detail. The driver was placed out of service for no medical card, second offense.



- 2/7, Inspector discovered an error on a hazmat shipping paper during an inspection on RT 4 in Bridgewater. The shipping document did not list the quantity or total weight as required.
- 2/7, Cpl. inspected a 2-axle interstate vehicle and found a headlight out, no working turn signals and no brake lights. The truck was placed out of service for lighting violations.
- 2/8, Cpl. discovered the driver of an interstate combination was using paper logs when an ELD was required; the driver claimed his ELD was not working properly and was waiting for a new cable. It was found the driver had been using paper logs for more than three months. The driver was placed out of service for no ELD.
- 2/8, Inspector and Cpl. conducted a Local Weight Limits and Road Posting Workshop in Berlin.



- 2/8, Inspector placed a tractor-trailer out of service for an air leak from a brake chamber. The truck failed the brake pressure drop test and was placed out of service.
- 2/8, Inspector conducted a Level 2 inspection on a two-axle box truck on I91S in White River Junction. The truck was placed out of service for unsecured items on the rear platform. The issue was remedied on scene.



- 2/8, Investigator conducted an inspection of a tractor trailer transporting LTL freight. Upon inspecting the vehicles load, he discovered that the vehicle was transporting four 1,000-liter capacity intermediate bulk containers, each containing liquid with a total capacity of 1,056 gallons. The driver did not have a Tank endorsement on his CDL, and he was declared out-of-service.



- 2/9, Inspector stopped a truck and trailer combination on Route 4 in Mendon. The combination required a Class A CDL which the driver did not have. The trailers brakes were

inoperable, and the emergency breakaway cable was not attached. The driver and trailer were placed out of service.



- 2/9, Inspector stopped a truck hauling a dozer on Route 4 in Mendon. The driver was not wearing his corrective lenses, his CDL was disqualified and he self-certified as Excepted Interstate with no medical card on him or on file with the State. The driver was placed out of service.



- 2/9, Inspector stopped a truck and trailer combination on Route 4 in Mendon for a load securement issue. The carrier was coming from an insulation job in NH and failed to register for a USDOT number prior to beginning interstate operations. The trailer had multiple items not secured and the emergency breakaway cable was missing. The driver had no medical card. The trailer was placed out of service.



