

Towing Task Force Meeting Agenda Items
April 13th, 2022
2:00pm – 4:00pm

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes from 3/9/22 meeting
3. Discussion/Questions regarding Task Force communications policy
4. Open discussion time
5. Public comment time

Attachments:

- A. Meeting Minutes 3/9/2022
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Meeting opened at 2:02 pm.

1. Roll Call - Present members:

- Bailey, Nicole (rep for common interest communities) joined shortly after roll call.
- Chiriboga-Flor, Andrea (rep for communities disproportionately affected by nonconsensual tows)
- Connolly, John (rep for a towing association with experience in consensual towing)
- Dittman, Leonard (appointed by Chief of Colorado State Patrol)
- Forbes, Trevor (rep for nonconsensual towing carriers)
- Hill, Robert (Troy) (rep for an association of motor carriers as consumers of towing services)
- Howes, James (rep for insurance companies that insure towing operations)
- Lawless, Nichole (rep for communities disproportionately affected by nonconsensual tows)
- Peirce, Michael (rep for mobile home owners)
- Prunsky, Gregory (rep for local law enforcement agencies)
- Rich, Charles (Brandon) (rep for consumers of tow services, private property owners)
- Riley, Nathan (rep for Public Utilities Commission)

Not present:

- Hill, Robert (Troy) (rep for an association of motor carriers as consumers of towing services)
- Riester, Jefferey (appointed by Attorney General, experience enforcing Consumer Protection Act)
- Ruscha, JoyAnn (rep for people with disabilities)

Also present:

- Kelman, Ariel - Public attendee
- Roberts, John (Attorney General's office)
- Porras, Troy - Public attendee

2. Motion made to approve minutes from March 9th TTF meeting - Riley, seconded by Dittman. No nays, minutes approved as presented.

- Member Nate Riley introduced administrative items required by the task force members, who will be emailed a compliance affidavit to be signed and returned. Discussed state emails and the possibility of upcoming additional training and onboarding to be completed by task force members.

3. Roberts discussed how to handle public communications via email or one-on-one including recommendations about rates. Some questions and answers about proper methods for handling interactions.
4. Open discussion time.
 - Majority of the meeting was spent discussing questions on towing rates, and what fell within and outside the scope of tow task force duties.
 - Discussion on how initial tow rates were determined by previous task force committee, the formula used, and whether rate adjustments were or were not accepted.
 - Towing rates are currently scheduled to change based on consumer price index, as listed on DOLA, <https://cdola.colorado.gov/inflation-denver-aurora-lakewood-consumer-price-index>, and discussion was made on whether original formula could be used to evaluate pricing, other discussion if CPI fluctuations will be reflective of costs associated with towing industry, which are heavily influenced by fuel costs, vehicle costs, insurance costs, as well as labor and property values. Forbes discussed backtracking rates versus CPI as a baseline comparison. Connolly discussed price change implementation delays historically.
 - Forbes asked that any agenda items be emailed to him prior to upcoming meetings.
5. Public comment was opened, without public comment. Future meetings will allow for earlier public comment, after discussion of public leaving before public comment times.

Next meeting will be held May 11, meeting adjourned 4:02pm.