

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement.

NORTHEAST SECTOR:

Details:

- 08/18, Waterford Welcome Center (I-93); 3 Inspectors screened 117 commercial motor vehicles. 17 inspections were conducted and 43 vehicle violations were identified. 7 vehicles were placed out of service.

Notables:

- 08/17 Coventry, Inspector placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for a damaged emergency glad hand hose which was damaged into the reinforcement ply.
- 08/18 Waterford, Inspector placed the driver of a commercial motor vehicle out of service for not wearing corrective lenses when it was required on their driver's license.
- 08/18 Waterford, Inspector placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for a damaged emergency glad hand hose which was damaged into the reinforcement ply.
- 08/18 Waterford, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered nine total violations to include 20% of the required brakes being defective on the motor vehicle combination. The combination was placed out of service.
- 08/18 Waterford, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered nine total violations to include a service air brake hose damaged into the outer reinforcement ply and the semi-trailer's siderail cracked more than 1 ½" directed toward the bottom flange. The combination was placed out of service.
- 08/18 Waterford, Inspector placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for an inoperative parking brake system as no brakes were applied on the motor vehicle upon actuation of the parking brake control.
- 08/19, Lieutenant placed the driver of a commercial motor vehicle out of service for not wearing corrective lenses when it was required on their medical card.
- 08/19, Lieutenant placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for an audible air leak which was not at a proper connection and one air brake cannister had a substantial air leak upon the application of the service brake. The repairs were made at scene, and the truck was then able to pass the air loss rate test.
- 08/20 Bradford, Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a commercial motor vehicle engaged in interstate commerce for a marking violation. An inspection was conducted and 14 total violations were discovered to include an inoperative turn signal on the rearmost vehicle. The semi-trailer was placed out of service.

- 08/20 Bradford, Inspector placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for the motor vehicle's breakaway cable not being attached to the towing vehicle. The operator was also placed out of service as they were operating a commercial motor vehicle requiring a Class A CDL, without a valid CDL.
- 08/21 Coventry, Inspector placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for a suspension tracking component equipped with rubber bushings (front sway bar) which were worn to the extent the sway bar could be moved by hand along its axis. The operator was also placed out of service for not possessing a valid medical certificate.



- 08/21 Coventry, Inspector placed a commercial motor vehicle out of service for an inoperative parking brake system as no brakes were applied on the motor vehicle upon actuation of the parking brake control.

Compliance Review:

Passenger Vehicles:

- 08/17, Inspector conducted a TACT stop on a passenger vehicle on the Interstate for passing a Truck-Tractor Semi-Trailer combination at 93 MPH, in a posted 65 MPH speed limit zone. The operator was issued a ticket.
- 08/17, Inspector conducted a TACT stop on a passenger vehicle on the Interstate for traveling at 93 MPH in a posted 65 MPH speed limit zone. The operator was issued a ticket.
- 08/19, Lieutenant conducted a TACT stop on a passenger vehicle on the Interstate after the vehicle passed him at 105mph. The operator was issued a ticket.
- Inspector conducted a TACT stop on a passenger vehicle on Vermont Route 127 for traveling at 76 MPH in a posted 50 MPH speed limit zone. The operator was issued a ticket.

NORTHWEST SECTOR:

Details:

- 08/18, US Rte. 4 Fair Haven Scale House; 4 Inspectors screened 158 commercial motor vehicles. 13 inspections were conducted and 27 violations identified (4 drivers and 26 vehicles). 6 vehicles and 1 driver were placed out of service. 1 Ticket, \$4641.00.

Crashes: Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 08/17, Colchester; Sergeant stopped a tractor trailer combination southbound on I 89 for a vehicle violation. An inspection was conducted and tire was flat on the trailer. The trailer was placed out of service for repair.
- 08/18, Williston; Sergeant stopped an interstate truck hauling building materials northbound on I 89 for a vehicle violation. An inspection was conducted and the driver's medical card indicated he was required to wear hearing aids. The driver did not possess them and was placed out of service.



