

Tow and Recovery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Warrenton Police Department

June 22, 2016

Board Members Present: Eddie Payne, Steve Wright, Charlie Crummett, Aaron Conner, Ray Prudhum, Neil Stribling, Sam Tilley

Other Attendees: Russell (Rusty) Crowe, MDS Daymude, Kim Walkup

Ray Prudhum opened the meeting. The minutes from the April 13, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Steve Wright motioned for approval, all members were in favor.

Public Time:

Rusty- Rusty's Towing spoke in regards to being called out and there is 4 to 6 passengers. Previously we agreed that we were not responsible for transporting people just the car. Would like to know if they are or are not responsible. Prudhum turned question over to Board Members. Steve Wright and Neil Stribling talked in regards to the hauling of passengers. Steve believes that Billy has in the past gone to the Patrol Captain. Prudhum will talk to Patrol Captain and feels that long term have something added to the ordinance. Prudhum said that he wanted to see what the level of expectation is with the Sheriff's Office and he will reach out with Tracy Gallehr in regards to this.

Work Session:

Prudhum announced that June 9th Board of Supervisors meeting Aaron Conner was appointed to the Tow Board and welcomed him.

Review of Stats- Prudhum wanted to talk about refusals and asked if you refuse a call where should the tower call be? Prudhum wants to manage internally and is one of the priorities. Steve said that refusals that sometimes he is tied up on another call. It is when it is in excess that it needs addressed. Stribling spoke that it is when tower A seems to refuse every abandoned vehicle and Tower B gets stuck and their lot is getting full of junk. Mrs. Walkup answered question reflecting abandoned vehicles and said she would have to check but might be able to from that code. Aaron Conner said that maybe they can just ask if the tow company is available. Dave feels that they should be given some idea of what is going on because if there is 3 people and you have a rollback and can only take two.

Prudhum explained and passed around the sheet regarding tow inventory sheets from the concern at the last tow meeting. He had patrol commander to pull a random sampling. Some deputies were more thorough than others and he will remind that we want the tow inventory sheets filled out.

Tracy Gallehr will be coming for FOIA & Conflict of Interest training at next quarterly meeting.

Applications - Prudhum thanked for having tow packets in a timely fashion. Kudos to Mrs. Walkup for coordinating the efforts that took place today. Inspection were very thorough. This year they included the State Police and MDS Daymude who recently certified Motor Carrier from the Sheriff's Office.

Prudhum checked insurance companies for Fauquier County towers and said they were more than adequate.

Prudhum handed out information on tow zones. Stribling still does not agree with it. Prudhum replied that if this is going to be an agenda item we will add as a work session item. Steve Wright suggested that they should use two or three people, one from each zone to look at the map and recommend what should change. Prudhum replied that maybe we can bring in the Communications Supervisor and manage it that way. Neil Stribling spoke in regards to the ordinance stating these are the tow areas. Steve Wright said the Sgt. on duty can make that. Instead of taking to a work group we can bring in Patrol and Communications and talk to them about our concerns as a Board. Steve Wright agreed with doing Prudhum's suggestion. Prudhum will try to make happen at next quarterly meeting.

Stribling had a concern about the owners request form said he has not seen a form filled out for some time he believes a tower is passing out business cards he has no problems with someone turning on their lights and provide assistance, or direct traffic. There has been a couple of owners requests recently where the tow truck pulled up and it was loaded and tow request came out. Prudhum will address with dispatch as well as patrol. Prudhum read ordinance 13-73 Solicitation of business by authorized towers, and Section 13-72 compensation to authorized towers. Prudhum reviewed all the price sheets and if anybody had issues that is what FOIA is for. and Steve asked if he had to go to anybody for being too high. He had a few questions from Kim and consulted the county attorney. Prudhum wanted them to think about what is our level of reasonableness is.

Dave Foster said that he is finding a lot of people are not asked what they want and they just call next available. Tilley and Crummett said that WPD and State Police have it in the training manual spelled out to them and it might just be a training issue. Prudhum said that sometimes they have to separate personal from professional. Daymude commented that he was on a call and asked lady if she wanted anyone and she said no and they call next available and she got on phone and called another company so it goes both ways.

Sgt. Crummett commented on the inspections and window tinting and had MDS. Daymude and he speak in regards to window tinting. Prudhum read ordinance 13.66 inspections of authorized towers section c, d, e. Crummett 1st step of process, official notification will come from Prudhum. Russell Crowe wanted to know what windows. They answered side windows.

Steve Wright motioned that the meeting minutes dated 9/12/15 should be 9/2/15. Dave Foster seconded. All members were in favor.

Steve Wright want to look at the application process next year in regards to filling out the application packet. Prudhum said that he suggested not to wait until next process.

Next meeting date will be Wednesday, September 14, 2016. We will have at Warrenton Police Department if available.

Rusty asked if all towers can be emailed the meeting dates and times. Prudhum informed that all the information is on Fauquier County's website.

Meeting adjourned 16:59.