

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement.

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 3/17 – US Rte. 4 Scale House detail; 4 Inspectors weighed 125 commercial motor vehicles. 14 Inspections were conducted and 23 violations identified (6 driver and 17 vehicle). 2 drivers and 3 vehicles were placed out of service.
- 3/19 – I 89 Williston SB detail; 3 Inspectors and the FMCSA DA screened 185 commercial motor vehicles and conducted 18 inspections identifying 22 violations (6 driver and 16 vehicle). 2 vehicles were placed out of service. 1 portable weigh conducted and 1 ticket issued.

Crashes:

Notables:

- Inspector and Inspector attended a 5-day Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Part A class in Colchester. Both inspectors completed the course and are now certified to conduct commercial vehicle driver inspections.
- 3/16, I 89 Richmond; Sgt. stopped an interstate car hauler for an equipment violation. The inspection revealed the driver did have a valid medical card and the hubcaps on the trailer were damaged allowing an open view into the hub assembly. The driver and the trailer were placed out of service.



- 3/17, Fair Haven Scale House; Insp. inspected a truck and trailer hauling an articulated front loader. The locking pin to keep the heavy equipment from articulating was not installed. The trailer was placed out of service until the issue was corrected.



- 3/17, Fair Haven Scale House; Insp. inspected a truck and trailer hauling heavy construction equipment. The load was not secured properly. The trailer was placed out of service until the equipment was secured to the federal regulation standards.



- 03/17, Fair Haven Scale House; Insp inspected a tractor trailer combination that was hauling logs. It was found that the combination weighed 109,160lbs which is 10,160lbs over the valid 99k permit. The carrier was issued a fine for the overweight violation.



- 03/17, Fair Haven Scale House; Insp stopped a box truck that was in interstate commerce who failed to pull into the weigh station. A level II inspection was conducted. The inspection revealed that the driver did not have a valid medical card, he also did not have an ELD or paper logs. A search of the company revealed that the companies operating authority was inactive. The box truck was loaded at the time of inspection. The driver was placed out of service for not having a valid medical certificate while operating in interstate commerce as well as not having an ELD. The truck was placed out of service due to the company not having operating authority.



- 3/17, Fair Haven Scale House; Insp. inspected a box truck in interstate commerce. The operator was not in possession of a valid medical certificate. The operator was placed out of service until a valid medical certificate was obtained.



- 3/19, Williston SB Detail; Sgt. inspected a box truck in interstate commerce. The inspection revealed the NH based carrier had an inactive US DOT number. The truck was placed out of service for the violation.



- 3/19, Williston SB Detail; Insp. conducted an inspection on a truck and trailer combination. The trailer's emergency breakaway tether was not connected to the truck. The combination was placed out of service until repaired.



- 3/20, I89 Bolton SB; Inspector stopped a passenger vehicle for using a U-turn during a snowstorm, causing limited visibility in the area of where CMV's were operating. The operator of the passenger car was issued a ticket for the violation.

Safety Audits:

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 03/17 Island Pond, Sgt & Inspector conducted a directed patrol which resulted in 6 commercial motor vehicle inspections resulting 4 driver violations and 2 vehicle violations.

Crashes:

Notables:

- 03/16-03/20 Colchester, Inspector attended and successfully passed training for North American Standard Inspection Part A.
- 03/16 Stowe, Inspector identified a commercial motor vehicle who was speeding while pursuing the vehicle it was also identified the rear wheels of the trailer was emitting smoke and smelled of stuck brakes. A traffic stop was conducted, and an inspection was completed in which it was discovered a brake can had an audible air leak causing the opposite end brake can to not have enough air to release the brakes causing them to be stuck and catch fire. The fire was extinguished and the vehicle was also unable to maintain or build air pressure from the air loss. The vehicle was placed out of service until repaired.
- 03/18-03/19 Concord NH, NE inspectors attended a Commercial Trailer Identification & Theft Detection course administered by NH State Police.
- 03/17-26 Island Pond, Sgt conducted a commercial motor vehicle inspection and found two US DOT numbers displayed.
- 03/17 Island Pond, Inspector conducted a size & weight inspection on commercial motor vehicle who was loaded with gravel with their push tag raised. It was discovered the vehicle's push tag was inoperable during the operation causing the vehicle to be 7,000 lbs. overweight. The driver was able to repair the push tag roadside and given a violation for the overweight.
- 03/19 Ryegate, Inspector completed an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and found a tire that was off the rim. The vehicle was placed out of service.
- 03/21 Barnet, Inspector was following a commercial motor vehicle and observed large pieces of snow falling from the top of the trailer. An inspection was completed and the vehicle was placed out of service until the loose snow was removed from the trailer.

