

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 03/26 I-93 Waterford Welcome Center, 5 Inspectors screened 120 vehicles. 18 inspections were completed which resulted in 33 vehicle violations (7 out of service) and 6 driver violations (1 out of service).
- 03/27 I 91 Derby Line Port of Entry, 4 Inspectors, 4 Customs and Border Protection Agents, 1 Border Patrol Agent, and 1 Homeland Security Investigation Agent screened 42 outbound vehicles. 12 inspections were completed which resulted in 4 vehicle violations and 3 driver violations.



Crashes:

- 03/29 Irasburg, responded to a commercial motor vehicle crash with injuries. The operator of the commercial vehicle lost control and left the roadway. The vehicle combination overturned which led to a full road closure for several hours. DMV conducted an at-scene crash investigation and post-crash inspection of the combination.



- 03/30 I91 St. Johnsbury, responded to a commercial motor vehicle crash, the operator of the commercial vehicle stated that a passenger car entered his lane, the driver swerved to avoid the collision and left the roadway which caused the vehicle to overturn in the median. The investigation into the crash is ongoing.



Notables:

- Inspector attended North American Standard Inspection Part B in Colchester VT.
- 03/24 Williston, Sgt. stopped a commercial motor vehicle for inoperable trailer lights, the commercial motor vehicle was placed out of service until the lights were properly working.
- 03/24 Colchester, Sgt. stopped the operator of a passenger vehicle for speeding and unsafely passing commercial motor vehicles.
- 03/24 Colchester, Sgt. placed four commercial motor vehicles out of service for having flat tires or out of service tire conditions.



- 03/25 St. Johnsbury, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the trailer was laden with 16 ft augers not blocked or braced with two tie-downs when required three and the trailer breakaway was not attached to the power unit. The violations were repaired on scene and the driver continued their route.



- 03/25 Danville, Sgt. stopped multiple commercial motor vehicles for speed related offenses.
- 03/25 Lunenburg, Sgt. stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a marking violation, the combination was placed out of service for not securing the excavator properly, a flat tire, no warning flags on the projecting load, no breakaway cable, inoperable trailer brakes. Other violations for being 17,000lbs overweight, no USDOT number and no medical card were also noted.



- 03/26 Waterford detail, Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on a commercial vehicle and portable weight and found a 4-axle truck hauling sludge was 69,600lbs with no permit. The driver advised he had numerous conversations with the company advising they needed an overweight permit to operate in Vermont but was told they were registered properly. The truck grounded until properly permitted and the company was issued a ticket.



- 03/26 Waterford detail, Inspector conducted an inspection of a commercial motor vehicle with a defective 3-inch synthetic strap with a 1-inch tear. It was discovered all blocks of dressed lumber were not blocked or braced and the loads required an additional tie-down. Also, the vehicle service glad hose was chafed through the reinforcement, which caused fraying. The vehicle was placed out of service.



- 03/26 Waterford detail, Inspector conducted a level 1 hazmat tank inspection on a commercial vehicle combination and found that the emergency shut off was not properly marked.



- 03/26 Waterford detail, Sgt. stopped a commercial motor vehicle for failing to stop at the safety checkpoint. The driver was placed out of service for not having a medical card (2nd offense) and for not having a USDOT registration number (2nd offense).
- 03/26 Waterford detail, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the vehicle's secondary air gauge was inoperable. The vehicle was placed out of service.
- 03/26 Waterford, Sgt. placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for having a damaged air hose. The inner ply of the hose was showing and damaged.
- 03/27 Orleans, Sgt. assisted VSP with a crash with injuries, the driver of the vehicle had lost consciousness traveling southbound, crossed the median and northbound lane, traveled down an embankment and struck a tree. The driver suffered head injuries and was transported from the scene by EMS.
- 03/27 I91 POE Sgt. grounded a commercial motor vehicle at the port of entry due to the carrier being under suspension in the State of Vermont.
- 03/27 I 91 POE Sgt. inspected an interstate commercial motor vehicle and found that the carrier had not registered with USDOT prior to beginning interstate operations. Numerous other violations were noted on the inspection report.
- 03/28 Barton, Inspector conducted a level 2 inspection on a commercial vehicle combination due to it traveling northbound with no load but displaying a flammable placard.



