

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 2/12 – Four Inspectors screened 343 commercial motor vehicles at the I 89 N Colchester weigh station detail. 14 inspections were conducted. 20 violations were detected (8 driver and 12 vehicle). 3 vehicles and 2 drivers were placed out of service.

Crashes:

Notables:

- 2/11 – Insp. inspected a truck hauling a piece of heavy machinery at the US Rte. 7 Ferrisburgh pull off. The inspection revealed the combination required a class A CDL and the driver did not possess one. The driver was placed out of service.



- 2/11 – Sgt. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the US Rte. 7 Ferrisburgh pull off. The inspection revealed the driver's CDL was downgraded in his home state. The driver was placed out of service for not having a valid CDL.
- 2/12 – Insp. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the I 89 Colchester N weigh station detail. The operator pulled to the side of the interstate after encountering truck checkpoint signs. The hour of service exam revealed several false logs in prior log entries and the driver appeared fatigued. Multiple driver violations were noted on the inspection report and the driver was placed out of service until no longer fatigued.



- 2/12 – Cpl. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the I 89 Colchester N weigh station detail. The inspection revealed a tire was flat on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service.
- 2/12 – Sgt. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the I 89 Colchester N weigh station detail. The inspection revealed the driver’s CDL was restricted in intrastate travel in his home state of Arizona. The driver was placed out of service for the licensing infraction.
- 2/12 – Insp. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the I 89 Colchester N weigh station detail. The inspection revealed a tire was flat on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service for repair.



- 2/12 – Insp. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the I 89 Colchester N weigh station detail. The inspection revealed a tire was flat on the truck tractor. The truck tractor was placed out of service.



- 2/14 – Insp. responded to me 89 in Winooski for the report of a dump truck which lost a partial load and damaged a passenger car. An inspection was conducted, and the dump truck was placed out of service until its load was properly secured.

Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report

New Entrant:

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 02/11 I-91 Barton Rest Area, 4 Inspectors screened 115 vehicles. 15 inspections were completed which resulted in 8 vehicle violations (1 out of service) and 9 driver violations (3 out of service).

Crashes:

Notables:

- 02/10 Orleans, Inspector conducted an inspection and portable weigh on a commercial motor vehicle and found the gross weight of the truck to be 107,000lbs being 8,000lbs over the permitted 99,000lbs.



- 02/10 Derby Line, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce and discovered the carrier failed to register for USDOT numbers, the company name marked on the truck was not the registered name or DBA, the breakaway was not attached to the power unit, and the driver had no records of duty status. The driver and vehicle were placed out of service.
- 02/10 Inspectors attended the funeral for Lt Al Fortin.
- 02/10 Coventry, Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a commercial motor vehicle for inoperable stop lamps. An inspection was conducted, and it was discovered the vehicle also had a blown diaphragm on brake cannister causing the vehicle to fail its air loss rate. The vehicle was placed out of service.



- 02/11 Barton, Inspector conducted an inspection and portable weigh on a commercial motor vehicle and found the steer axle was only aloud to support 8,700lbs but was supporting 16,900lbs.



- 02/11 Barton, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and located the company name marked on the truck was not the registered name or DBA.



- 02/11 Coventry, Sgt stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a lighting violation, the vehicle was placed out of service for an inoperable brake lamp.
- 02/11 Barton, Sgt placed the driver of a commercial motor vehicle out of service for having a downgraded CDL. The vehicle was placed out of service for a flat tire.
- 02/11 Barton, Sgt stopped a commercial motor vehicle which failed to stop at the safety checkpoint. The Driver was placed out of service for not having hours of service when they were required to have them, for being in possession of drugs while being on duty and operating a commercial motor vehicle and having consumed drugs less than 24 hours from being on duty and driving a commercial motor vehicle. The operator was issued a VCVC.
- 02/12 Waterford, Sgt stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a marking violation, lighting violation and display of plate violation. A walk around inspection was completed and the vehicle was placed out of service for a flat tire, inoperable trailer brakes, The tire tread depth measured at 0/32 on the front steer tire and for a defective emergency breakaway cable. The driver was

placed out of service for not having hours of service when it was required to have them. The vehicle was towed from the inspection site and the driver and carrier were issued VCVC'S.



- 02/12 St. Johnsbury, Inspector conducted a portable weigh on commercial motor vehicle and discovered the vehicle was 11,100 pounds over their permitted weight of 99,000 pounds and 7,200 pounds over their tandem axle limit. The carrier was issued a ticket.



- 02/13 Hyde Park, Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a commercial motor vehicle with no operable lamps on the enclosed box of the vehicle. An inspection was conducted, and it was discovered 20% of the vehicle's brakes were out of adjustment and the driver failed to have an electronic logging device when required. The vehicle and driver were placed out of service.
- 02/14 Sheffield, Inspector assisted a disabled vehicle in the breakdown lane of I-91 southbound whose left drive axle dual tires fell off the vehicle while in transit. It was discovered the vehicle was in interstate commerce traveling with six tons of pellets from Derby VT to Littleton NH with

inactive USDOT numbers and no markings. An inspection was completed, and he remained on scene until the vehicle was removed from the roadway.



New Entrant:

Compliance Review: Nothing to report.

Passenger Vehicles: Nothing to report

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 2/11, I-91N Springfield; 6 Inspectors screened 145 commercial vehicles and completed 16 inspections resulting in 1 vehicle violation

Crashes:

Notables:

- 2/12, US 7 Dorset, Inspectors conducted a Level 2 inspection on a truck/trailer combination. It was revealed the load was not secured with enough straps and placed out of service for the violation.

- 2/14, Lt. assisted VSP with a tractor trailer that had driven on to a class 4 road and got stuck following a GPS. A local wrecker company recovered the vehicle which drove away after being pulled out.



- 2/13, Inspector stopped a log truck that looked to be overweight with the log load that it was hauling. A level 3 inspection and a portable weigh was performed. The portable weigh showed the truck to weigh 113300 pounds, putting the truck 14300 pounds over its 99K permit. A VCVC was issued for the violation.



Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report.

Traffic Enforcement:

During the week of 2/10 2/14 the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted 71 inspections which resulted in 5 drivers and 9 vehicles being placed out of service.

Crashes:

Notables:

- 2/10, on Route 279 in Bennington, Inspector found an interstate truck that had no operating authority. The driver had no medical card and was not wearing a seatbelt.



- 2/10--Cpl stopped the driver of a tractor trailer for speeding on Route 22a in Shoreham. The carrier was found to be suspended in Vermont and was grounded in turn until the suspension could be lifted.



- 2/10--Cpl stopped a tractor trailer on Route 22a in Shoreham for an equipment violation. The truck tractor was placed out of service as the passenger side air hose into the brake chamber was crimped and not allowing air flow into the brake chamber.



- 2/10--Cpl stopped a box truck on Route 22a in Shoreham for having no US DOT number or carrier name displayed. The driver was placed out of service for having no record of duty status as required. The driver came from Florida.



- 2/11, Inspector stopped an HVAC contractor from CT I-89 in Randolph for a marking violation. The driver's license was suspended out of CT. The driver was placed out of service and issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint.



- 2/11, Inspector stopped an interstate truck and trailer on I-89 for a marking violation. The carrier failed to register for a USDOT number prior to beginning interstate operations. The driver was under 21 years old and had no medical card (out of service). A trailer turn signal was inoperable, emergency breakaway cable not connected, coupling latch not secured and the skid steer was not properly secured, placing the trailer out of service.



- 2/12--Cpl stopped the driver of a tractor trailer for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The driver's commercial driver's license was found to be suspended in Vermont. The driver was placed out of service in turn.



- 2/14, at the Bennington detail, Inspector placed a driver out of service for no record of duty status. The driver drove from Utah to Vermont all while being “Off Duty.”.



- 2/12-Insp stopped a tractor trailer on I-89 in Berlin for a lighting violation. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for no operable lamps. The driver was issued a warning.



- 2/14-Insp stopped a truck and trailer for a lighting violation on I-89 in Randolph. An inspection was conducted, and the carrier was found to have an inactive USDOT number. The truck was placed out of service and the owner/operator was issued a warning.



- 2/14-Insp performed a stop on a passenger vehicle for speeding and aggressive driving while passing a commercial motor vehicle. The driver was operating at 100 MPH on snow covered roads. The driver was issued a ticket.
- During the week Cpl assisted two motorists with broken down vehicles in the travel portion of Route 22a in Orwell. In both cases Cpl Hanley had to push the vehicles to a safe location as they both broke down in dangerous locations.

HQ Sergeant:

Notables:

- Sgt. conducted 6 inspections at the Highgate Port of Entry.

Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report.

New Entrant: