

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/15 – Four Inspectors screened 118 commercial motor vehicles at the US Rte 7 Leicester pull off detail. 18 inspections were conducted. 28 vehicle violations were detected. 3 vehicles were placed out of service.
- 10/17 – Two Inspectors screened 85 commercial motor vehicles at the I 89 Highgate Port of Entry border grant detail. 12 inspections were conducted. 14 violations were detected (1 driver and 13 vehicle). 2 vehicles were placed out of service.
- 10/17 – Two Inspectors screened 97 commercial motor vehicles at the US Rte 7 Clarendon SB rest area detail. 8 inspections conducted. 1 driver violation detected.

Crashes: Nothing to report

Notables:

- 10/14 – Cpl. stopped a dump truck for a suspected weight violation on I 89 in Bolton. A portable weigh and inspection were conducted. The dump truck was placed out of service as the low air warning device was inoperative.



- 10/14 - Insp. responded to a report of a tractor trailer unit stuck in the center of Greenbush Rd in the Town of Ferrisburgh. The truck's landing gear contacted the crest of the roadway and became lodged. The driver disconnected the truck from the trailer and requested the assistance of a heavy wrecker to remove the trailer from the roadway. Insp. Helm assisted with traffic control and conducted a subsequent inspection on the combination. No out of service violations were detected.



- 10/15 – Cpl. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the US Rte. 7 Leicester detail. The inspection revealed a glad hand line was chafed through the reinforcement fabric ply. The combination was placed out of service for repair.



- 10/17 – Cpl. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the I 89 Highgate port of entry detail. The inspection revealed a tire was severely deflated on the truck tractor. The truck tractor was placed out of service for the defect.



- 10/17 – Insp. inspected a box truck at the I 89 Highgate port of entry detail. The inspection revealed a brake pad was cracked on the steer axle and the void exceeded permissible limits. The box truck was placed out of service as 20% or more of the service brakes on the truck were inoperative.



- 10/18 – Insp attended the trunk or treat event at the Montpelier Mazda dealership in Berlin. The community outreach event was successful and well received.



Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report

Safety Audit:

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- On 10/17 at I 91 south rest area in Coventry, six inspectors screened 105 commercial motor vehicles and conducted 16 inspections (9 level 1, 6 level 2, 1 level 3) and located 39 vehicle violations, 5 driver violations leading to 4 vehicles out of service and 1 driver out of service.

Crashes:

Notables:

- conducted an inspection of a CMV transporting a propane gas storage tank with a 500-gallon capacity. The motor carrier was cited for failing to mark the tank with "1075" ID numbers and failing to display placards on the tank. The vehicle was declared out-of-service for an inoperable parking brake.



- On 10/17 at the I 91 South rest area in Coventry, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and located a broken leaf spring. The vehicle was placed out of service.



- On 10/16 Rte. 7 Leicester VT, Inspector conducted a level 1 inspection and located an axle positioning part that was broke causing the axle to shift. In the photo you can see at the top the broken mounting plate for the axle positioning part and the gap between the axle and the spring pack, also there was a cracked frame supporting the fifth wheel.



- On 10/17 Coventry, Inspector conducted a level 1 inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and located a loose u-joint bearing cap. The truck was repaired by the driver and put back in service.



- On 10/15 Inspector assisted the Vermont State Police with scene security coverage in Waterbury.

- On 10/18 at the Beecher falls International Port of Entry, Inspector conducted 4 level 2 inspection and 2 portable weighs locating 6 vehicle violations leading to 2 vehicles out of service.
- On 10/18 I 91 south rest area in Ryegate, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and located multiple violations, including a nonfunctional turn signal which caused the vehicle to be placed out of service.
- On 10/14 Inspectors conducted a portable weigh on a dump truck in the town of Hardwick. The dump truck was found to be 7,800 lbs. over its allowable weight, the carrier was issued a VCVC.



- 10/14 Berlin Inspector conducted a portable weigh of a 4-axle commercial motor vehicle, the operator was placed out of service for having an improper medical card self-certification.
- 10/15 Stowe Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a load securement violation, the combination was found to required class A CDL, the driver did not have one. The excavator on the trailer weighed 9,000 lbs. and was being secured by 1 synthetic strap which was rated for 3,333 lbs. The emergency breakaway cable was also not attached to the power unit. The driver of the combination was issued a VCVC.
- 10/16 Bradford Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a load securement violation, the skid steer which was on the deck of the trailer had no means of securement. A level 2 inspection was completed, and multiple violations were assessed to the motor carrier. The vehicle was placed out of service for inoperable windshield wipers in inclement weather, inoperable parking brake on the truck, load securement and medical certification. The driver was issued a VCVC.



- 10/16 Bradford Inspector stopped an interstate commercial motor vehicle for a marking violation, the combination was placed out of service for the emergency breakaway cable not being attached to the power unit.
- 10/16 Fairlee Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a marking violation, the driver was placed out of service for having an improper medical card self-certification. The vehicle was placed out of service for a dripping fuel leak, inoperable brakes and brake lights on the trailer. Multiple other violations were assessed to the motor carrier to include failing to establish a USDOT registration number prior to starting interstate operations.



- 10/16 Fairlee Inspector conducted a level 3 inspection, the driver was placed out of service for not wearing hearing aids when it was required on their medical card.

New Entrant:

Compliance Review:

Passenger Vehicles:

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/15, Guilford; 6 Inspectors screened 161 vehicles and completed 14 inspections resulting in 20 vehicle and 5 driver violations; 3 vehicles and 1 driver were placed out of service. Additionally, one excess weight was checked, one portable weigh completed, and 3 CVSA stickers issued.
- 10/17, Springfield; 7 Inspectors screened 223 vehicles and completed 14 inspections resulting in 21 vehicle and 3 driver violations; 3 vehicles and 1 driver were placed out of service. One permit was checked, 2 portable weighs completed, and one ticket issued to a carrier, in the amount of \$7982.00, for an overweight violation.

Crashes: Nothing to report

Notables:

- 9/9, Guilford, Cpl. discovered a hub with no visible oil, a broken brake lining return spring rendering the brake inoperable, and second brake out of adjustment. The combination was placed out of service for 20% defective brakes and the trailer was placed out of service for the broken return spring and axle hub with no visible oil.



- 10/14, Inspector stopped a Dodge Ram hauling a trailer 4 large steel poles that looked to be overweight. The combination was weighed and showed it weighing 32000 pounds and the driver had only a class D license. The driver also stated that he had no record of duty status. A level 2 inspection was conducted and found that both front tires were less than 4/32's. Both the driver and the vehicle were placed OOS and a VCVC was issued for being overweight.



- 10/15, Inspector stopped a drive by at the Guilford detail that was missing a tire off the trailer when it passed by. A level 2 inspection was conducted, and it was found that the driver had no record of duty status, trailer was missing a tire, tires were rubbing on trailer fenders, the trailer wiring wasn't connected, several tires had tread depth violations,

and the trailer was not registered. The driver was issued a VCVC for no trailer registration and the vehicle and driver were both placed OOS.



- 10/16, Inspector conducted a level 1 inspection on a box truck at the Putney scale house and found several bolts on the rear section of the box holding it to the frame loose due to a wooden support being cracked.



- 10/17, Sr. Cpl. at I 91 N weigh station Springfield, discovered an overweight 6 axle log truck transporting logs with no excess weight permit. The CMV was in-excess of its allowable weight of 80,000lbs, the actual gross weight was 125,700lbs. The combination was force offloaded until he was within the allowable weight limit. The combination was placed out of service for several tire violations. The carrier was issued a VCVC for the 45,700lbs overweight.



- 9/26, Cpl. inspected an interstate vehicle and found a defective ABS system, leaking outer axle hub and a parking brake that would not hold the weight of the vehicle when the service brake was released. The truck was placed out of service for the inoperable parking brake.
- 9/26, Springfield, Cpl. discovered a torn service air hose at the glad hand; the reinforcement ply was cut and presented a visible hole and audible air leak. The truck was placed out of service for the defective air hose.



- 10/16, Lt. discovered a leaking inner wheel seal during a level 1 inspection at the Putney Scale House. The oil had not yet contaminated the brake surface, so the violation did not meet the out of service criteria.



Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report

Traffic Enforcement Unit:

During the week of 10/14-10/18 the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted 80 inspections which resulted in 5 drivers and 19 vehicles being placed out of service.

Crashes:

Notables:

- 10/14--Cpl stopped a tractor trailer driver for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The driver pulled into a business on his own and then backed down an embankment and got stuck requiring a pull back.



- 10/14—Cpl stopped a tractor trailer on Route 22a in Shoreham for an equipment issue. The trailer was placed out of service for no operable brake lamps and the passenger side turn signal was malfunctioning.



- 10/15--Cpl stopped a tractor trailer on Route 4 in Fair Haven for a tie down dragging on the highway behind the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service until the driver secured the tie down.



- 10/15, Inspector stopped a loaded chip truck and trailer on Route 103 in Mount Holly for traveling 70 mph in a posted 50 mph zone. The driver was issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint for the speed.



- 10/15, Inspector stopped a truck and trailer that failed to stop at the Guilford Truck inspection site. The carrier failed to register for a USDOT number prior to beginning interstate operations.



- 10/15, Inspector stopped a tractor trailer that failed to stop at the Guilford Truck Inspection site. The carrier's USDOT number was inactive. The driver had no record of duty status as required. The trailer had a flat tire, and no cargo was secured within the trailer. The truck, trailer and driver were all placed out of service. Other violations included the truck not being registered, expired truck and trailer inspections, and failing to fix defects on previous

inspections. The truck was towed from the roadway and driver issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint.



- 10/15--Cpl stopped a truck and trailer hauling vehicles for no markings. The driver was placed out of service for not having a valid medical certificate with a prior violation for the same and for not having a commercial driver's license as required by the combination. The truck was placed out of service as the parking brake was inoperable. The trailer was placed out of service as the driver side rear turn signal was inoperable.



- 10/15- Insp stopped a truck tractor on I-89 in Williamstown for an equipment violation. An inspection was conducted, and the driver was placed out of service for operating while under Suspension for a medical card issue. Insp Ross assisted the driver with getting his documents sent to DMV and eventually re-instated.



- 10/16--Cpl stopped the driver of a tractor trailer for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The trailer was placed out of service for having no operable tail lamps during dark conditions.



- 10/16--Cpl stopped a truck and trailer for a marking violation on the truck. The driver was placed out of service for having no record of duty status as required. The driver drove from NE to PA to VT with no logs.



- 10/16--Cpl stopped a tractor trailer on Route 4 in Fair Haven as there was a part of the truck tractor dragging on the highway. It was found to be a metal mounting bracket that had broken. The truck tractor was placed out of service until the part was secured.



- 10/16--Cpl stopped a truck hauling a car on a flatbed trailer for having no US DOT number or carrier name displayed. This was found to be an interstate commerce move. The trailer was placed out of service for a flat tire.



- 10/16, Inspector completed several school bus inspections at Betcha Transport in Rutland.



- 10/16, Inspector stopped a truck and trailer on Route 103 in Clarendon. The vehicle was placed out of service for the emergency breakaway cable not being attached.



- 10/16, Inspector stopped a truck and trailer on Route 4 in Mendon. The trailer was placed out of service for no operable brake lamps and a flat tire.



- 10/16, Inspector stopped a truck and trailer on Route 4 in Mendon. The carrier failed to register for a US DOT number prior to beginning interstate operations. The driver had no medical card. A trailer turn signal was inoperable (out of service). Several other violations were documented.



- 10/16, Inspector stopped a truck and trailer on Route 4 in Mendon. The trailer was placed out of service for the emergency breakaway cable not being connected. The vehicle combination from New Hampshire had no International Fuel Tax Agreement as required. Several other violations were found.



- 10/17—Cpl stopped the driver of a truck and trailer for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The driver was placed out of service for having a false record of duty status and being in an active 14-hour violation. The driver drove approximately 3.5 hours from NY to VT in off duty mode as he would have been over his allowable 14 hours.



- 10/17 Inspector stopped a dump truck on Route 11 in Springfield. The truck required the International Fuel Tax Agreement, which it did not have.



- 10/17, Inspector stopped a truck for no markings displayed on Route 11 in Springfield. The carrier had an inactive US DOT number and was placed out of service. The driver had no medical card. The carrier was issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint.



- 10/17, Inspector stopped a combination vehicle that failed to stop at the Springfield truck inspection site. The trailer was placed out of service for the emergency breakaway cable not attached to the power unit. The driver had no medical card.



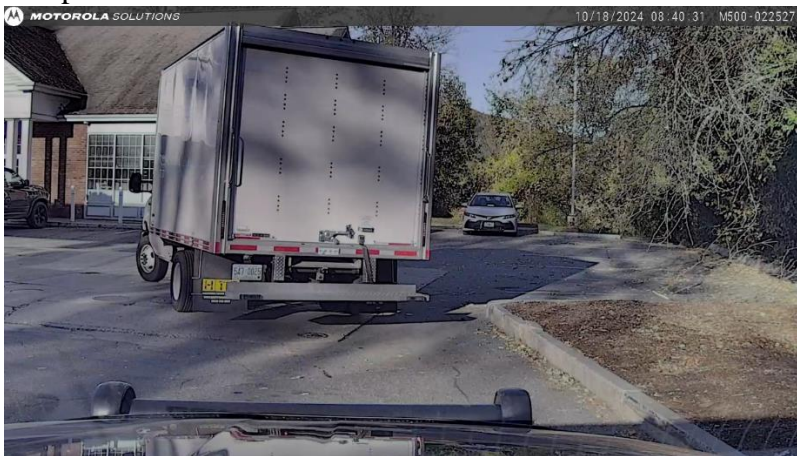
- 10/17, Inspector stopped a dump truck on Route 11 in Springfield. The operator had a civilly suspended driver license and was issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint. The vehicle was grounded.



- 10/17, Inspector stopped an interstate box truck on Route 11 in Springfield for a marking violation. The truck was placed out of service for a flat tire. The driver had no medical card as required.



- 10/18, Inspector stopped a box truck in Woodstock for a marking violation. The truck was placed out of service for a flat tire. The driver had no medical card.



- 10/18, Inspector inspected several buses in Woodstock. No violations were found.



- 10/16- Insp stopped a truck and trailer for a size and weight check in Randolph. An inspection and portable weigh were conducted. The carrier was issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint for being 13,200 pounds overweight.



- 10/18- Insp stopped a tractor trailer for an equipment violation on I-89 in Williamstown. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for multiple tire violations. The carrier was issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint for a vehicle violation.



HQ Sergeant:

New Entrant:

