Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee
January 7, 2009 – 9:30 AM
Science Museum of Virginia
Discovery Room
2500 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23230

Members present:

Charlie Brown
Gary Teter
Archie Orr
Scott Wyatt
Lt. Curtis Hardison
Randy Seibert
Roy Boswell

Staff Present:

J. Marc Copeland, Executive Director Rachel Swyers, Executive Intern Jeff Spencer, Esq., Senior Assistant Attorney General

Staff Absent:

Daphane Phillips

Call to order:

Chairman Teter calls the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Public Comments:

Due to the acoustics in the Science Museum, the recorder could not pick up public comments.

Constituents wanted to know if local law enforcement have been inform of the meeting. Executive Director Marc Copeland replied that they were informed, but had been unable to attend. Then a discussion on the definition of public safety towing ensued, concluded by Copeland stating that the point of these meetings were to determine the definition. There were then further public comments and discussion on the amount of involvement, past and future, of local law enforcement agencies in the formation of BTRO's regulations.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Teter states that the goals of the committee were to create minimum public safety regulations, involving local law enforcement in the process, and to decide on a schedule of meeting for the coming year. The board then expressed their desire to see a review of all public comments given since the formation of the board in order to base their future decisions.

Mr. Copeland states that five out of the seven minutes are on the website in PDF forms and that they have been on the site for quite some time. The Virginia Beach and the Harrisonburg minutes are very large and hope to have it on the website very soon.

Mr. Orr made a motion to schedule a licensing committee meeting in late March for reviewing the public safety comments; all approved the motion.

<u>Discussion on local government and state and local law enforcement view on public safety towing regulation:</u>

There was further discussion on how to increase the involvement of local law enforcement in public safety regulation formation. Copeland concluded that he would organize a late March public meeting with local law enforcement from around the state. Copeland said he would draft a letter to send to all local law enforcement to inform them of the meeting as soon as possible.

Adjourned:

Chairman Teter called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brown made the motion, which was second by Mr. Wyatt; the adjournment passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.