

- **1/2 Cpl. Paul inspected an interstate truck at the Colchester detail. The driver was in possession of marijuana and advised he smoked it on his lunch break. The driver was screened for impairment, ticketed, and placed out of service for 24 hrs.**



- **1/3 Inspector stopped and inspected a CMV transporting a trailer on I-91 in Derby. A Level 2 inspection was completed. The CMV was placed out of service for a defective frame and cross member. The defective cross member was supporting the upper fifth wheel plate.**



- **1/2 Inspector White was conducting a level 2 size & weight inspection on a regional log hauler, and discovered that the driver has been operating with his CDL suspended for a medical certificate issue. The vehicle was also placed out of service for several mechanical issues.**
- **1/6 Cpl. Paul stopped an intrastate dump truck on VT Rte 2A in Williston for a possible overweight violation. The vehicle was weighed and found to be within permitted limits. The driver was found to be in possession of marijuana. This is the second time this driver has been stopped with marijuana in a CMV. The driver was ticketed and placed out of service for 24 hrs.**



- **1/6 Cpl. Morris stopped a tractor trailer operating on I89 in Georgia for an equipment violation. A subsequent inspection revealed both the farm truck registration and trailer registrations were expired and the driver was hauling general freight for hire. The trailer's stop lamps were inoperative and the trailer was placed out of service. Both vehicles were grounded and the multiple tickets were issued.**



- **1/7 Cpl. Morris inspected a stake body truck hauling wood mats at the Georgia detail. An inspection revealed the company did not have an overweight permit. A portable weigh revealed the 4-axle truck weighed of 69300, over 9K it's allowable weight. An overweight ticket was issued to the company.**



- **1/7 Cpl. Nesto while working at the Georgia detail conducted an inspection on an OH based carrier. During the inspection the driver informed Cpl. Nesto that he was going to be “invoicing” Cpl. Nesto for all detained time at a rate of \$5,000 dollars. After some discussion it was clear that the driver had sovereign citizen aligned ideologies. A level 3 inspection was done and surprisingly the driver was following the FMCSR's. The “invoice” was never issued.**

- 1/8 Cpl. Morris stopped a Vermont dealer plated wrecker moving two pallets of bagged salt for a local car dealership on US Rte 7 in South Burlington, VT. One pallet was not secured on the truck and the vehicle had just exited Interstate 189. The driver was educated on the proper securement of items, other than vehicles, and the truck was grounded until the dealership delivered additional load straps.



- 1/10 Insp. Hanley stopped a box truck for speeding on VT Rte22a in Shoreham. An inspection was conducted. During the inspection, the driver was found to be in possession of marijuana and prescription pills to which he did not have a prescription for. These pills were on the VT regulated drug list. The driver was placed out of service for possession of narcotics in a CMV. He was arrested for Possession of a Regulated Substance.



- Civilian Investigator Rick Moore reports: This week I completed an onsite comprehensive investigation of a Windsor County based for hire motor carrier of property. The investigation was assigned as a follow-up as the carrier is currently

operating under a Consent Agreement with FMCSA following an investigation that was conducted in May 2018. Several violations have been cited on the investigation report relating to unsafe driving, hours of service, driver qualifications, and elevated crash rate. The carrier will continue to be assigned a Conditional safety rating.

- 1/6 Inspector O’Keeffe conducted a traffic enforcement detail on I91 in Hartford. Multiple CMV’s were stopped for speeding. One CMV operator was placed out of service for falsifying his hours of service. The operator was issued two tickets, one for using a cell phone while driving and the second was issued for a false log.



- 1/6 Inspector Quenneville stopped this 6 axle roll off for an over dimension violation. The container was loaded with crushed cars, and was found to be 14’ 3” high, 9” over the height limit of 13’6”. The vehicle was escorted back to the facility that loaded it, and the issue was corrected.



- 1/9 Several inspectors responded to Montpelier to assist Capitol Police who were busy dealing with protesters who disrupted Governor Scott’s State of the State Address.

- **1/14 Insp. Hanley inspected a tractor trailer at the Colchester detail. The trailer was placed out of service for 1 tire being flat and 2 other tires shredded on the same axle. The carrier was ticketed for the violation.**



- **1/14 Cpl. Nesto was called to assist Grand Isle Sheriff units which had stopped a FL tractor trailer that had crashed into several wooden fence posts in the parking lot of Lake Champlain Ferry. The tractor trailer had left the scene without contacting the ferry company. A level 2 inspection was done. It was found that the driver & co-driver did not have ELD's or hours of service records as required. It was also found that these operators had been inspection 3 days prior by Florida Highway Patrol and placed out of service at the time as well for "No ELD/No RODS." The operator was issued a ticket for no ELD. The tractor trailer was towed from the scene.**



- **1/15 Insp. Hanley stopped a tractor trailer for speeding on VT Rte 22a in Shoreham. An inspection was conducted and the trailer was placed out of service for having 3 adjacent floor cross members broken.**



- **1/17 Cpl. Morris stopped a tank truck for an equipment violation operating on I-89 through Colchester. An inspection was conducted and revealed a brake cannister had a significant leak under the truck. The truck failed the air drop test and was subsequently placed out of service for repair.**



- **1/13 Inspector White noticed a tractor trailer hauling crushed cars that appeared to be in excess of the 13'6" height limit. An inspection was completed and the height was measured at 13'10", the vehicle was grounded until the driver fixed the issue.**



- **1/15 Inspector O'Keefe conducted a level 2 inspection on a disabled tractor trailer on I89 NB in Randolph. A dual set of tires came off during transport. The tractor trailer was placed out of service and escorted off the interstate.**



- **1/22 Cpl. Morris stopped a utility truck hauling an equipment trailer on US Rte 2 through Colchester for an equipment infraction. A subsequent inspection revealed the emergency break away system was defective. The trailer was placed out of service for repair.**



- **1/22 Cpl. Paul stopped an interstate delivery truck for an inoperable lamp. The carrier was found to be under a Federal Out of Service Order. An inspection was conducted, the vehicle was placed out of service and the carrier was ticketed.**



- **1/21 Inspectors responded to the Montpelier area to standby to provide assistance at any civil disruptions during the Governor's State of the Budget Address at the State House.**
- **1/21 Inspector Quenneville conducted an inspection on this 8 axle Oversize load at the Guilford detail. The inspection revealed an underinflated tire, and the trailer was placed out of service. The oversize permit was valid for 130,000 lbs. A portable weigh revealed that the combination weighed 142,100 lbs., 12,100 lbs. over. The carrier was issued a ticket and the load was grounded until a proper permit could be obtained.**



- **1/28 Cpl. Nesto went to the US Coast Guard Station in Burlington where he fingerprinted a new CG chief for required clearances. USCG Station Burlington has had trouble getting other local departments to help with these requirements. DMV & USCG have long operated a working relationship in several ventures.**
- **1/28 An Inspector responded to Fairlee to assist VSP at a traffic stop. The CMV was not inspected and had numerous violations. The Inspector conducted a Level 1 inspection and discovered twelve vehicle violations, six violations (defective brakes,**

steering components contacting frame, defective driveshaft, and chafed brake hoses) placed the CMV out of service. Three tickets were issued and the CMV was towed from the scene.



- 1/28 Inspector Cuttita conducted a level 3 inspection on a box truck that had driven past the open Hartford detail. The driver was found to be in possession of marijuana and was placed out of service. A ticket was also issued to the driver.



- 1/29 Inspector Quenneville stopped this 6 axle log truck, and conducted a platform weigh and inspection at the Fair Haven Scale House. The truck was found to be 105,880 lbs; 6880 lbs in excess of its 99K permit. A ticket was issued.



- **1/31 Inspector White noticed a CMV hauling logs that appeared to be overweight. The vehicle was weighed and an inspection was completed with Inspector Quenneville assisting. The vehicle weighed 108,200 lbs with a 99,000 lb permit, making it 9,200lbs overweight. The inspection revealed 12 additional violations. The vehicle was grounded and placed out of service.**



- **1/31 Sgt. Trowt observed a loaded CMV having a short axle distance. The CMV was stopped to check weight and measure. Carrier bridged for a distance allowing for a weight of 71000 lbs. At the time of stop CMV weighed 95000 lbs. A ticket was issued to carrier for ORL 24000 lbs overweight.**



- **2/3 Cpl. Morris responded to a crash on I89 in Richmond. Upon arrival he observed a tractor trailer blocking both northbound lanes. The tractor trailer had struck a pickup truck which sustained disabling damage and both occupants were transported for non-life threatening injuries. Investigation revealed the CMV driver had slowed in the breakdown lane and attempted to reverse direction through the U-turn. The driver advised he had missed his exit. A level 1 post-crash inspection was conducted. The truck was placed out of service for a damaged and leaking hub assembly caused by the collision. The driver was issued a criminal citation for the crime of negligent operation.**



- **2/3 Cpl. Paul stopped an intrastate fuel hauler on US Rte 2 in Williston for an inoperable lamp. The carrier was using a specification cargo tank, but had failed to conduct required tank testing. The vehicle was placed out of service for ID # markings that misrepresented the HM on board. The carrier was ticketed.**



- **2/5 Cpl. Nesto instructed Day 1 of Patrol Procedures at The Vermont Police Academy for the 109th basic class.**



- **2/7 Inspectors worked the I89 Williston area assisting VSP units with heavy interstate traffic conditions due to an ongoing winter storm. Several slide off's and jack knifed tractor trailer units were assisted.**



- **2/6 Cpl. Paul inspected a motor coach at the Highgate POE transporting Canadian school children to a ski resort. The driver declared to Customs that he was in possession of alcohol. The driver had a full bottle of beer inside the bus with him. The driver was ticketed and placed out of service for 24 hrs. The passengers were escorted to a nearby exit with food and restroom facilities to wait for a new driver.**

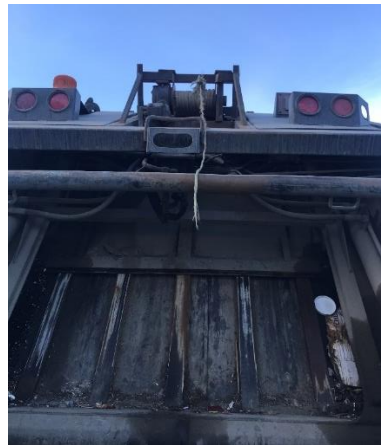


- **2/4 Inspector stopped and conducted a Level 2 inspection on a six axle tractor trailer on US Rte 2 in Lunenburg. The truck was placed out of service for loose wheel fasteners and the vehicle was placed out of service in combination for a cracked upper fifth wheel plate. A ticket was issued to the company.**



- **2/3 VTDMV Level VI Team (special team trained in detecting and inspecting commercial vehicles carrying radiological or nuclear material) met at White River Jct SB RA and trained on new equipment issued by a grant from US Dept of Homeland Security through the Department of Public Safety. Three of the 4 members have been certified by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) as L6 inspectors trained specifically in commercial vehicles transporting radiological and nuclear material. The 4 members had received advanced training last year as part of combined training effort with the Vermont State Police & Vermont Hazardous Materials team. L6 Team members received these new state of the art SPRD radiological detectors that will be carried everyday while on patrol and inspecting commercial vehicles.**

- **2/4-2/5 Inspector Quenneville conducted a training for local towns regarding Local Weight Postings and Permits in Randolph and Fairfax. The trainings were attended by approximately 20 road foremen and road commissioners each.**
- **2/5 Inspector Cuttita assisted Royalton Police Department with a death investigation involving a CMV. The operator of a garbage truck was emptying a dumpster into the truck when the cable failed. The dumpster crushed and killed the man as it fell back to the ground. The vehicle had a GVW of 25,999 lbs and was in intrastate commerce, so a level 7 inspection was conducted with no defects found. The investigation is still ongoing.**



- **2/6 Sgt. Trowt stopped into Mt. Snow and performed several Motor Coach Inspections.**



- **2/11 Insp. Hanley inspected a tractor trailer at the Williston detail. The driver was placed out of service as he was in possession of marijuana and alcohol. His CDL was also not valid.**



- 2/12 Insp. Hanley stopped a tractor trailer call hauler on VT Rte 22a in Orwell for speeding. The driver was placed out of service as he was in possession of marijuana.



- **2/12 Inspector stopped and weighed a CMV transporting corn silage on I-91 in Ryegate. The CMV was found to weigh 115,600 lbs, 25,600 lbs over its permitted road limit. An inspection was completed and the CMV was grounded to be force offloaded. A ticket was issued to the company.**



- **2/20 During an inspection, the Inspector detected the odor of marijuana, K-9 Annie was deployed and gave an alert. A consent card was obtained and during the subsequent search, 15.4 grams of marijuana along with two pipes were located in the truck cab. The driver was placed out of service for 24 hours and issued a ticket for the violation.**



- **2/21 Inspector stopped and weighed a six axle CMV transporting logs at the Beecher Falls Port of Entry. The CMV was not permitted for excess weight. The CMV was found to be 8,600 lbs over the legal road limit. A ticket was issued to the company.**



- **2/25 Cpl. Paul responded to Kenyon Rd in Richmond to assist with a tractor trailer that had mistakenly gone down a 24,000 lb dirt road. An inspection was conducted and the driver was rerouted.**



- **2/24 Sgt. Heberts worked with a member of the Bennington Sheriff's Office during a directed patrol for commercial vehicles. Five commercial vehicles were stopped. One operator had no commercial vehicle driver license. One CMV was 10,000 lbs overweight.**



- **2/28 Sgt. Heberts and Cpl. Beebe of the CVE Unit and Inv. Young of the CIU Unit completed 6 surprise school bus inspections at the BRSU Manchester Elementary School. All the bus passed the inspection with no violations.**
- **3/10 Inspector Cuttita discovered this loose universal joint during a level 1 inspection at the Fair Haven Scale House. Additionally, the pinion seal was leaking and the trailer had a tire with an audible air leak. Both the truck and trailer were placed out of service**



- 3/10 Inspector White discovered a broken leaf spring during pre-screen on a CMV loaded with LPG at the Fair Haven Scale House. An inspection was completed and confirmed that a trailer main leaf spring was broken, as well as an inoperative turn signal on the tractor. The vehicle was grounded and placed out of service.



- 3/12 Inspector White conducted an inspection of an Amazon contracted delivery truck at the Randolph detail. Inspector White discovered that the driver had a disqualified CDL, operating a truck with a GVWR of 33,000 lbs. The driver did not have a med card on file and had no RODS (log book). Nine other vehicle violations were discovered to include, no fuel tax (IFTA) an inoperative brake, a brake out of adjustment and an air chamber with several non-manufactured holes in it. The vehicle and driver were placed out of service, and several tickets were issued.



- 3/12 Sgt. Heberts, patrolling in an unmarked patrol vehicle, observed a CMV driver enter the WRJ detail on his cell phone traveling from Hartford, VT to Claremont, NH transporting a disabled motor vehicle. The vehicle was pulled over for an inspection and the carrier, Fays Wrecker & Repair was found to be operating in interstate commerce in violation of a Federal Out of Service Order. FMCSA issued the order in April 2019 for failing to complete a New Entrant Safety Audit as required. The carrier was issued civil fines in excess of \$4000.



- **3/18 Cpl. White & Insp. Quenneville weighed a Bobcat Loader for Clarendon AOT.**



- **3/17 Inspector O’Keeffe conducted a level 2 post- crash inspection on a tractor trailer that crashed into the median on I89 NB in the vicinity of Mile Marker 12. Icy roads and driving too fast for conditions were factors in the crash. A driver violation was discovered. No pre-existing equipment violations were found.**



- 3/16 Sector Inspectors attended annual MCSAP service in Berlin. Topics covered included an update to the Out of Service Criteria, Hazardous Materials refresher, Federal Regulations regarding operating authority and Hours of Service, and the F.A.S.T. Act.
- Starting 4/1, Inspectors performed daily Traffic Post with AOT at the state borders for COVID-19 response.



Rte. 4 Fair Haven



Lake Champlain Ferry Landing in Grand Isle



Rte. 2 Alburgh



I89 Highgate POE

- **4/6 An Inspector participated in a cruiser sendoff for a retiring officer from the Hartford Police Department.**



- **4/8 Inspector Cuttita clocked a vehicle at 110 MPH on I-89. In addition to the excessive speed the vehicle nearly caused a collision by trying to pass a commercial vehicle on the right. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was issued a criminal citation for Negligent Operation. Lieutenant Giolito assisted on the stop.**

