

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement.

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Crashes:

Notables:

- 09/15 Lunenburg, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle which yielded 11 violations to include the trailer's breakaway cable not attached to the towing vehicle, the trailer's brakes to be inoperative, and the operator failed the English language proficiency exam. The vehicles and operators were placed out of service.
- 09/15 Lunenburg, Lieutenant stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a marking violation. The combination was placed out of service for multiple safety related equipment violations. The driver was placed out of service for not having a medical card and the carrier was issued a VCVC.



- 09/16 Danville, Inspector conducted an inspection and a portable weigh on a commercial motor vehicle and found the vehicle to be 4000 pounds over its allowable registered weight. The carrier was issued a ticket for the violation.
- 09/16 Newbury, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and found the vehicle's parking brake to be inoperative. The vehicle was placed out of service.
- 09/16 Thetford, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and found one of the trailer tires to have less than 1/32" tread depth at 3 different locations on two adjacent major tread grooves. The semi-trailer was placed out of service.
- 09/16 Thetford, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle engaged in interstate commerce and found 10 violations to include the operator not possessing a valid medical certificate, operating a commercial motor vehicle without USDOT numbers with a

history of doing so, and the vehicle's cargo to not be properly secured. The vehicles and operators were placed out of service.

- 09/16 Thetford, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle engaged in interstate commerce and found the operator to not have a valid medical certificate. The operator was placed out of service.
- 09/16 Thetford, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle engaged in interstate commerce and found the carrier did not have a USDOT number with a history of doing so and the operator did not have a valid medical certificate. The vehicle and operator were placed out of service.
- 09/16 Thetford, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and found a tire on the vehicle to be inflated less than 50% of its maximum inflation pressure. The vehicle was placed out of service.
- 09/17 Bloomfield, Lieutenant conducted a directed patrol on Rt 105 in response to speeding complaints which involved speeding commercial motor vehicles.



- 09/18 Coventry, Lieutenant placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for not having operating authority when required. The carrier was engaged in interstate commerce and hauling goods which required operating authority.

New Entrant:

Passenger Vehicles:

Inspectors conducted TACT stops in an effort to reduce aggressive driving around commercial motor vehicle traffic on crash corridors within the northeast sector. The goal of these activities is to make the roadways safer and to reduce crashes.

- 09/14 Richford, Inspector conducted a TACT stop on a passenger vehicle operating at 76 MPH in a posted 50 MPH speed limit zone. The operator was issued a ticket for the offense.

- 09/15 Lunenburg, Inspector conducted a TACT stop on a passenger vehicle operating at 74 MPH in a posted 50 MPH speed limit zone. The operator was issued a ticket for the offense.
- 09/17 Danville, Inspector conducted a TACT stop on a passenger vehicle for operating at 73 MPH in a posted 55 mile per hour speed limit zone. The operator was issued a ticket for the offence.
- 09/17 Marshfield, Inspector conducted a TACT stop on a passenger vehicle operating at 86 MPH in a posted 50 MPH speed limit zone. The operator was issued a ticket and a citation to appear in Washington County Superior Court Criminal Division to answer to the charge of Excessive Speed.
- 09/17 Newport City, Inspector conducted a TACT stop on a passenger vehicle operating at 66 MPH in a posted 35 MPH speed limit zone. The operator was issued a ticket and a citation to appear in Orleans County Superior Court Criminal Division to answer to the charge of Excessive Speed.
- 09/18 Orleans, Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a passenger vehicle and found the operator's driver's license to be criminally suspended. The operator was issued a citation to appear in Orleans County Superior Court Criminal Division to answer to the charge of Driving with a Criminally Suspended License.

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 09/15, US Rte. 4 Scale House; 5 Inspectors screened 149 commercial motor vehicles. 19 Inspections were conducted and 26 violations were detected. (25 vehicle and 1 driver). 5 vehicles and 1 driver were placed out of service.
- 09/17, I 89 Williston NB rest area; 5 Inspectors screened 366 commercial motor vehicles. 21 Inspections were conducted and 36 violations were detected. (29 vehicle and 7 driver). 4 vehicles and 2 drivers were placed out of service. 2 portable weighs conducted.

