

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/01 – Six Inspectors and 2 FMCSA Special Agents screened 169 commercial motor vehicles at the US Rte 4 Fair Haven scale house detail. 19 inspections were conducted. 45 violations were detected (43 vehicle and 2 driver). 9 vehicles and 1 driver were placed out of service.
- 10/03 – Five Inspectors screened 201 commercial motor vehicles at the I 89 Williston NB rest area detail. 12 inspections were conducted. 17 violations were detected (16 vehicle and 1 driver). 3 vehicles were placed out of service.

Crashes:

Notables:

- 9/30 – Cpl. stopped a straight truck on VT Rte. 2A in Williston for a load securement violation. A pallet of mulch was secured with 1 strap and pallet was not blocked/braced against forward movement. The truck was placed out of service.



- 10/01 – Cpl. inspected a truck hauling vehicles at the US Rte. 4 Fair Haven scale house detail. The inspection revealed the driver had falsified his logs and the brakes were inoperative on the trailer. The driver and trailer were placed out of service. The carrier was ticketed.

- 10/01 – Cpl. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the US Rte. 4 Fair Haven scale house detail. The inspection revealed the truck tractor failed the air drop test due to a severed glad hand hose that was concealed under a plastic handle. The truck tractor and combination were placed out of service.



- 10/01 – Insp. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the US Rte. 4 Fair Haven scale house detail. The inspection revealed a brake hose was improperly joined, and electrical wiring was in contact with the exhaust system. The truck tractor was placed out of service.



- 10/01 – Insp inspected a tractor trailer combination at the US Rte. 4 scale house detail. The inspection revealed 20% or more of the service brakes were out of adjustment. The combination was placed out of service.



- 10/01 – Insp. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the US Rte. 4 scale house detail. The inspection revealed the truck tractor failed the air loss test and blown air canister was detected on the unit. The truck tractor was placed out of service.



- 10/03 – Insp. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the I 89 Williston NB rest area detail. The inspection revealed a tire was losing its tread on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service due to the damaged tire.



- 10/03 – Cpl. inspected a box truck at the I 89 Williston NB rest area detail. The inspection revealed a hub was leaking on the steer axle with signs of continued leakage. The box truck was placed out of service for repair.



- 10/03 – Insp. inspected a box truck at the I 89 Williston NB rest area detail. The inspection revealed 20% or more of the service brakes were out of adjustment. The truck was placed out of service for the violation.



Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report

Safety Audit:

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/03 I-91 Barton Rest Area, 4 Inspectors screened 134 vehicles. 10 inspections were completed which resulted in 19 vehicle violations (1 out of service) and 8 driver violations (2 out of service).

Crashes:

Notables:

- 09/30 Roxbury Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a size and weight inspection. The combination was found to require a permit due to its width, the carrier did not have one. The combination was grounded for that violation, the combination was placed out of service for inoperable brake lamps and for an air hose which was chaffed through the outer protective layer and the inner ply was damaged. The carrier was issued a VCVC.



- 09/30 Northfield Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for an equipment violation, the combination was found to required a class A CDL, the driver did not have one. The vehicle was placed out of service for inoperable brake lamps, a defective emergency breakaway cable and for an exposed hub assembly on the trailer. A portable weigh was also completed and the carrier was found to be weigh over their allowed registered capacity.



- 10/01 Lyndonville Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a load securement violation. The combination was found to required a Class A CDL, the driver did not posses one.

The driver was placed out of service for the licensing violation, for having an improper self-certification on his medical card, the vehicle was placed out of service for a defective emergency breakaway cable, inoperable trailer brakes and inoperable brake and turn lamps on the trailer. A portable weigh was completed and the carrier was issued a VCVV for being over their registered capacity.



- 10/01 Concord, Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a speeding violation, the operator was placed out of service for not wearing corrective lenses as it was required on their medical card.
- 10/03 Barton NB, Inspector placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for a load securement violating. The motor vehicle which was being hauled on a flat bed trailer as not properly secured as required in 393.128.



