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T.R.P.C. News

Special Interest Articles:

- House Bill 11-1198 signed into law..
- Senate Bill 260 The Allen Rose Safety Act
- TRPC Board Elections.

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In Memory of Allen Rose – Killed in the line of duty.

Local Chapter Meetings are Important

Attending your local chapter meeting is an important part of getting the most from the many programs and benefits of your TRPC membership. It is also the first step in staying informed. Your chapter president attends a monthly board meeting and from there, passes on important information to the local chapter meeting.

Some of the information available to you at your chapter meetings include

information on the TRPC tire discount program, the TRPC workers comp program, legislation that is happening around the state and around the country, events and training opportunities as well as certification programs and classes.

Attending a local chapter meeting also gives you, the member, an opportunity to voice your opinions and concerns to the board via your chapter

president.

The towing industry is a community, and in addition to the other benefits of attending chapter meetings it gives you a chance to get to know other members of your towing community, establish working relationships and friendships and just enjoy the company of other members of your chapter.

Support your chapter!!

Senate Bill SB-260 – The Allen Rose Safety Act

Signed into Law

SB 260 allows tow-truck drivers to place a warning sign on the driver's side of unoccupied vehicles scheduled to be towed.

These signs warn drivers that they may be prosecuted for operating or attempting to operate the vehicle being towed.

These signs can only be placed on the vehicle being towed at that time, this is not a license to post multiple signs on multiple vehicles in an effort to keep them hostage until

you return.

Misplacement of a warning sign is a class 3 misdemeanor, which can lead to 0-6 months in jail and/or a fine ranging from \$50 to \$750.¹

Additionally, any attempt to remove warning signs from vehicles by anyone other than authorized tow-truck drivers is a class 3 misdemeanor.

SB 260 also specifies tow trucks as being included in the "Move Over Law".

Senator Morse had this to say ""Towing is a

very dangerous business. This bill seeks to protect tow-truck drivers and make it safer for them to perform their jobs. This bill will help prevent tragedies like this in the future and will make it so that Allen Rose will not have died in vain."

Senate Majority Leader John Morse (D-Colorado Springs) introduced this bill after being contacted by a private citizen, Mike Baier, who wanted to help after seeing what happened to Allen Rose.

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*"It's easy to make a
buck. It's a lot tougher to
make a difference."
~Tom Brokaw."*

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TRPC State Elections - 2011

2011 represents an election year for the TRPC Executive Board. Those elected will serve a two year term starting in 2012.

If you are a member and you would like to nominate someone for one of the five Executive Board positions now is the perfect time to do it.

The person being nominated will need to agree to accept their nomination and must be a member of the TRPC. This years nomination committee is made up of Char Swaney and Terri Pelham. Please contact either of them with your nomination.

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2011 for the Towing Industry

2011 has seen many events in the Towing Industry. Some caused great sadness and others gave reason to celebrate.

In February we lost Allen Rose to a horrific incident. Our industry came together and produced the longest tow truck funeral procession in our states history. The Ports at

Colorado Springs even shut down while the procession passed by. We made a statement about the safety of tow truck drivers and we were heard.

The House of Representatives produced unprecedented legislation that impacts our industry.

The Senate produced further legislation aimed at making our jobs and our industry a safer place to operate.

It has been a busy year so let us all take some time to enjoy the Colorado Tow Show

*"Allen was a good man,
a loving husband,
father, friend and a
Veteran."*

Renee Rose

*Visit the web site and
participate in the
discussion forum
(titled blog).*

About Our Organization...

Towing & Recovery Professionals of Colorado is the state association here to help towers find information on our industry, handle state level legislation, meetings with other towers to find out what is happening in their part of the state. We also have a Widows and Orphans Relief Fund that helps families in the case of a serious accident or death.