New Entrant:

Compliance Review:

Nothing to report.

Passenger Vehicles:

- Nothing to report.

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 3/17, Bennington Rte. 279 Weigh Station, 2 Inspectors screened 87 vehicles and conducted 10 inspections. 2 Level 1, 5 Level 2 and 3 Level 3 inspections resulted in 4 vehicle violations being discovered.
- 3/18, Fair Haven Scale House, 4 Inspectors screened 199 commercial vehicles. 15 Inspections were completed resulting in 4 vehicle and 1 driver violation. 1 vehicle was placed out of service, and 2 tickets were issued for over-weight violations.
- 3/19, I 91 S Springfield, 3 Inspectors screened 166 commercial motor vehicles. 10 inspections were completed resulting in 6 vehicle violations. 2 vehicles were placed out of service.

Crashes: Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 3/18, Fair Haven Scale, Sgt. conducted an inspection on a truck/tractor combination hauling corn grain. The combination weighed 106,380lbs, putting it 7380lbs overweight. A VCVC was issued for the violation.
- 3/18, Fair Haven Scale House, Inspector conducted a Level 2 inspection on a box truck. During the inspection it was found that the truck had no operational brake lights on the rear of the vehicle. The truck was placed out of service until repairs were made.
- 3/18, Fair Haven Scale House Inspector observed a tractor trailer combination with 5 axles weighing 101460 pounds. The truck was found to be permitted for 90000 pounds with 5 axles. The company was issued a VCVC for the violation.
- Members from the South Sector attended a stolen trailer training in Concord, NH this week. The training was hosted by the New Hampshire State Police and focused on identifying and investigating stolen commercial trailers.
- 3/19 Sr. Cpl. conducted an inspection of a two-axle empty box truck. During the inspection the CMV was found to be missing a battery and the battery tray cover. It was also found that both right and left side rear brake lights were not working. The truck was placed out of service for no rear brake lights and later fixed by a roadside service center. Both violations were documented on a level 2 inspection.
- 3/19, I91 S Springfield, Inspector conducted an inspection on a tractor trailer unit. Upon further inspection, it was found that the truck tractor had a flat tire and the unit was placed out of service.
- 3/20, Sgt. and Inspector assisted the Bennington Rural Fire Department. The Chief requested an inspection be conducted on a tanker truck that had recently been involved in a crash. A Level 7 inspection and portable weigh were conducted with 2 vehicle violations being discovered. Both violations were a result of the crash.



Traffic Enforcement:

- During the week of the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted 43 inspections which resulted in 1 driver and 5 vehicles being placed out of service.

Crashes: Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 3/18, Inspector stopped a vehicle that failed to stop at the Fair Haven Scale House. The driver was under 21 years of age and had no medical card. He was placed out of service.



- 3/18, Inspector placed a vehicle out of service for an inoperable parking brake.
- 3/17, Inspector stopped a CMV tractor/trailer for a lighting violation at the Fair Haven Detail. A Level 2 HM inspection was conducted. The trailer was placed Out of Service as the load had shifted causing the HM to shift and spill. The driver was issued a warning, and the load was re-secured.



- 3/17, Inspector conducted an Inspection of an Inter-state box truck at the Fair Haven Detail. The Carrier was found to be under Suspension in VT. The carrier was grounded until the Suspension was lifted and the re-instatement fee paid. The owner/operator was issued a warning.



- 3/18, Inspector stopped a truck on Route 7 in Rutland for a pallet of shingles that had no securement. The truck was placed out of service until it was fixed.



- 3/18, Inspector stopped a CMV truck/trailer for a license plate violation on I-89 in Berlin. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed Out of Service for a missing breakaway brae system. The driver was issued multiple warnings.



- 3/19, Inspector completed his supervised Hazmat inspections at the Williston Detail.
- 3/19, Inspector conducted a Size & Weight inspection of a CMV truck/trailer at the Williston Detail. A portable weigh was conducted, and the Carrier was issued a VCVV for an OLT violation as the load was 12,100 LBS over the registered weight.



Passenger vehicle: Nothing to report.

HQ Sergeant:

- Sgt. instructed North American Standard Inspection Part A in Colchester.

New Entrant: Nothing to report.