Crashes: Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 09/14, Bolton; Inspector stopped a pickup truck for traveling 80 mph in a construction zone which had a posted speed limit of 55 mph. The pickup truck also had passed a truck and trailer combination. The operator of the pickup was issued a ticket for the violation.
- 09/14, Colchester; Inspector was requested to respond to the University of Vermont Medical Center to conduct a Drug Influence Evaluation on a driver of a garbage truck that hit a passenger car. During the evaluation it was found that the operator was under the influence of drugs and not capable to operator a motor vehicle safely. The operator was also found to have a suspended license. The operator was charged with DUI-Drugs.

- 09/15, Fair Haven scale house; Inspector inspected a box truck. During the inspection it was found that the driver did not have a medical card. The company was found to be under a federal out-of-service order for failing to comply with a new entrance audit. Both the truck and operator were placed out of service.
- 09/15, Fair Haven weight station; Inspector completed an inspection of a commercial motor vehicle. During the inspection it was discovered that an airline supplying the trailer brakes had been damaged through the reinforcement ply. The vehicle was placed out of service until the violations could be fixed. 2 other vehicle violations were discovered during the inspection.
- 09/15, Fair Haven Scale house; Inspector completed an inspection of a commercial motor vehicle. During the inspection it was discovered that one of the power units air lines supplying the trailer's air brakes were damaged through their reinforcement ply. The vehicle was placed out of service until the damaged airline could be replaced.
- 09/15, Fair Haven Scale house; Inspector completed an inspection of a commercial motor vehicle. During the inspection it was discovered that both of the power units air lines supplying the trailers air brakes were damaged through their reinforcement ply. The vehicle was placed out of service until both airlines could be repaired or replaced.



- 09/17, Williston NB rest area; Sergeant inspected an interstate log hauler. An inspection and portable weigh were conducted. The portable weigh indicated the 5-axle combination weighed 86,000 and the carrier did not possess a valid overweight permit. The carrier was ticked for the infraction.
- 09/17, Williston NB rest area; Inspector inspected a box truck. During the inspection it was found that the driver was not wearing their corrective lenses when required to do so. The driver also did not have a record of duty status. The driver was placed out of service for the violations.
- 09/17, Williston NB rest area; Inspector inspected a truck and trailer combination hauling heavy road maintenance machines. Two articulating road rollers were not secured properly. The trailer was placed out of service until the machines were properly secured, and their articulation locking pins were installed.



- 09/17, I-89 Williston North rest area; Inspector inspected a commercial motor vehicle. During the inspection it was discovered that the operator was in violation of the 14-hour rule and was not getting enough rest time in between driving time. The operator was placed out of service for 10 hours so they could obtain the proper rest.

Safety Audits:

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 09/15, I 91S Putney Scale House, 2 Inspectors screened 190 commercial vehicles and conducted 9 inspections. The inspections resulted in 1 vehicle violation and 1 driver violation. 1 driver was placed out of service.
- 09/15, US4E Ira Rest Area, 3 Inspectors screened 118 commercial vehicles. 11 inspections were completed which resulted in 1 vehicle and 1 driver being placed out of service.
- 09/17, I89N Sharon Rest Area, 6 Inspectors screened 224 Commercial vehicles. 24 Inspections were completed which resulted in 2 vehicles and 2 drivers being placed out of service.

Notables:

- 09/14, Vt Rte. 279 Bennington, Inspector conducted a Level 2 Inspection on a box truck. During the inspection it was found that the operator did not have a DOT Medical Certificate. The driver was placed OOS.
- 09/14, Vt Rte. 279 Bennington, Inspector conducted a Level 3 Inspection on a box truck. During the inspection it was found that the operator had no record of duty status. The driver was escorted to the Welcome Center and placed out of service.
- 09/15, I 91 S, Putney Way Station, Inspector conducted a Level 3 Inspection on a box truck. During the inspection it was found that the driver had been driving only for 1 week and did not have a DOT Medical Certificate. The driver was placed out of service.

