

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 02/28, Ryegate Rest Area, I 91 North. Four Inspectors screened 122 vehicles. Twenty-seven inspections were completed. Thirty-nine vehicle (seven out of service) and five driver violations were discovered.

Crashes:

- None reported.

Notables:

- 3/6, Lunenburg, US Rte 2. An Inspector on patrol stopped a CMV for a speeding violation, the truck was traveling 45mph in a 35mph zone. The truck was escorted to a safe location where a Level 3 inspection and portable weigh was completed.
- 3/8, Brownington. Inspector Jacobs assisted the VSP with an active domestic assault in progress call, VSP is the lead agency in the incident.
- 3/8, Ryegate, US Rte 5. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection placed the trailer out of service for a cracked frame and defective suspension component. A violatio was also noted for defective tires. The company was issued a ticket for the violations.



- 03/08, Wells River, US Rte 302. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection discovered a cracked frame and a cracked weld on the fifth wheel pivot bracket. The CMV was placed out of service.



- 3/8, Brownington, VT Rte 15. An Inspector responded to a CMV slide off. A Level 2 inspection was completed.



- 3/8, Coventry, I 91. An Inspector on patrol stopped a CMV for a size and weight inspection, a portable weigh was completed and the combination was found to be overweight. A warning was issued to the company and guidance was given on how to increase the registered weight of their vehicle.



- 3/9, WRJ NB detail. An Inspector conducting a level 3 inspection and portable weigh of a CMV found the truck to weigh 109,000lbs. A VCVC was issued to the carrier.
- 3/9, WRJ NB detail. An CMV was placed OOS for an inoperable parking brake. The driver had an expired medical card and driver's license.

- 3/9 Butlers Bus Service, Hartford. Inspectors were invited to view an all-electric school bus and its components.



- 3/9, WRJ detail. An Inspector placed a CMV out of service for a cracked wheel.



- 3/10, Richford, VT Rte 105. An Inspector stopped a intrastate carrier for inspection. A level 2 inspection was completed and the combination was placed OOS for load securement, inoperable brake and turn signals, no emergency break away cable, no trailer brakes and an inoperable parking brake. The carrier was issued a VCVC and the combination was grounded.



SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 3/8, Guilford Inspection area, 5 inspectors screened 310 vehicles, 6 Level 1, 8 Level 2 and 2 Level 3 inspections were conducted. 4 OS/OW permits were checked, 3 driver violations discovered with 1 OOS, 27 vehicle violations discovered with 4 OOS

Notables:

- 3/6, Inspector discovered a combination vehicle required a class A CDL license. The driver had a class D license. The trailer was brand new, and the driver was educated on the regulations and placed out of service.
- 3/8, Inspectors discovered a flat tire on an interstate vehicle with auto tire inflators. The vehicle was placed OOS while in combination and repaired on site.

- 3/8, Inspectors inspected a 5-axle interstate combination and discovered 3 broken shocks and two leaking inner wheel seals on the trailer. Although significant defects, the violations did not meet the OOS criteria.
- On 3/8 at the Guilford Detail, Inspectors inspected a tractor-trailer which resulting in over 15 violations. The trailer was towed from the scene for repair.
 - The driver had no record of duty status. (OOS).
 - Brake tubing and hose were spliced together and blew apart when the service brake was applied during brake measurements (OOS).



- Crack in brake drum (OOS).
- Reinforcement ply visible on air lines in front of sliding trailer suspension. (OOS).
- Cracked frame above the 5th axle that was longer than 6 inches in length (OOS).



- Over 20 percent of brakes out of service. (OOS)
 - No brake linings on the 5th axle.
 - Broken parking brake power spring inside brake chamber.
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- 3/8, inspected an interstate vehicle and discovered the red emergency line had several cuts thru the reinforcement ply. The TT unit was placed OOS in combination. A local service company was call and fixed the line on scene.



- On 3/10 Inspector stopped a 6 axle log truck in Fair Haven. The truck had a 99K permit and weighed 109,340. A VCVC was issued to the carrier.



NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 3/9 Fair Haven Scales, US Rte. 4, 7 Inspector screened 142 vehicles. They completed 15 inspections which resulted in 12 vehicle and 5 driver violations. 2 vehicles were placed out of service. An overweight fine totaling \$1,835.00 was issued.

Crashes:

- 3/8 Cpl. responded to a report from a citizen of a tractor trailer that went off Rte. 22a in Orwell. The CMV went off the west side of Rte. 22a. The driver advised a car was going to pass him, so he pulled over to the right and got sucked into the shoulder and then off the roadway. There were no injuries and no other vehicles involved. As a result of the crash the trailer suffered a flat tire, and the service glad hand hose became disconnected causing no operable brakes on the trailer.



- 3/8 Cpl responded to Rte. 17 in New Haven for a report of a crash involving a commercial motor vehicle. It was found that the driver of a straight truck left a job site and failed to secure the boom and the load on the back of the truck. The boom

was riding at about 20 feet. When the driver entered Route 17, the boom caught the overhead power lines and in turn ripped the utility pole down and tore up underground high voltage power lines. The driver was uninjured. The truck sustained minor damage but the estimated damage to the pole and lines was approximately \$12,000, likely more. The truck was placed out of service for the unsecured load, multiple wooden mats and timber. The truck was also grounded for being over height with the boom being approximately 20 feet high.



Notables:

- 3/6 Cpl. stopped and inspected a tractor trailer on Rte. 22a in Shoreham. The trailer was placed out of service for having no operable brake lamps. Also, the carrier was suspended in Vermont.



- 3/6 Cpl. stopped and inspected a truck and trailer on Rte. 22a in Orwell. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty for having no record of duty status. The driver drove from TX to VT with no logs.



- 3/6 Cpl. was notified by several citizens of a car that went off Rte. 22a in Orwell. The Inspector responded and found the operator was on the phone with State Police dispatch. Cpl. assisted the operator as the State Police were not sending anyone to help her. The car was towed, and the operator was not injured.



- 3/08 Cpl. stopped a Canadian carrier operating on I 89 in Franklin County for failing to display markings. An inspection was conducted and the carrier did not have an IRP registration or IFTA credentials. The carrier was ticketed and the vehicle was grounded until VT permits were obtained.



- 3/8 Cpl. stopped a tractor trailer on Rte. 22a in Addison. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire.



- 3/8 Cpl. was patrolling on Rte. 22a in Shoreham and came across a tractor trailer which was stuck in some snow partially in the north bound lane. The driver initially told Cpl. that he was checking his log and drove too far to the right and got stuck. A short time later, the driver advised he pulled over here to check his log and got stuck.

An inspection revealed that the driver was over his allowable 11 hours' drive time. The advised he knew this was the case but added that his truck won't go 65mph, so he had to drive over his allowable hours. The driver was currently in a 50mph zone. The driver was placed out of service for being in current violation of the 11-hour rule.



- 3/09 Cpl. inspected a tractor trailer unit at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed the trailer did not have operable brake lights. The trailer was placed out of service until the defect was repaired.



- 3/9 Cpl. inspected an interstate box truck at the Fair Haven detail. The carrier was found to be suspended in VT. The vehicle was grounded until the carrier was reinstated.



- 3/09 Cpl. inspected a tractor trailer unit at the Fair Haven detail. The inspection revealed two pallets loaded with stone, on the flat-bed trailer, were not secured properly. Two straps were required as the pallets weighed 2000 lbs. or more and were not secured against forward movement. The trailer was placed out of service and the driver remedied the defect.



- 3/10 was called in to assist Williston Police as they had stopped and arrested an interstate household goods mover for driving under the influence of drugs. This offense occurred on I 89 in Richmond during the early morning hours. conducted a level 2 inspection and placed the driver and vehicle out of service for several reasons. The driver advised that he and his co-workers had smoked Marijuana at a client's pickup, prior to operating the CMV from New Hampshire.

- Cpl. assisted State Police with a head on collision on Rte 117 in Richmond. came upon the crash just seconds after it had happened. No injuries were reported, however both vehicles involved were destroyed.



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