- 08/20, South Burlington; Sergeant stopped an interstate truck hauling a trailer southbound on I 89 for a vehicle violation. An inspection was conducted and the Florida based driver did not have an electronic record of duty statutes to present. The driver claimed the device malfunctioned and did not have any paper RODS in the truck. The driver was placed out of service for 10 hours.



Safety Audits:

SOUTH SECTOR:

Details:

- 08/18, I91N Hartford Rest Area, 4 Inspectors screened 239 commercial vehicles and conducted 13 inspections. The inspections resulted in 9 vehicle violations and 3 vehicles placed out of service.
- 08/20, VT RTE 279 Bennington Weigh Station, 4 Inspectors screened 149 commercial vehicles and conducted 12 inspections. The inspections resulted in 5 vehicle violations and 1 vehicle placed out of service.

Crashes:

Notables:

- 08/17, I91 N Guilford VT, Inspector conducted a traffic stop on a box truck that had an improperly displayed USDOT number. During the inspection of the vehicle, it was also discovered that the driver did not have a valid medical card. The driver was placed out of service, and several vehicle violations were recorded.
- 08/17, I91 N Hartford, Inspector conducted a Level 1 Inspection on a tractor trailer combination. During the inspection it was found that the trailer had a tire on the passenger side outer dual that was only 35 PSI. The trailer was placed out of service until the tire was repaired.
- 08/17, I91 Hartford, Inspector conducted a Level 1 Inspection on a tractor trailer combination. During the inspection it was found that the inner wheel seal on axle 3 passenger

side was leaking and had soaked the brake lining material. The tractor was placed out of service until repairs were made.



- 08/17, I 91 S Hartford, Inspector conducted an inspection on a dump truck. Upon further inspection, it was discovered that the vehicle had a cracked tag axle wheel in several places. The vehicle was placed out of service.



- 08/18, I 91 N Hartford Rest Area, Sergeant conducted an inspection on a truck/trailer combination. The trailer was placed out of service for having deflated air bag suspension on one of the axles.



- 08/20, VT RTE 279 Bennington Weigh Station, Inspector conducted an inspection on a truck and trailer. Upon further inspection, it was discovered that the trailer had two-wheel hubs that were missing and hub grease was escaping. The combination was placed out of service.

Traffic Enforcement:

- During the week of the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted 69 inspections which resulted in 9 drivers and 16 vehicles being placed out of service.

Crashes: Nothing to report.

Notables:

- 08/17, Inspector and Lieutenant conducted bus inspections at a Carrier facility in Moretown. 2 buses were placed Out of Service for multiple brake violations.
- 08/18, Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle truck and trailer on interstate 89 in Brookfield for a marking and license plate violation. An inspection was conducted and the Carrier was found to be under an active Federal Out of Service Order. The driver was placed Out of Service for no medical card and an hour-of-service violation. The driver originated in Alabama and had driver to Vermont non-stop. The Carrier was issued a ticket for failing to comply with an out of service order. Later investigation proved that the driver violated his Out of Service order and continued his trip, delivering his freight to Stowe later that day. The driver was issued a ticket for violating the Out of Service order. The Carrier was referred to by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Alliance for further action.
- 08/18, Sergeant attended the Waterford Detail where he conducted a traffic stop on a tractor and trailer that failed to pull in for inspection. During an inspection 14 violations were identified and the combination was escorted to the Maple Fields on route 2 in St Johnsbury where it was placed out of service pending repairs.

- 08/18, Sergeant was returning the Waterford Detail to assist Inspector Johnson with the malfunctioning lights and found there was a truck and trailer combination parked on interstate 93 in front of the lights while they were flashing. Upon speaking with the operator, he advised he pulled over to get water from his cooler. An inspection was conducted and 8 violations were identified; the trailer was placed out of service for load securement.
- 08/18, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle traveling from NH-VT. The operator was found to be under 21 years of age and placed out of service for the violation.
- 08/18, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle traveling from VT-NH. The operator was found to not have a valid medical card and the trailers breakaway cable was not attached to the towing vehicle. Both the trailer and the operator were placed out of service for the violation.
- 08/18, Inspector conducted an inspection on a class A required commercial motor vehicle. It was discovered the operator did not possess a valid class A commercial driver's license. The operator was placed out of service for the violation.
- 08/19, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle and discovered the operator's medical card had been expired. The operator was placed out of service for the violation.



- 08/19, Inspector stopped a truck and trailer on Route 4 in Mendon for no rear plate displayed. The trailer was not registered, and the breakaway cable was not connected, placing the trailer out of service. Several other violations were found.



- 08/19, Inspector stopped a dump truck on Route 4 in Mendon. It was determined that the truck was not registered nor inspected.



- 08/20, Inspector stopped a truck that failed to stop at the Bennington Weigh Station. The carrier had an inactive United States Department of Transportation number, and the driver had no medical card. The truck and driver were placed out of service.



- 08/20, Inspector stopped a truck that failed to stop at the Bennington Weigh Station. The driver had no record of duty status and was placed out of service.



- 08/20, Inspector stopped a commercial motor vehicle box truck on Interstate 89 in Sharon for a marking violation. An inspection was conducted and the Carrier was found to have an inactive United States Department of Transportation number. The truck was placed Out of Service. The driver was placed Out of Service for no medical card. Several warnings were issued.



- 08/20, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle in the town of Fairlee. The trailers breakaway cable was found to be inoperative. The vehicle was placed out of service in combination.
- 08/20, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle hauling steel beams. Through inspection one of the beams was discovered to be projecting 6' pass the rear of the trailer without a flag. The vehicle was placed out of service for the violation.
- 08/20, Inspector conducted an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle. It was determined that the vehicle's emergency parking brake was inoperative as well as the trailers breakaway cable was not attached to the towing vehicle.
- 08/20, Sergeant was notified by Colchester Police Department of a tractor and trailer combination at Bove Italian Foods in Milton with two flat tires and the driver was saying he had been driving on the flat tires for over 30 miles. An inspection was conducted and 4 violations were located; the trailer was placed out of service pending repairs.
- 08/21, Inspector stopped a truck hauling an excavator on South Main Street in Rutland. The driver did not have a Class A Commercial Driver's License as required. The machine was not secured per requirements nor was there a breakaway cable. The driver and trailer were placed out of service.



- 08/21, Sergeant and canine Edo along with Inspector and canine Nyx attended the Canine Classic golf tournament at Montague Golf Course in Randolph, which is a fund-raising event put on by the Vermont Canine Association, in an effort to raise funds for bullet proof vest and other equipment for canine teams across the state.



Passenger Vehicle:

- 08/18, Inspector conducted a Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks stop on a passenger vehicle for a speed violation while passing a tractor and trailer unit on Interstate 89 in Berlin. The driver was issued a ticket for a speed of 94 miles per hour in a 65 miles per hour zone.
- 08/18 Sergeant conducted a traffic stop while patrolling Vermont route 127 in Burlington and found the driver was criminally suspended. The driver was cited and his employer sent a licensed driver to operator the truck.
- 08/19, Inspector conducted a Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks stop on a passenger vehicle for a speed violation while passing a tractor and trailer unit on interstate 89 in Williamstown. The driver was issued a ticket for a speed of 96 miles per hour in a 65 miles per hour zone.
- 08/19, Sergeant conducted a traffic stop while patrolling Vermont route 127 in Burlington and found that the vehicle was not registered or insured. The driver was ticketed and the vehicle towed.
- 08/21, Inspector conducted a Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks stop on a passenger vehicle for a speed violation while passing a tractor and trailer unit on Interstate 89 in Williamstown. The driver was issued a ticket for a speed of 96 miles per hour in a 65 miles per hour zone.

HQ Sergeant:

New Entrant :