New Entrant:

Compliance Review:

Passenger Vehicles:

- Nothing to report.

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 3/25 – Four Inspectors and 1 FMCSA Inv. screened 138 commercial motor vehicles at the Fair Haven scale house detail. 21 inspections were conducted. 14 violations were detected (2 driver and 14 vehicle). 2 drivers were placed out of service.
- 3/26 – Three Inspectors screened 76 commercial motor vehicles at the US Rte. 7 Ferrisburgh detail. 12 inspections were conducted. 5 violations were detected (2 driver and 3 vehicle). 1 driver and 1 vehicle were placed out of service.

Crashes: Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 3/24 to 3/28 - Insp. attended Drug Recognition Expert class in Essex.
- 3/25 – Inspector inspected a box truck at the Fair Haven scale house detail. He detected the odor of marijuana emitting from the cab and upon questioning the operator, he admitted to smoking marijuana the previous evening. The driver was placed out of service for 24 hours.



- 3/25 – Inspector inspected a tractor trailer combination at the Fair Haven scale house detail. A platform weigh revealed the combination weighed 99,000 pounds and did not possess an overweight permit. A ticket was issued to the carrier.



- 3/26 – Sgt. responded to Camp Johnson in Colchester for the report of a CMV driver in possession of alcohol. An inspection was conducted, and the driver was placed out of service for 24 hours for the violation.



- 3/26 – Insp. inspected a tractor trailer combination at the US Rte. 7 Ferrisburgh detail. The inspection revealed loose dunnage was laying on the flat-bed trailer and plastic was dragging down the roadway. The trailer was placed out of service for the violation.
- 3/27 – Insp. inspected a dump truck at the VT Rte 104 Cambridge HP detail. The inspection revealed a tire was severely deflated on the truck. The truck was placed out of service for the violation.



- 3/28 – Insp. stopped a truck hauling a piece of machinery on US Rte 7 in Charlotte for inoperative lights on the rearmost vehicle. An inspection was conducted and it was discovered the driver did not possess a Class A CDL and the combination required one. Both the driver and trailer were placed out of service.



- 3/28 – Insp. stopped a truck hauling an equipment trailer on VT Rte 116 in Bristol for inoperative lights on the rearmost vehicle. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service for the infraction.



New Entrant:

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 3/25, VT Rte. 279 Bennington; 4 Inspectors screened 126 commercial vehicles and completed 21 inspections resulting in 4 vehicle violations; one vehicle was placed out of service. Additionally, one oversize permit was checked, and one CVSA decal was issued for a Level 1 inspections with no safety violations.
- 3/27, I91 Guilford; 7 Inspectors screened 190 vehicles and completed 18 inspections (2 Supervised Hazmat) resulting in 2 driver and 10 vehicle violations. Additionally, 4 CVSA decals were issued for a Level 1 inspections with no safety violations.

Crashes: Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 3/25, Sgt. placed a 5-axle interstate combination out of service for a chafed service air hose with a frayed reinforcement ply.



- 3/26, Insp stopped a truck towing a trailer with a load of cable trays to check the number of straps that were securing the load. During the inspection it was found that the load needed another strap securing the load as it only had 1 strap for the 12-foot-long cable trays. The vehicle was placed OOS until another strap was added to secure the load.



- 3/27, Guilford Truck Check Area 91N, Inspector conducted a Level 2 inspection on a box truck. It was determined that the truck had a GVW of 33,000lbs and was not properly registered for interstate commerce resulting in an IFTA violation.



- 3/25, Lt discovered the driver of a tractor trailer hauling gasoline had an expired hazmat endorsement. The driver was placed out of service and provided instruction on how to correct the issue.

Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report.

Traffic Enforcement:

During the week of 3.24-3.28 the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted 77 inspections which resulted in 5 drivers and 11 vehicles being placed out of service.

Crashes: Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 3/24-Sgt. stopped the driver of a box truck for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The driver was found to be suspended in Vermont and was subsequently grounded until the suspension could be lifted.



