

Tow and Recovery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Warrenton Police Department

January 9, 2019

Members Present: Aaron Conner, Chandler Crowe, Ray Prudhum, Dave Foster, Ron Stanley, Eddie Payne, Neil Stribling

Members Absent: VSP Representative, Sam Tilley

Staff Lead: Steven Shiner

Other Attendees: Kim Walkup, Ronald Jessee

Steve Shiner called meeting to order. Review of minutes. Prudhum brought up item in regards to fees on page 2 of minutes, when you get out there and lose your turn, tough dilemma, wants to push back to them, talked to dispatch, how do you want to handle it, Prudhum said if you are the next due you are the next due, Rusty said they get a lot of calls in regards to pricing from dispatch he is unsure that they are going to next tower to see if cheaper. Prudhum is willing to sit down with Joell Kight. If you are the next due you are the next due. Rusty said if person is not a hazard on the side of road should call themselves. Aaron gave example on Rte. 66 and Dave gave another example where he told them to put him back on top of list and provided feedback to deputy. He also said there was another call where she was told she had to use the Sheriff's office and she called Dave back and said come get call she wasn't paying pricing. Aarons brought up second page about Stanley's being left in dark, Aaron confirmed that he had one on 66 and never seen the deputy before. Deputy did slide car over to help him out. Approval of minutes was motioned by Neil Stribling, seconded, and all Board Members were in favor.

Public Time

Ron Jessee- Subaru did not confiscate tags. Shiner asked what type of call. Jessee said abandoned vehicle. Shiner said they should of. Jessee wanted to let them know.

Complaints:

- 1) Nov 1 Aarons Towing 2007 International box truck. Towed 3 miles \$6500 for job. Had Conner take vehicle back to him and additional charge \$250. Was sent copy of invoice. Shiner said that they were towed by the lb. and confirmed with Tracy Gallehr and she had no problem with them using the max allowable. He found no violation since this was in his price sheet.

Stribling asked about the miles, Shiner confirmed 10 miles to Remington, Stribling asked if it was in line with what it should be and Foster asked about .35 per lb. weight and Aaron. Prudhum said they used the rate quotes that was determined at the beginning of the year, based on the weight they are in compliance. More discussion in regards to the call. Shiner corrected to 3 miles. More discussion about the length of tow. Neil Stribling commented he thought it was plenty and Ron Stanley commented that is why he said we needed to look at pricing before they are accepted. All board members present voted not to take to the hearing phase with the exception of Aaron Conner.

Prudhum discussed the ordinance history and said they will be discussing changes in the ordinance this evening. Steve will follow up that the complaint was in compliance with pricing and weight of vehicle.

Steve asked Stolen Vehicle recovery process from Hansford. The VA Code is 46.2-1209. Ron Stanley said if a person that owns stolen car want taken to address, Shiner said you have to discuss charge prior to. You have the right to tell them they have to come to the lot and do the paperwork and get it. Ron Stanley and the Board discussed the call further.

Aaron Conner said that the ordinance says Sheriff's office was supposed to fill out owners request forms. Shiner does not know why hasn't been done. Further discussion on the owners request form. Shiner will check with Tracy Gallehr. Aaron brought up Subsection 3 about amount of calls not guaranteed, Shiner sees it as if a dispatcher makes mistake and you miss a call there is no monetary reimbursement. Board reviewed stats and mistakes.

Ordinance Change Review Discussion:

1. Already separate- Towing and Service list for heavy duty towing (depends if we know ahead of time)
2. Board good with leaving alone- Penalty for turning down certain amount of tow calls per quarter
3. Currently one heavy duty company tagged and paying taxes in Town of Warrenton
4. Hand write on form with signature- Deputies not asking preference
5. Revisit- Cap the prices for towing
6. Revisit- Ford F550 can't legally tow a For F550 truck
7. All inspected per ordinance- Service Trucks meet requirements
8. Revisit- Tow company needs help with wreck they have to use another county tower for help, not use an out of county company
9. Not revisiting- Tow companies showing up with two or three trucks are owners being charged for all equipment
10. Per Dave forget about this one- We need to look at requirements of quick trip they are using in Richmond.

Prudhum suggested before next meeting everything suggested put in draft format. Shiner suggested if you brought up an amendment you like to put it together in draft form so it can be reviewed and sent to Tracy Gallehr. Prudhum asked about changing anywhere it states Sheriff to Sheriff or designee.

Foster does not have problem with Rusty bringing his truck over but is Sheriff or State Police as long as it is not a heavy duty.

Next meeting Kim will send out. Meeting motioned to adjourn by Prudhum seconded by seconded by Neil all in favor.