- 09/17, I89N Sharon Rest Area, Sergeant conducted an inspection on a truck/trailer combination. The truck was placed out of service for an inner wheel seal leaking and contaminating the brakes.



- 09/17 I89N Sharon Rest Area, Sergeant conducted an inspection of a box truck. The driver was placed out of service for a license violation. The driver had a 16000lb GVWR limitation while operating a 25950lb GVWR vehicle.
- 09/17 I89N Sharon Rest Area, Corporal conducted an inspection of a box truck. The driver was placed out of service for a violation of no Medical Card. The co-driver also had no medical certificate.
- 09/17 I89N Sharon Rest Area, Corporal conducted an inspection of a Tractor trailer unit. The tractor trailer unit was placed out of service in combination for emergency air lines to the trailer was damaged/cut through rubber into the reinforced fiber ply.

Passenger Vehicle: Nothing to report.

Traffic Enforcement:

- During the week of the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted 54 inspections which resulted in 15 drivers and 17 vehicles being placed out of service.

Crashes: Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 09/14, Inspector conducted an inspection of a dump truck hauling asphalt in the town of Enosburg. It was determined the operator had incorrectly self-certified and did not have a valid medical card. The operator was placed out of service.
- 09/14, Inspector conducted an inspection on a truck hauling a skid steer in the town of Enosburg. Upon initial contact with the vehicle, Inspector Cotnoir observed a female exit the

passenger seat and take off running. Through investigation it was discovered the female had multiple active arrest warrants in Vermont as well as an extraditable warrant out of New Hampshire. After the inspection (which resulted in both the operator and vehicles to be placed out of service for no commercial driver's license, no medical card and several vehicle violations) Inspector Cotnoir located the female and took her into custody. The female was later lodged at Chittenden County Correction Facility.

- 09/14, Sergeant conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle, and it was determined the driver could not satisfy the English language proficiency requirement in the regulations. The driver was placed out of service. Other violations were the driver did not possess a valid medical certification and the ABS malfunction lamp on the trailer stayed illuminated but had been taped over to conceal the violation.



- 09/15, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle in the town of Irasburg, Vermont. It was discovered the male did not have a valid medical card and was placed out of service as a result.
- 09/15, Sergeant attended the Southern Unit detail at the Putney scale house. During the detail a commercial motor vehicle failed to pull in for inspection. Sergeant conducted a traffic stop and inspection and located 10 violations. Among these violations the driver did not have a valid medical certification, the company did not have IFTA/ IRP, the United State Department of Transportation number was inactive, and driver did not have any hours of service. The driver and commercial motor vehicles were placed out of service and the driver and company were ticketed.



- 09/16, Inspector and Inspector conducted a directed patrol in both Caledonia and Orange County. Both inspectors focused on inspecting commercial motor vehicles engaged in interstate commerce without visible United States Department of Transportation numbers. This detail resulted in **101 total violations, 11 drivers** out of service and **14 vehicles** out of service.
- 09/16, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle traveling from New Hampshire to Vermont. It was discovered the male was not wearing corrective lenses as indicated on his medical card. The driver was placed out of service for the violation.
- 09/16, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle traveling from Vermont to New Hampshire. It was determined the trailers breakaway cable was not attached to the towing vehicle, and the operator did not have a valid medical card. Both the operator and vehicle were placed out service for the violation.
- 09/16, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial vehicle traveling from Vermont to New Hampshire. During the inspection it was discovered the male had a "B" restriction on his driver's license indicating needed corrective lenses. The operator indicated he did not have any. The driver was placed out of service for the violation.
- 09/16, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle traveling from New Hampshire to Vermont. It was determined the company was operating without United States Department of Transportation numbers and had a history of doing so. The vehicle was placed out of service.
- 09/16, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle operating from New Hampshire to Vermont. Several out of service violations were discovered to include the driver not having a valid medical card, the trailers breakaway cable to be inoperative, a bearing cap missing on a trailer hub, one of the trailers turn signals was inoperative as well as dunnage on the trucks bed.
- 09/16, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle operating from New Hampshire to Vermont. The operator did not have a valid medical card and was placed out of service as a result.
- 09/16, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle operating from New Hampshire to Vermont. 13 violations were discovered to include the vehicles emergency parking brake to be inoperative, missing lug nuts on one of the steer axles front tires, both turn signals on the trailer were inoperative and the male did not have a valid medical card. Both the vehicles and the operator were placed out of service for the above violations
- 09/16, Inspector conducted an inspection on a vehicle traveling from New Hampshire to Vermont. Multiple out of service violations were discovered to include the trucks emergency

brake to be inoperative, one of the trailers turn signals was inoperative, the breakaway cable was not attached to the towing vehicle, and the driver did not have a valid medical card. The operator and vehicles were placed out of service for the violations.

- 09/16, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle traveling from New Hampshire to Vermont. Multiple out of service violations were discovered, including inadequate load securement, the trailers breakaway cable not attached and a missing bearing cap on of the trailer's hubs. The trailer was placed out of service for the violation.
- 09/16, Inspector stopped a truck hauling machinery on Route 103 in Shrewsbury. An attachment was not secured to the trailer, culvert pipe not secured to the truck bed nor was the breakaway cable attached. The truck and trailer were placed out of service.



- 09/16, Inspector stopped a truck on Route 103 in Ludlow. The trailer was placed out of service for an improperly connected breakaway cable.



- 09/16, Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle for a marking violation on Interstate 89 in Williamstown. An inspection was conducted and the owner/operator was placed Out of Service for no medical card. A warning was issued.



- 09/17, Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle truck/trailer for speeding on Interstate 89 in Middlesex. An inspection was conducted and the combined gross vehicle weight ratings were 30,500 lbs. requiring a class A commercial driver's license, the driver did not possess a commercial driver's license and was placed Out of Service. The driver was issued warnings, and the Carrier was issued a ticket for permitting an unqualified driver to operate.



- 09/18, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered several out of service violations to include the trailers breakaway cable not attached, the trucks emergency brake was inoperative. The driver also did not have a medical card or commercial motor vehicle driver's license as required. The operator and vehicles were placed out of service for the violations.
- 09/18, Sergeant conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle in Danville at which time the driver presented a medical certification that expired in 2023. The driver was placed out of service.

Passenger Vehicle:

- 09/16, Inspector conducted a Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks stop on a passenger vehicle for a speed violation on Interstate 89 in Middlesex. The driver was speeding while passing multiple passenger vehicles and commercial motor vehicles. The driver was issued a ticket for a speed of 99 miles per hour in a 65 miles per hour zone
- 09/17, Inspector conducted a Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks stop on a passenger vehicle for a speed violation on Interstate 89 in Middlesex. The driver was passing multiple passenger vehicles and commercial motor vehicles. The driver was issued a ticket for a speed of 93 miles per hour in a 65 miles per hour zone.
- 09/17, Inspector stopped 5 passenger cars for speeding in the Randolph Work zone. All were issued tickets.
- 09/17, Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a passenger car going 70 miles per hour in a posted 35 miles per hour zone. It was also determined the operator's license was under criminal suspension. The driver was issued a citation to appear in court.
- 9/17, Inspector conducted a traffic stop in the town of Orleans for a motor vehicle violation. The driver was discovered to have an active warrant for his arrest. The male was taken into custody and lodged at Northern State Correctional Facility.

HQ Sergeant:

- 09/15, Sergeant conducted a hazardous materials shipper inspection in Chittenden County.



New Entrant :