- 3/25--Sgt. stopped the driver of a tractor trailer for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty for having a false record of duty status. The driver drove almost 5 hours in sleeper berth mode which put him in an active 14-hour violation.



- 3/25-Sgt. stopped the driver of a tractor trailer for failing to pull into the open Fair Haven Scale House. The flatbed trailer was placed out of service for having loose pieces of wood on it.



- 3/25, Inspector stopped an interstate truck and trailer on Route 4 in West Rutland. The trailer was placed out of service for an inoperable turn signal and an unsecured latch on the coupling device. The driver had no medical card.



- 3/25-Sgt. stopped the driver of a tractor trailer for failing to pull into the open Fair Haven Scale House. The driver was placed out of service for having no record of duty status as required and his CDL was not valid in his licensing State.



- 3/25, Inspector conducted a level 1 hazmat inspection at the Fair Haven Scale House. The truck was placed out of service for a loose suspension to spring hanger bolt.



- 3/25, Inspector performed a platform weigh of a truck loaded with chips. The combination weighed 114,350 on a 99000 permit. The carrier was issued a Vermont Civil Violation Complaint for the overweight violation.



- 3/27, Inspector stopped an interstate truck and trailer on Route 103 in Clarendon. The carrier failed to register for a USDOT number prior to beginning interstate operations. The driver

had no medical card. The trailer had two flat tires, inoperable turn signals and no emergency breakaway cable (out of service).



- 3/27--Sgt. 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. The driver placed the cable into the toolbox in the bed of the truck, but it was not connected to anything.



- 3.28--Sgt. stopped the driver of a tractor trailer for speeding on Route 22a in Orwell. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours off duty for having a false record of duty status. The driver did not have enough time off to be driving for the day, so he put himself on personal conveyance to make the delivery.



- 3/24-Insp responded to I-89 in Randolph for a tractor trailer that had went off the road during icy conditions. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for a load securement violation. The driver was issued a warning.



- 3/25-- Insp assisted VSP with a car vs AOT plow truck on I-89 in Middlesex. A level 7 inspection was conducted, and the plow truck was found to have a flat tire and damaged brake chambers as a result of the crash.



- 3/25- Insp stopped a box truck for speeding on I-89 in Waterbury. An inspection was conducted, and the driver was placed out of service for no medical card (commercial driver's license). This was the driver's 3rd violation in the last month. The carrier was issued a ticket for permitting unqualified drivers to operate.



- 3/26- Insp stopped a truck and trailer that failed to stop for the detail on I-93 in Waterford. An inspection was conducted, and the carrier was found to have an inactive USDOT number. The truck was placed out of service. The trailer was placed out of service for no breakaway system from the trailer to the truck. The carrier was issued a ticket for no registration.



- 3/27- Insp stopped a tractor trailer for a lighting violation on I-89 in Williamstown. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for a load securement violation. The driver was issued a warning.



- 3/27- Insp stopped a non-commercial motor vehicle truck and trailer for a load securement violation on I-89 in Williamstown. During the interview Insp Ross detected a strong odor of Cannabis coming from the driver. The driver was screened for impairment and found to be in possession of Cannabis in an unlocked container. The driver was issued a ticket for open container of cannabis in the passenger area.



- 3/28- Insp stopped a truck and trailer for a marking violation on I-89 in Berlin. An inspection was conducted, and the combination required a Class A commercial driver's license.

The driver was placed out of service. The trailer was placed out of service for a defective breakaway system. A portable weigh was conducted and the vehicles were found to be 12,999 lbs. overweight. The driver was issued a warning for OLT and provided education. The passenger had a valid Class A commercial driver's license.



- 3/28- Insp stopped a tractor trailer for a marking violation on I 89 in Randolph. An inspection was conducted, and the trailer was placed out of service for logs extending 53 inches to the rear with no flag. The driver was issued a warning.



HQ Sergeant:

- Sgt. instructed North American Standard Part B to 3 participants in Colchester, VT.



Part B participants out at Bellavance trucking during the practical portion of the class.

New Entrant: