

**Board of Towing and Recovery**

**Public Safety Towing Call Meeting**

Public Hearing was held at Department of Motor Vehicle on July 16, 2007 in room 702 at 11:10 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Woody Herring  
Ray Hodge  
Mark Sawyer  
Captain Steve Chumley  
Lt. Curtis Hardison

**Other Present:**

Jeffrey A. Spencer, Esq., Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Benjamin Foster, Executive Director  
Daphane Phillips, Administrative Assistant

**Call to order:**

The Hearing was called to order at 11:10a.m. by Benjamin Foster, Executive Director.

**Director's Overview:**

The Board is here to listen to the comments that the public has to say in reference to the Public Safety Towing Propose Regulations. Mr. Foster states that the time for each member of the public to speak will be three minutes.

**Public Comments:**

Edward Hudson - Sam's towing of Chesterfield County.

Mr. Hudson states that Chesterfield County has a Towing Advisory Board and it has been in operations for years. They are regulated on everything from response time, rates, insurance, trucks, lots, and lot insurance. Mr. Hudson's wants to know if this Board will regulate how many trucks he needs to have or what type of trucks he needs to have in order to operate by the Proposed Regulations Standards. He has a small towing company and the type of truck that he needs to have per the board is not needed for his type of towing.

Mr. Ernie Cooper - Aristocrats Towing in Tidewater Virginia.

Mr. Cooper concerns are about the types of trucks he needs in order to operate. He has six snatch trucks and the Proposed Regulation states that he needs a rollback. He will not have any use for a rollback in his company and if he needs to get this equipment, it would be at a great cost just to have one on the lot in order to be regulated by the Board.

He states that the Boards need to look at the verbiage that is in the code. It states that he need to have an electric wrench or hydraulic to past code. He would like the Board to consider the costs of these equipments to the small towing companies.

Joe Russell

His concerns were on the large towing companies putting him out of business. He has a small business an all the talk throughout the small business tow truck drivers is the Board putting them out of business.

Mr. Foster thanks the public for coming and that the public comments will be presented to the full board at the next meeting.

Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.