- 10/03 Barton NB Inspector placed the driver of a commercial motor vehicle out of service for not having a logbook.
- 10/03 Barton NB Inspector conducted a size and weight inspection on a carrier who was hauling logs, the vehicle was found to be over on its permitted weight and allowable axle weights. Inspector issued a VCVC to the carrier.
- 10/04 Colchester Inspector attended hazmat inspection refresher.
- 09/30 Montpelier, Inspector conducted a portable weigh and inspection on a dump truck hauling asphalt and discovered the vehicle was 11,200 lbs. over their allowable weight, the vehicle had a flat tire, and the carrier was under suspension in the State of VT. The Carrier was forced permitted, the vehicle was placed out of service for the flat tire, and the carrier was grounded until the suspension was rectified.
- 09/30 Berlin, Inspector conducted an inspection of a commercial motor vehicle and discovered 6 violations to include 4 of 10-wheel fasteners loose and was displaying another companies DOT number. The truck was escorted to Graniteville for repairs.
- 10/01 Waterford, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the driver had no record of duty status when required and all trailer brakes were inoperable. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours and the vehicle was placed out of service until repaired.
- 10/03 Barton detail, Inspector conducted a portable weigh on a commercial motor vehicle loaded with logs and discovered it to be 19,800 lbs. over their allowable weight. The carrier was forced permitted and ticketed for the violation.



- 10/03 Barton detail, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the carrier USDOT number was inactive due to their biennial update not being completed. The vehicle was placed out of service.
- 10/03 Barton detail, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the right-side axle 4 trailer tire was less than 50% of the manufacturer specification for air, also the driver did not have a commercial license when one was required.

Compliance review:

New Entrant:

Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/1, Bennington 279; 5 Inspectors screened 122 vehicles and completed 11 (5 Supervised) inspections resulting in 5 vehicle violations; No vehicles were placed out of service, 7 CVSA decals were issued.



- 10/3, Hartford I91 SB; 7 Inspectors screened 98 vehicles and completed 20 (4 Supervised) inspections resulting in 23 vehicle and 3 driver violations; 8 vehicles and 1 driver were placed out of service. One portable weigh was completed and 1 ticket was issued in the amount of \$727.00.



Crashes: Nothing to report

Notables:

- 10/3, I91 SB rest area Hartford, Inspector conducted a Level 1 inspection on a roll off dumpster truck. The inspection revealed the rear of the container was not secured as required. The vehicle was placed out of service until the violation was repaired



- 10/3, I91 SB Rest Area Hartford, Inspector conducted a Level 1 inspection on a TT unit and found that the airline to axle #2 drivers side brake had chaffed through the outer protective layer and the reinforcement ply. The vehicle was placed OOS until the violation was repaired.



- 10/4, US 7 Bennington, Inspector conducted a Level 2 inspection and portable weigh of a car hauler. Among several violations, the truck was found to be overweight and the driver not having the proper license for the vehicle. The driver was placed out of service for the violation.



Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report

Traffic Enforcement Unit:

- During the week of 9/30-10/4 the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted 67 inspections which resulted in 6 drivers and 17 vehicles being placed out of service. Three Inspectors participated in firearms training for a day. Another Inspector was off for the week.

Crashes:

Notables:

- 10/4, Inspector assisted Brandon PD with a tractor trailer that drove into a covered bridge. Severe damage to the bridge occurred.



- 9/30--Cpl stopped a single unit truck driver for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The carrier was found to be suspended in Vermont.



- 9/30--Cpl stopped a tractor trailer for an equipment violation on Route 22a in Orwell. The driver was placed out of service as his commercial driver's license was found to be

suspended. The trailer was placed out of service for a missing hub cap exposing the hub assembly. Also, 3 out of the 4 air suspension bags were deflated and could not be refilled.



- 9/30--Cpl stopped a tractor trailer on Route 22a in Shoreham for an equipment violation. The truck tractor was placed out of service for a flat tire.



- 9/30, Inspector stopped an interstate truck on I-89 in Berlin for a marking violation. The trailer was placed out of service for inoperable brakes and no emergency breakaway device.



- 9/30, Inspector stopped a 6-axle chip truck on I 89 in Randolph. The truck weighed 105,800 with no Vermont overweight permit. The carrier was force permitted.
- 10/1--Cpl stopped a truck and trailer driver on Route 4 in Fair Haven for failing to pull into the open truck safety inspection site at the Fair Haven Scale House. The driver was placed out of service for not having a commercial driver's license in a combination that required one and for not having record of duty status as required. The carrier was found to not have a US DOT number or operating authority as required. The truck was placed out of service as the parking brake was inoperable and the breakaway cable from the trailer to the truck was not connected properly.



- 10/1--Cpl stopped a truck and trailer driver on Route 4 in Fair Haven for failing to pull into the open truck safety inspection site at the Fair Haven Scale House. The driver was placed out of service for not having a commercial driver's license while driving a combination that required one. The carrier was placed out of service for not having a US DOT number as required with a history of violations for the same. The trailer was placed out of service for a missing hub cap allowing an open view into the hub assembly and also for the breakaway cable not being properly connected.



- 10/1, at the Fair Haven Detail, Inspector placed a mobile home trailer out of service for a flat tire as it was completely shredded off the rim when it pulled into the weigh station. The truck had two out of adjustment brakes.



- 10/1, at the Fair Haven Scale House, Inspector performed a level 1 inspection on a tractor trailer that weighed 100,680 on a 90,000 permit. The carrier was issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint.



- 10/3--Cpl stopped the driver of a truck and trailer for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty for having no record of duty status for the day and previous day as required. The driver drove from CO to VT in off duty status. The carrier was grounded for not having proof of valid International Fuel Tax Agreement.



- 10/3--Cpl stopped the driver of a tractor trailer for speeding on Route 22a in Shoreham. The truck tractor was placed out of service as the emergency glad hand hose was crimped and was restricting air flow to the trailer. The truck tractor also had a shredded tire still mounted on the wheel.



- 10/3, Inspector stopped a vehicle on Route 4 in Hartford for a lighting violation. The combination required a Class A commercial driver's license, the driver had a Class D. The carrier failed to register for a USDOT number prior to beginning interstate operations. The trailer breakaway cable was incorrectly attached. The driver and trailer were placed out of service and carrier issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint.



- 10/3, at the White River inspection site, Inspector placed a tow truck out of service for a leaking air chamber that failed to maintain or build air. Both front turn signals were inoperable.



- 10/3, at the White River inspection site, Inspector placed a tow truck out of service for cracks in the steer axle brake linings. The driver had no medical card.



- 10/3, at the White River inspection site, Inspector placed a dump truck out of service for a leaking air reservoir tank due to a defective weld. The truck had no State of Vermont inspection, and the carrier was issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint.



- 9/30- Insp stopped a commercial truck/trailer on I-89 in Randolph for an over-dimension violation. Insp Tingle assisted, and an inspection was conducted. The trailer was hauling a boat which was 10'9 wide with no Oversize Permit. The Carrier was issued a warning for NP1, and force permitted.



- 10/1- Insp stopped a commercial motor vehicle on I-89 in Williamstown for a traffic violation. An inspection was conducted, and the driver was placed OOS for no valid medical card. The carrier was ticketed.



- 10/1-Insp stopped a commercial truck/trailer for a marking violation on I-89 in Berlin. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for a missing breakaway brake cable. The driver was issued a warning.



- 10/3-Insp stopped a commercial tractor/trailer for failing to stop at the truck safety Inspection on I-89 in Williston. While conducting an inspection, the driver called 911 because he didn't believe Inspector was a legitimate police officer. The driver became extremely agitated, and Insp also responded to assist. The driver was issued a ticket for failure to obey traffic control devices and the carrier's safety officer was notified of the driver's behavior.



- 10/4- Insp conducted two TACT stops on I-89 in Williamstown. Both passenger vehicles were speeding and aggressively operating around numerous commercial motor vehicles. The vehicle's speeds were verified at 109 and 110 MPH. Both drivers were issued tickets.

HQ Sergeant:

Notables:

- 10/04 Colchester Sgt. provided a refresher for HM Inspectors.

New Entrant:

