

## Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit

### NORTHEAST SECTOR:

#### Details:

- 04/11, Lyndonville Rest Area, I 91 South. Three Inspectors screened 108 vehicles. Ten inspections were completed. Twenty vehicle (three out of service) and two driver (one out of service) violations were discovered.
- 04/04, Waterford Welcome Center, I 93 North. Three Inspectors screened 145 vehicles. Seventeen inspections were completed. Eighteen vehicle (five out of service) and five driver violations were discovered.

#### Crashes:

- None reported.

#### Notables:

- 04/10 An Inspector provided an outreach to a public utilities company. Federal and state regulations were discussed.



- 04/11 Lyndon detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection placed the CMV out of service for inoperative trailer turn and stop lamps.
- 04/11 AOT St Johnsbury. An Inspector attended the AOT District 7 Safety Day and provided a block of instruction on load securement.
- 04/11 Lyndon detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 3 inspection placed the driver of the CMV out of service for no ELD when required.

- 04/13 Waterford detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 2 inspection placed a CMV out of service for not meeting the minimum amount of means of load securement for a large block of granite. One web strap was present, two were required.
- 04/13 Waterford detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection noted a violation for a vehicle component contacting the driveline driveshaft.



- 04/13 Waterford detail. Inspectors stopped numerous CMVs that failed to stop at the detail area for inspection. Six signs were present prior to the detail area. All drivers were issued violations for failure to obey traffic control devices.
- 04/13 Waterford detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection placed the CMV out of service for a ruptured air brake chamber diaphragm. The CMV failed the air drop rate test.
- 04/13 Waterford detail. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection placed the CMV out of service for a defective driveline component- loose end cap.



- 04/14 Rte 100 Stowe. An Inspector conducting a Level 1 inspection placed a CMV out of service for a defective driveline violation- independent verticle movement between opposing yoke ends.
- 04/14 Rte 100 Stowe. An Inspector placed a CMV out of service for a crack in the lower fifth wheel mounting bracket.



### South Sector

#### Details:

- On 4/11 at the Guilford Truck Check area on I91N, a total of 235 vehicles were screened, with 9 Level 1 inspections being conducted. 2 portable weighs and 5 platform weighs were conducted as well with 5 OS/OW permits being checked. The inspections discovered 25 vehicle violations and 1 driver violation. 3 vehicles were issued CVSA decals while 5 others were placed out of service.



Notables:

- 4/7, Inspector observed a CMV travelling south on I 89 in Royalton that was missing a tire and wheel assembly. The vehicle did not display and carrier name or DOT number. During the course of the inspection the driver provided a medical certificate for another driver with a similar name. The driver had also been placed out of service multiple times for not having a medical certificate as indicated on his previous inspections. A portable weigh was conducted, and the combination weight was greater than 26,000 lbs which required a class A CDL license. The driver only had a class D. The missing tire also resulted in a trailer tire exceeding the weight carrying capacity, which is an out of service violation. Additionally, the driver had no RODS and a history of being placed out of service for the same violation. The three previous carriers the driver had been inspected under were either under federal out of service orders or inactive. The driver and CMV were placed out of service and the information was forwarded to FMCSA for further review.



- 4/11, Inspector conducted a level 1 inspection on a box truck that did not have the carrier name or DOT number displayed. The vehicle had been rented for over 30 days



- 4/11, Inspector conducted a level 1 inspection on a tractor trailer at the Guilford Detail. One brake was out of adjustment and a left tail lamp on the tractor was inoperable. These were documented as violations.
- 4/11, Inspector completed his 32<sup>nd</sup> supervised inspection on an empty crushed car haul tractor-trailer. Multiple violations were discovered, and the truck/trailer was towed from the scene.
  - Steering axle U-Bolts had visible play. OOS.
  - Loose rocks on the flat bed trailer. OOS.
  - Flat tire on the trailer. OOS.
  - Tractor protection valve not effective. OOS.
  - Chaffed airline into the reinforcement ply. OOS.
  - Steering axle upper plate bump stop was completely separated from leaf spring assembly.
  - No working horn.
  - Visible oil leak under engine that pooled during inspection.
  - The truck was not IFTA registered. A VCVC was issued to carrier.





- 04/11 Inspector Stange conducted a Level 1 inspection on a truck/trailer combination. The inspection concluded with 6 out of service violations discovered to include the following: a steer axle wheel with a broken stud and missing lug nuts. Axle 3 on the trailer was over the tire load limit. This resulted in damage to the tires on both sides of the trailer.





- 04/13(Bennington RT9), Inspector supervised by Cpl. conducted a Level 1 inspection of a box truck. During the inspection it was discovered the truck was missing the fuel cap on the driver's side tank. Although a violation, it did not meet the out of service criteria.



- 4/13, Inspector received a complaint of a CMV operating erratically on RT 107. The vehicle was located and stopped on I 89 N. The driver could not speak English and a translator had to be used to conduct the inspection. The trailer was placed out of service for not having the emergency breakaway cable connected and a blown tire. The blown tire was likely the cause of the erratic operation initially reported.



- 4/13, Inspector responded to a Tractor Trailer unit that drove off the road on RT 9 in Marlboro. There was no damage to the Tractor-trailer and a level 2 inspection was performed. A Heavy wrecker arrived to pull the unit out.



#### NORTHWEST SECTOR:

##### Details:

- 4/11 Ira Rest Area, US Rte. 4 West, 4 Inspectors, screened 87 vehicles. They completed 13 inspections which resulted in 26 vehicle and 7 driver violations. Three vehicles and three drivers were placed out of service. 1 ticket was issued for a total fine amount of \$249.00.
- 4/13 Williston Rest Area, I 89 North, 4 Inspectors, 1 VPD, 1 FMCSA agent screened 281 vehicles. They completed 19 inspections which resulted in 12 vehicle and 7 driver violations. Three vehicles and one driver were placed out of service. 1 ticket was issued for a total fine amount of \$249.00.

##### Notables:

- 4/11 inspected a box truck at the Ira detail. The inspection revealed a brake was out of adjustment on the steer axle, full defect. The truck was placed out of service for 20% or more of the service brakes being defective.
- 4/11 inspected a wood chip hauler at the Ira detail. The company presented a 99,000 permit for the load, however, the combination only had 5 axles. The company was force permitted to obtain the required 90,000 permit. Additionally, the driver's CDL was disqualified for accumulation of points against his driving history. The driver was ticketed for not possessing a CDL.



- 4/13 inspected a tractor trailer unit at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed a brake line was leaking at other than a proper connection on the truck tractor. The truck tractor was placed out of service for the defect.



- 4/13 inspected a box truck at the Williston detail. The inspection revealed a tire was flat on the truck. The truck was placed out of service for the defect.

