

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 1/28 – Five Inspectors screened 227 commercial motor vehicles at the US Rte 4 Scale House detail. 16 inspections were conducted. 21 violations were detected (6 driver and 15 vehicle). 1 driver and 2 vehicles were placed out of service.
- 1/30 – Five Inspectors screened 236 commercial motor vehicles at the I 89 S Williston rest area detail. 19 inspections were conducted. 11 violations were detected (1 driver and 10 vehicle). 3 vehicles were placed out of service.

Crashes:

Notables:

- 1/27 – Cpl. stopped a truck hauling a travel trailer on I89 in Williston for a speed infraction. An inspection was conducted, and the driver was hauling the travel trailer back from an RV show in Mass to Pete's RV without a CDL license and the combination required one. The driver was placed out of service.



- 1/27 – Cpl. stopped a dump truck hauling a trailer on US Rte. 7 in Charlotte for an equipment violation. An inspection was conducted, and the driver did not possess a CDL license, and one was required for the combination. The driver was placed out of service for the licensing infraction.



- 1/27 – Insp. stopped a truck hauling trailer at the VT Rte. 104 Cambridge HP detail. The vehicle combination was grounded for repair as the emergency breakaway device was defective.



- 1/28 – Cpl. inspected a tractor trailer combination at US Rte. 4 Fair Haven scale house detail. The inspection revealed a rearmost turn signal on the trailer was inoperative. The trailer was placed out of service.



- 1/28 – Cpl. inspected a NY based wrecker at the US Rte. 4 Fair Haven scale house detail. The inspection revealed the carrier did not possess operating authority to haul automobiles for hire and the driver did not possess a medical card, 2nd offense. Both the truck and driver were placed out of service for the infractions.



- 1/30 – Cpl. inspected a truck hauling a trailer at the I 89 Williston S rest area detail. The inspection revealed the breakaway device was defective on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service for the violation.



- 1/30 – Insp. inspected an interstate wrecker at the I 89 Williston SB rest area detail. The inspection revealed the for-hire carrier did not have operating authority to transport the vehicle. The truck was placed out of service for the administrative violation.



- 1/30 – Insp. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the I 89 Williston SB rest area detail. The inspection revealed a tire was severely deflated on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service for the defect.



- 1/31 – Insp. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the US Rte. 7 Ferrisburgh HP detail. The inspection revealed a glad hand hose was damaged through the fabric reinforcement ply. The combination was placed out of service for the defect.



Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report

New Entrant:

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 01/28 I-91 Bradford SB Rest Area, 5 Inspectors screened 104 vehicles. 16 inspections were completed which resulted in 6 vehicle violations (1 out of service) and 10 driver violations (1 out of service).

Crashes:

Notables:

- Inspector attended Cooperative Hazardous Materials Enforcement Development (COHMED) conference in Costa Mesa, CA.
- 01/27 Waterford, Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle after determining that the carrier was under suspension in VT. The combination was grounded until the suspension was lifted.

- 01/27 Wells River, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the driver was operating a class A combination with no commercial driver's license. The driver was placed out of service.



- 01/28 Bradford detail, Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a commercial motor vehicle which failed stop at the fixed detail site. An inspection was completed, and it was discovered the driver failed to have 7 consecutive days of their record of duty status and was in violation of their license restriction to wear corrective lenses. The driver was placed out of service.
- 01/28 Bradford detail, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered an audible air leak from a brake hose to the brake canister not at a proper connection. The vehicle was placed out of service until repaired.



- 01/29 Berlin, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the breakaway was insufficient and unable to be attached to the power unit and 3 of 4 tires on the trailer were flat. The vehicle was placed out of service.
- 01/29 Hardwick, Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a commercial motor vehicle hauling 16 ft logs hanging more than 6 ft past the rearmost part of the vehicle with no warning flag. An inspection and portable weigh were conducted in which numerous violations were recorded including: the driver did not possess a license, the vehicle was unregistered, no periodic inspection, insufficient number of tiedowns, windshield wipers inoperable during inclement

weather, and the carrier was under suspension in the State of VT. The vehicle and driver were placed out of service and issued multiple tickets.



- 01/30 Fairlee, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle in commerce with no USDOT numbers displayed. It was discovered the carrier had no USDOT numbers, the driver was not medically certified, and the breakaway was not attached to the power unit. These were first offense violations, and the driver was educated for what was needed for interstate commerce and repaired the breakaway violation on scene.



- 01/30 Wells River, Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a commercial motor vehicle for an unsecured excavator weighing more than 10,000 lbs. The excavator only had two tiedowns securing the load when required four and the accessory equipment was unsecured. Inspector conducted an inspection of the vehicle and was subsequently placed out of service.
- 01/30 Wells River, Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for traveling at 47 MPH in a 30 MPH zone.
- 01/30 Wells River, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the driver was operating a class A combination with no commercial driver's license and had been cited previously for the violation. The driver was placed out of service and issued a ticket.



- 01/31 Barton, Inspector conducted a portable weight on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the vehicle to be 18,000 lbs. over their permitted weight of 99,000 lbs. The carrier was issued a ticket.
- 01/31 Coventry, Inspector conducted a portable weigh on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the vehicle to be 24,900 lbs. over their registered weight of 80,000 lbs. The carrier was issued a ticket.
- 01/31 Coventry, Inspector assisted VSP at a traffic stop where the passengers were failing to identify themselves to law enforcement. Inspector knew the passengers through previous professional encounters and identified one person as having multiple warrants for their arrest. Inspector Jacobs placed the subject under arrest on the active arrest warrants.

New Entrant:

Compliance Review: Nothing to report

Passenger Vehicles: Nothing to report

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 1/28, VT Rte. 279 Bennington; 5 inspectors screened 273 vehicles and completed 22 inspections (4 supervised) resulting in 11 vehicle violations; one vehicle was placed out of service.
- 1/30, I 89 N Randolph; 5 inspectors screened 103 vehicles and completed 21 inspections resulting in 2 driver and 5 vehicle violations; one driver was placed out of service.

Crashes: Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 1/28, Vt Rte. 279 Bennington, Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on a single axle box truck. While conducting the inspection, Inspector found that one of the mounting U-bolts attaching the box to the frame was loose.



- 1/30, Brattleboro, Inspector, while returning from a detail in Randolph came across a motor vehicle fire on Route 9 in Brattleboro. Inspector notified dispatch of the fire and requested the fire dept and Brattleboro PD for traffic assistance. Unable to knock the fire down with an extinguisher, Inspector shut the roadway down to traffic and stood by and assisted the Brattleboro Fire and Police Departments.



- Lt. attended the COHMED conference in California. The conference is for individuals and organizations involved in the regulation, enforcement and safety of transporting hazardous materials and dangerous goods.

Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report.

Traffic Enforcement:

During the week of 1/27-1/31 the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted 78 inspections which resulted in 10 drivers and 10 vehicles being placed out of service.

Crashes:

- Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 1/27, Inspector stopped an interstate truck on Route 4 in Fair Haven. The carrier was under a Federal Out of Service order. The driver had no medical card. The truck was placed out of service.



- 1/27, Inspector stopped a truck on Route 4 in Fair Haven and escorted them to the weigh station. The truck had a gross weight of 28,300 pounds. The driver had a Class D license and was placed out of service for not having the required license class (Class B).



- 1/28, Inspector stopped a truck and trailer on Route 7 in Mt. Tabor. The combination required a Class A commercial driver's license, the driver had a Class B and was placed out of service. The truck registration was also found to be expired.



- 1/28, Inspector stopped a truck that failed to stop at the Bennington inspection site. The driver had no medical card and no logbook.
- 1/28, Inspector stopped a tractor trailer on Route 7 in Shaftsbury for traveling 74 mph in a posted 55 mph zone. The driver was issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint.



- 1/28, Inspector stopped a dump truck on Route 7 in Mt. Tabor. The truck was 8,000 pounds over its allowable weight and its Vermont Inspection expired in 2022. Both brake lamps were inoperable (out of service). The carrier was issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint for the expired inspection.



- 1/28--Cpl stopped the driver of a truck and trailer in interstate commerce for failing to pull into the open Fair Haven Scale House. The trailer was placed out of service as the breakaway cable was not connected to the truck. The carrier was found to be under a Federal out of service order and was placed out of service in turn.



- 1/29--Cpl stopped the driver of a tractor trailer for speeding on Route 22a in Shoreham. The driver was placed out of service for 24 hours off duty for being in possession of marijuana.



- 1/29--Cpl stopped the driver of a truck and trailer in interstate commerce for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The driver was placed out of service for not having the previous 7 days of logs as required. The truck was placed out of service as both steering axle tires were contacting their respective upper control arms.



- 1/30--Cpl stopped a tractor trailer for an equipment violation on Route 4 in Fair Haven. The driver was placed out of service for having a false record of duty status. The driver drove from North Carolina through multiple States in the previous 7 days showing no drive time on his log. The log was false and incomplete and there was no evidence that the driver had proper time off/rest.



- 1/30--Cpl stopped a truck and trailer hauling a car for no markings on Route 22a in Benson. The driver was placed out of service for having no valid medical certificate with a previous violation for the same. The trailer was placed out of service as the breakaway cable was not connected from the trailer to the truck.



- 1/30, Inspector stopped a truck and trailer on Route 100 in Pittsfield. The cannabis cultivator was moving their operations from Colorado to Vermont yet failed to register for a USDOT number. The driver had no medical certificate nor logbook for his 5-day trip from Colorado to Vermont. The driver was placed out of service.



- 1/30, at the Randolph Detail, Inspector found a dump truck that had no Vermont Excess Weight permit. The carrier was force permitted before the truck was allowed to continue.



- 1/30, Inspector stopped a vehicle that failed to stop at the Randolph truck inspection site. The driver's logbook showed him in the sleeper berth at the time of stop and he had not had a qualifying rest break for over 3 days. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours and escorted to a truck stop.



- 1/31, Inspector completed several school bus inspections at Betcha Transit in Rutland.
- 1/31--Cpl facilitated the slowing down and stopping of a speeding box truck driver on Route 22a in Orwell. The driver's license was found to be suspended in his licensing State. He also had no proof of a valid medical certificate and a prior violation for the same was found. He was placed out of service for this violation.



- 1/28-Insp stopped a tractor trailer on I-89 in Randolph for a dimension violation. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for a projecting load greater than 48 inches with no flag/s as required. The driver was educated and issued a warning.



- 1/28-Insp stopped a tractor trailer for a load securement violation on I-89 in Randolph. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for failing to secure heavy machinery per the commodity specific requirements. The driver was issued a warning.



- 1/28- Insp stopped a commercial motor vehicle driveaway/towaway for a marking violation and the rear light bar had become detached from the vehicle and was hanging on the ground. An inspection was conducted, and the vehicle was placed out of service. The driver was issued a warning.



- 1/31-Insp stopped a truck and trailer for a lighting violation/no rear plate on I-89 in Randolph. An inspection was conducted, and the combination was found to be 11,200 pounds OLT. The driver was placed out of service for no class A commercial driver's license. The trailer

was placed out of service for no brake/tail/turn signals; no breakaway brake system; no brakes on the trailer; load securement and multiple missing wheel fasteners on several trailer tires. The owner/operator was issued a ticket and several warnings as well as educated on proper registration and licensure for commercial driver's license type vehicles.



- 1/31--Cpl stopped the driver of a tractor trailer for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The truck tractor was placed out of service as the driver attached a large stuffed Spiderman doll to the front brush guard on the tractor. The fictional character had become loose and was dragging on the highway and blowing off the driver's side of the truck tractor. This served as a distraction to other motorists and a potential hazard when it broke loose and flew into traffic.



HQ Sergeant:

Notables: Nothing to report.

Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report.

New Entrant: