

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/31 – Three Inspectors screened 130 commercial motor vehicles at the US Rte. 4 Ira westbound rest area detail. 10 inspections were conducted. 5 vehicle violations were detected. 1 vehicle was placed out of service.

Crashes: Nothing to report

Notables:

- 10/28 thru 11/01 – Cpl. completed the CVSA Cargo Tank class in Colchester.
- 10/29 – Insp. stopped a truck hauling a woodchipper on US Rte.7 in Shelburne for multiple vehicle violations. The combination was dragging safety chains on the roadway and sending sparks through the air and the trailer lights were not functioning. An inspection was conducted, and the driver admitted the company was aware of the defects. The trailer was placed out of service and a ticket was issued to the carrier.



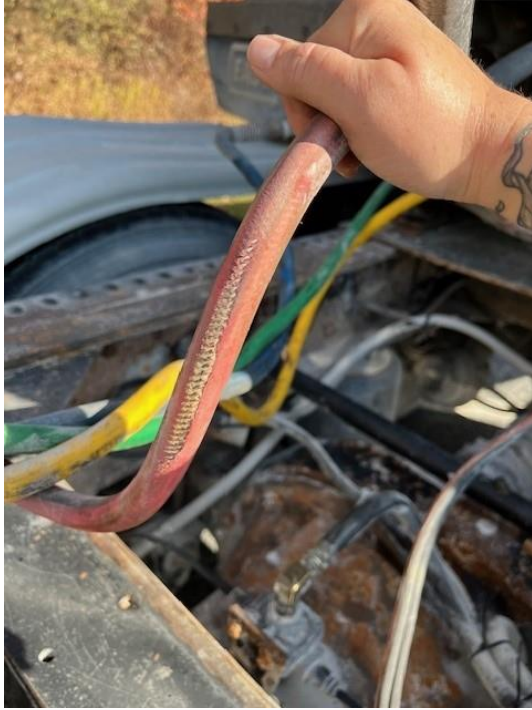
- 10/29 – Insp. stopped a tractor trailer combination on US Rte. 7 for smoking brakes. An inspection was conducted and revealed more than 20% of the brakes were defective on the combination. The combination was placed out of service for the defects.



- 10/30 – Insp. stopped a tractor trailer combination on I 89 in Middlesex for multiple driver violations. An inspection was conducted and revealed the driver was currently in violation of the 11 and 14-hour rule. Additionally, the rearmost stop lamps were inoperative on the trailer. Both the driver and trailer were placed out of service. The driver was issued multiple tickets.



- 10/31 – Insp. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the US Rte. 4 Ira rest area detail. The inspection revealed the emergency glad hand was frayed through the fabric ply. The combination was placed out of service for the defect.



- 11/01 – Insp. stopped a tractor trailer combination hauling machinery in St. George for a load securement violation. An inspection was conducted and the hydraulic bucket on the machine was not lowered to the deck and the bucket was not secured down with a binder. The trailer was placed out of service for the violation.



- 11/02 – Insp. attended community engagement regarding child passenger safety at the Essex Library. The event was well received.

Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report.

Safety Audit: Nothing to report.

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/31/24 Coventry northbound rest area, 3 inspectors screened 77 commercial motor vehicles, 9 inspections were conducted, 7 vehicle violations were documented (1 out of service).

Crashes: Nothing to report

Notables:

- 10/28/24 Bloomfield Inspector stopped a commercial for a size and weight inspection, a portable weigh was completed, and the truck was found to weigh 119,000 lbs. A VCVC was issued to the carrier.



- 10/29/24 Bradford Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a size and weight inspection, a level 2 inspection was completed, and the vehicle was placed out of service for inoperable brake lamps. During the inspection the odor of alcohol was emanating from the driver, the driver was screened and was found to not be impaired but did have a detectable amount of alcohol within his system. A PBT reading of .038 was captured, the driver was placed out of service and issued a VCVC.



- 10/29/24 Lyndon Inspector stopped the operator of a CDL required commercial motor vehicle after they were seen using their cell phone while driving. A VCVC was issued to the driver.
- 10/29/24 Lyndon Inspect stopped the driver of a CDL required commercial motor vehicle for using their cell phone while driving. A VCVC was issued to the driver.
- 10/30/24 Berlin Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a size and weight inspection, A portable weigh was completed, and the vehicle was found to weigh 7,400lbs over it's permitted weight. A VCVC was issued to the carrier.
- 10/30/24 Berlin Inspectors attended a training which was hosted by the ATF.
- Inspectors participated in the New England traffic enforcement blitz, during this three-day blitz, Inspectors focused their enforcement activities on moving violations and non-commercial motor vehicle traffic who were operating in unsafe manners around commercial traffic.
- Inspector attended and passed his bulk hazmat and cargo tank certification course.
- On 10/28 Inspector conducted a portable weigh of a 4-axle commercial motor vehicle hauling sand on VT Route 102 in the town of Lunenburg. The truck weighed 11,800 pounds in excess of their permitted weight. The carrier was ticketed.



New Entrant:

Compliance Review:

- At a detail in Hartford on Tuesday, Inspector conducted an inspection of a vehicle that was improperly displaying DANGEROUS placards for hazardous materials. In addition, the motor carrier's privilege to operate motor vehicles in the State of Vermont was suspended. Seven other driver and vehicle violations were cited.



Passenger Vehicles: Nothing to report

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 10/29, 91S Hartford; 5 Inspectors screened 298 vehicles and completed 17 inspections resulting in 3 driver and 15 vehicle violations; 1 vehicle was placed out of service. One size permit was checked, and 3 CVSA decals were issued to vehicles with no safety defects.



- 10/31, Rte. 279 Bennington; 4 Inspectors screened 112 vehicles and completed 9 inspections resulting in 4 vehicle and 4 driver violations; 1 driver was placed out of service. 1 size permit and 1 weight permit were checked.

Crashes: Nothing to report

Notables:

- 10/26, I 91S rest Area WRJ, Inspectors conducted a Level 1 inspection on a box truck. It was discovered that the driver was currently prohibited from performing safety related task per the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. The driver was placed out of service.



Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report

Traffic Enforcement Unit:

- During the week of 10/28-11/1 the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted 60 inspections which resulted in 8 drivers and 14 vehicles being placed out of service. 1 inspector attended Cargo Tank school for the week.

Crashes: Nothing to report

Notables:

- 10/28, Inspector stopped a truck hauling an excavator on Route 4 in Mendon. The combination required a Class A commercial driver's license, the driver had a Class D license (out of service). The trailer emergency breakaway cable was not connected. Several other violations were documented.



- 10/28, Inspector stopped a truck hauling an excavator on Route 4 in Mendon. The combination required a Class A commercial driver's license, the driver had a Class D (out of service). The excavator, with a weight of over 10,000 pounds, was not secured per requirements. The trailer had an expired registration, and both the truck and trailer were not inspected.



- 10/28, Inspector stopped a truck and trailer hauling building materials 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. The trailer had a completely bald tire and was placed out of service. Several other violations were documented.



- 10/28 Lt stopped dump truck on Route 4 in Mendon for speeding. An inspection revealed the driver was suspended. The driver was placed out of service.
- 10/28 Lt stopped a truck pulling a trailer with an excavator for speeding on Route 100 in Pittsfield. Further investigation revealed the operator was in possession of marijuana and had a suspended driver's license. The driver was placed out of service.



- 10/29, at the White River Detail, Inspector placed a trailer out of service for an inoperable rear turn signal. The truck (in combination) was placed out of service for air hoses that were cut and frayed through the fabric ply from the truck to the trailer.



- 10/29, Inspector stopped a box truck that failed to stop at the White River truck inspection site. The driver had no logbook and had been driving coast to coast for the last three weeks. The truck had an active diesel fuel leak (out of service), two bald tires on a dual set (out of service) an air leak that failed the pressure drop test (out of service) and many other violations.



- 10/28- Insp stopped a tractor trailer for an equipment violation on I-89 in Randolph. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for tire violations.



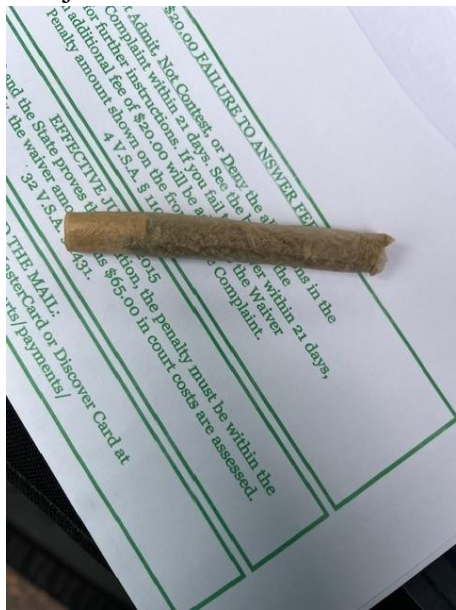
- 10/29- Insp stopped a truck and trailer for a marking violation on I-89 in Berlin. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for no breakaway braking cable. The carrier was issued a warning.



- 10/29- Insp stopped a non-commercial motor vehicle truck and trailer for no working lights on the trailer. The trailer was grounded for no working lights, no breakaway system and was not registered. The owner was issued a ticket for a load securement violation as the tractor had no tie downs holding it in place.



- 10-30- Insp stopped a truck and trailer on I-89 in Berlin for an equipment violation. The driver had no medical card, and a passenger was issued a ticket for having an open container of marijuana.



- 10-31- Insp stopped a tractor trailer for speeding on I-89 in Berlin. An inspection was conducted, and the carrier was found to be out of service for refusing a New Entrant audit. The tractor trailer was placed out of service and the carrier was issued a ticket for violating the Federal out of service order.



- 10-31/ Insp stopped a commercial vehicle driver for a seatbelt violation on I-89 in Randolph. An inspection was conducted, and the carrier was found to have an inactive US DOT number. The driver was ticketed for the seat belt violation and the truck was placed out of service.

- 10/31, Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on Route 7 in Shaftsbury for traveling 75 mph in a 55mph zone. The driver was issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint for speeding.



- 10/31, Inspector stopped a truck and trailer that failed to stop at the Bennington truck inspection site. The carrier was delivering a portable restroom trailer from Florida to Vermont and had no US DOT registration. The driver had no record of duty status, no commercial driver's license Class A as required and was under 21 years of age. The trailer had an improperly attached emergency breakaway cable. The truck, trailer and driver were all placed out of service. The driver has issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint for not having a commercial driver license.



- 11/1, at the Route 103 Mt. Holly detail, Inspector placed a trailer out of service for all its electric brakes being inoperable. The carrier was transporting a shed that was oversized with no oversized permit and was force permitted. The combination vehicle had no fuel tax agreement. Several other violations were found.



- 11/1, Inspector stopped a box truck on Route 4 in Mendon for a lighting violation. The driver had a suspended driver license out of New York and was placed out of service and issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint.



- 11/1, Inspector stopped a truck on Route 4 in Mendon for a marking violation and speeding. The carrier was under Federal out of service order and had an inactive US DOT number. The driver had no medical card.



- 11/1-- Lt stopped and oversized load for speeding prior to entering a work zone on Route 4 in Killington.



- 11/1 Lt stopped a log truck for no registration plates on Route 100 in Pittsfield. An inspection revealed that the company did not have registration and insurance. The truck was towed from the scene.
- 11/1 Lt stopped a car hauler for speeding in a work zone on Route 4 in Killington. An inspection revealed the front steer axle tire was bald and was less than 2/32 in two adjacent tread groves. The truck was placed out of service.



- 11/1—Lt stopped this traffic control company vehicle that was passing other vehicles and driving erratically near a school bus. Further investigation revealed the driver had a suspended driver's license. A ticket was issued.



HQ Sergeant:

- Sgt. Paul taught a cargo tank inspection course in Colchester.

New Entrant: