

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 9/24 – Five Inspectors and screened 199 commercial motor vehicles at the US Rte 4 Ira rest area detail. 17 inspections were conducted. 9 vehicle violations were detected. 3 vehicles placed out of service.
- 9/26 – Five Inspectors and 1 partner screened 262 commercial motor vehicles at the I 89 Colchester weigh station detail. 15 inspections were conducted. 8 vehicle violations were detected. 3 vehicles were placed out of service. The detail was delayed due to multiple crashes in the area of the weigh station closing the northbound lanes on I 89. Inspectors assisted VT State police at the crash scenes.

Crashes:

Notables:

- 9/23 – Cpl. stopped a tractor trailer unit on US Rte. 7 in Ferrisburgh for an equipment violation. An inspection was conducted a glad hand hose was chafed through the fabric ply and a tire was severely deflated on the trailer. The combination and trailer were placed out of service.



- 9/23 – Insp. stopped a truck hauling a trailer for a load securement violation in Williston. Additionally, the emergency breakaway cable was inoperable. The trailer was grounded until the wood products were secured and the company was ticketed.



- 9/24 – Cpl. inspected a tractor trailer unit at the US Rte. 4 Ira rest area detail. The inspection revealed the load was secured improperly as belly straps were needed on the second tier of the wood products. The driver added strap(s) and remedied the out of service defect.



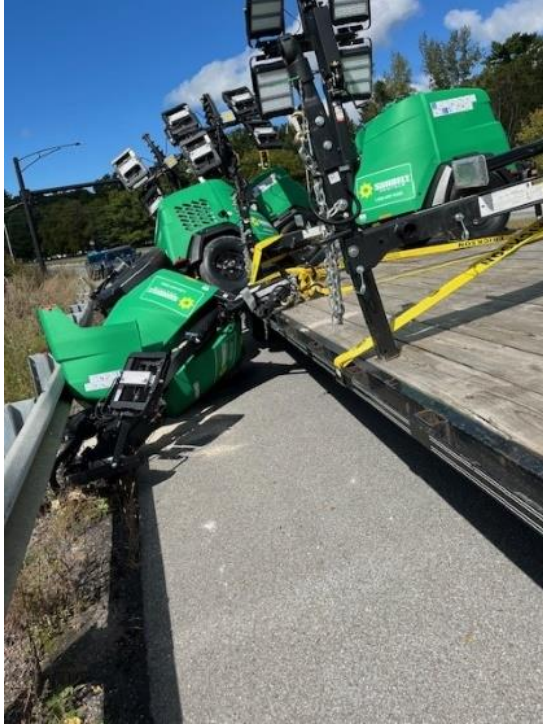
- 9/24 – Cpl. inspected an interstate tow truck at the US Rte. 4 Ira rest area detail. The inspection revealed the towed truck overhung the tow truck by more than 5 feet and was not flagged as a projecting load. The tow truck was placed out of service for the load securement violation.



- 9/24 – Insp. inspected a tractor trailer unit at the US Rte. 4 Ira rest area detail. The inspection revealed the carrier’s state operating authority was suspended. The combination was grounded until the state suspension was resolved.



- 9/26 – Insp. stopped a truck hauling a trailer for a cell phone violation on US Rte. 7 in Shelburne. Additionally, a portable weigh was conducted the truck was 14,000 pounds over its legal tare. Tickets were issued.
- 9/27 – Insp. responded to I289 in Essex to assist Essex PD at a reported commercial motor vehicle crash. Investigation determined the load was not secured properly and several portable lights fell off the trailer into the roadway. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.



- 9/28 – Insp. stopped a tractor trailer unit on US Rte. 7 in Shelburne for an equipment violation. The inspection revealed all lights were inoperable on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service for the violation.



Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report

Safety Audit:

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 09/24 I-91 Coventry northbound Rest Area, 6 Inspectors screened 61 vehicles. 13 inspections were completed which resulted in 60 vehicle violations (8 out of service) and 7 driver violations (1 out of service).
- 09/26 I-91 Ryegate northbound Rest Area, 6 Inspectors screened 73 vehicles. 20 inspections were completed which resulted in 19 vehicle violations (3 out of service) and 5 driver violations.

Crashes: Nothing to report

Notables:

- 09/23 Lyndon, Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a commercial motor vehicle who failed to properly secure their 43 ft load, which only had 4 tie-downs when required 6. An inspection was completed, and the driver added additional tie-downs.



- 09/23 Island Pond, Inspector conducted a hazmat inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the emergency glad hand hose was chafed through the inner protective material and into the inner liner. The truck was placed out of service in combination and was escorted to the Kingdom Market to await repair.



- 09/23 Lyndon, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered 2/4 brakes in use were defective: axle 1 left push rod was not connected to the slack adjuster and axle 1 right brake was cammed-over. Also, the driver was in violation of restrictions: No manual transmission equipped CMV while operating a manual transmission CMV. The vehicle and driver were placed out of service.



- 09/23 Island Pond, Inspector conducted an inspection and portable weigh on a dump truck it was determined the company did not possess a permit when one was required, and a ticket was issued for over road limit. The truck had a new inspection sticker but did not have ID lamps on rear and there did not appear to have been any on the truck ever. I forwarded with information to investigation for follow-up on the inspection station.



- 09/23 Lyndon, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and located a plastic bag and zip ties in place of a fuel cap. The violation was written and the operator was allowed to continue.



- 09/24 Coventry detail, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered 5/10 brakes in use to be defective, which included: axle 1 left brake canister to be loose, axle 2 right brake lining with a 5-inch crack, axle 3 right brake canister with a blown diaphragm, and two brakes out of adjustment. The vehicle was placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed.



- 09/24 I-91 Coventry Northbound Rest Area, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and located a loose U-bolt assembly. The vehicle was placed out of service until the repair was made.



- 09/24 Coventry detail, Inspector conducted an inspection on an interstate commercial motor vehicle whose driver was under the age of 21. It was also discovered 20% of the brakes in use were defective due to a push rod not connected to a slack adjuster and was out of adjustment. The driver and vehicle were placed out of service.



- 09/24 Coventry detail, Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a commercial motor vehicle which failed to stop at the fixed site inspection. An inspection was completed, and 16 violations were discovered and five were out of service violations. These violations included: inoperable parking brake, missing breakaway, inoperable trailer brakes, from sway bar on the power unit equipped with rubber bushings to be loose, and the excavator to be improperly secured. The vehicle was placed out of service.



- 09/26 Ryegate detail, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered a thermoplastic hose within the cab to have an audible air leak, which caused the vehicle to fail the air loss rate. The vehicle was placed out of service.
- 09/26 Ryegate detail, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the service thermoplastic glad hose to be cracked causing an audible air not at a proper connection. The vehicle was placed out of service.



- 09/23/24 Swanton, Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a load securement violation. The truck had a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 and was loaded with a man lift which weighed over 10,000 pounds. A portable weigh was completed and the total gross weight of the truck was found to be over 27,000 pounds. The driver of the vehicle did not have a CDL. The driver was placed out of service and the truck was placed out of service for the load securement violation.



- 09/23/24 Swanton, Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a load securement violation. The combination required a class A CDL and the driver possessed a class D operators license. The driver was placed out of service and the combination was placed out of service for the load securement violation.



- 09/24/24 Coventry NB, Inspector placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for an air leak at the proper connection. The truck was also unable to build or maintain air when the service brakes were applied.
- 09/26/24 Ryegate NB, Inspector placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for a load securement violation. The machine exceeded 10,000 pounds and was not properly secured.



- 09/27/24 Coventry, Inspector assisted the Vermont State Police with their attempts to locate an elderly male who had left his house the night prior and was considered a missing person. Following a tip from the public, Inspector patrolled an area and subsequently located the male. He was transported to the hospital to be evaluated by medical personell.
- 09/27/24 Craftsbury, Inspectors assisted the Vermont State Police at a welfare check at a residence. The person of interest had left their residence the night prior and there was reason to believe the person was impaired and suffering from a mental health crisis. Evidence within the house indicated that the person was injured and bleeding, the person was located several miles away in a field. He was evaluated by medical personell.

Compliance review:

New Entrant:

Passenger Vehicle:

- 09/23 Sheffield, Inspector was monitoring northbound traffic on I-91 when he identified a vehicle traveling at 95 mph in a posted 65 mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted, and a ticket was issued to the driver.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 9/24, Randolph NB; 6 Inspectors screened 223 vehicles and completed 19 (1 HM) inspections resulting in 11 vehicle and 2 driver violations; 1 vehicle was placed out of service.



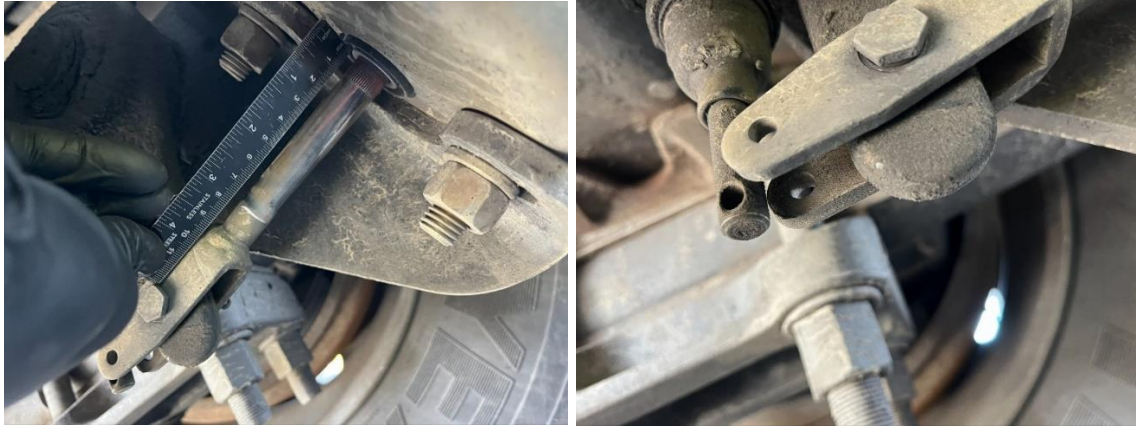
- 9/26, Putney Scale; 6 Inspectors screened 208 vehicles and completed 17 inspections resulting in 12 vehicle and 8 driver violations; 1 vehicle and 1 driver were placed out of service. 4 Permits were checked; 3 overweight and 1 oversize violation was observed resulting in 2 warnings and 1 ticket totaling \$722.00.



Crashes:

Notables:

- 9/24, Cpl. discovered a disconnected slack adjuster on a trailer brake; the clevis pin and pin retainer were missing at the time of inspection, causing the brake to be out of adjustment. The vehicle was placed out of service for the missing brake components and for more than 20% defective brakes.



- 9/26, Cpl. inspected an interstate combination and found multiple brake air hose violations, including a massive air leak on a chafed service brake air hose and two improperly spliced brake hoses, which resulted in the vehicle failing to maintain air pressure. The vehicle was placed out of service while in combination for the improperly spliced air connections, chafed air hose and failure to maintain air pressure.



- 9/26, Putney Scale, Cpl. discovered an overweight vehicle transporting unprocessed milk with an expired excess weight permit. The weight was measured to be 103,360 lbs.; 14,360 lbs. overweight. The carrier was issued a ticket in the amount of \$722.
- Cpl. conducted a level I inspection of a utility truck driven by a 20-year-old driver operating the vehicle in interstate commerce. The driver had no required log. Nine vehicle violations were cited including one brake out of adjustment and a load that was not properly secured. The driver and vehicle were placed out-of-service



- 9/27, Rt 4 in Woodstock Vermont, Inspector discovered an overweight 3 axle dump truck transporting crushed stone with no excess weight permit. The weight was measured to be 66,920 lbs.; 11,920 lbs. Overweight. The carrier was force permitted before they were able to leave the inspection.



Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report

Traffic Enforcement Unit:

- During the week of 9/23-9/27 the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted 64 inspections which resulted in 5 drivers and 6 vehicles being placed out of service. One Inspector participated in first aid and tactical medical training for a day. Another Inspector was off for the week.

Notables:

- 9/23--Cpl stopped a single unit truck driver for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The driver was placed out of service for having no record of duty status as required. The driver's class C license had expired in June as well.



- 9/23--Cpl stopped the driver of a truck towing a trailer for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The trailer was placed out of service for a broken hub assembly cap causing an open view in the hub assembly.



- 9/23—Cpl stopped a box truck on Route 22a in Orwell for an equipment violation. The carrier was found to be suspended in Vermont and was grounded until the suspension could be rectified.



- 9/24--Cpl stopped a box truck on Route 22a in Fair Haven for having no US DOT number or carrier name displayed. The owner/operator said he has not obtained a US DOT number yet. The number was required. The driver had no record of duty status for the day and previous 7 days as required and was subsequently placed out of service for 10 hours off duty.



- 9/24--Cpl stopped a truck for having loose cargo on Route 22a in West Haven. The truck was placed out of service for the violation until the cargo was secured.



- 9/26--Cpl stopped a tractor trailer driver for speeding on Route 22a in Addison. The carrier was found to be suspended in Vermont and was grounded until the suspension could be rectified.



- 9/26--Cpl stopped a truck and trailer on Route 22a in Orwell for having no US DOT number or carrier name displayed. The trailer was placed out of service for loose rocks on the flatbed trailer. The carrier was found to not have operating authority and was placed out of service.



- 9/26, at the Putney Scale House, Inspector placed a driver out of service for possession of marijuana. The driver was issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint.



- 9/27, Inspector stopped a truck for a marking violation on Route 4 in Woodstock. The HVAC contractor failed to register for a USDOT number prior to beginning interstate operations. The driver had no medical card.



- 9/27, Inspector stopped a truck on Route 4 in Woodstock for a marking violation. The NH based carrier was under a federal out of service order and the USDOT number was inactive. The driver was under 21 years old and engaged in interstate commerce. The truck and driver were placed out of service.



- 9/27, Inspector stopped a truck on Route 4 in Woodstock. The combination required a Class A commercial driver's license, which the driver did not have. This was the driver's second time without a commercial driver's license and a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint was issued.



- 9/27, Inspector stopped a dump truck on Route 4 in Woodstock. The truck weighed 66,980, while only being allowed 55,000 pounds. The carrier was force permitted.
- 9/27--Cpl stopped the driver of a truck and trailer for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The trailer was placed out of service as the breakaway cable was not connected to the truck.



- 9/27—Cpl stopped the driver of a tractor trailer for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The carrier was found to be suspended in Vermont and was grounded until the suspension could be rectified.



- 9/23--Insp stopped a combination tractor/trailer for a load securement issue on I89 in Randolph. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for inoperative turn signals and a defective brake hose.



- 9/24-Insp stopped a straight truck on I89 in Randolph for failing to pull into the truck inspection detail. While speaking with the driver he was found to be watching a video on his

phone which he had affixed to his instrument panel. He failed to turn it off prior to the interview. The driver was issued two tickets one for TCD and one for CEL.



- 9/26- Insp assisted Berlin PD with a post-crash inspection just off of Exit 7 in Berlin. The operator of a dump truck failed to notice a passenger vehicle which had parked next to it. When the dump truck began to drive away. The passenger vehicle got caught under a rear tire causing the front end of the car to be pulled off. No injuries were reported but the car had to be towed. A post-crash inspection was completed.



HQ Sergeant:

Notables:

- Sgt. inspected an interstate box truck at the Randolph NB detail. The carrier was found to be under suspension in VT. The vehicle was grounded until the carrier was reinstated.



New Entrant:

