

Towing & Recovery Professionals of Colorado

T.R.P.C. Bulletin

Victim Advocates Aiding Tow Truck Operators in Colorado

Meeting Schedule

- Tow Show Meeting
April 17, 2008
6pm @ Bono's
- Regular Board Meeting
May 06, 2008
7pm @ Mickey's
- Tow Show Meeting
May 21, 2008
6p @ Bono's
- Regular Board Meeting
June 3, 2008
7pm @ Mickey's
- Heavy Duty Chapter Meeting, June 20, 2008
Jeffco Fairgrounds
Time TBD
- All Board Meetings at Mickey's Steakhouse, 70th & Broadway. Dinner is at 6:30p and meetings start at 7pm.

Far too often, we are called to the scene of a fatality or serious injury accident. Most just assume that our job is to simply clear the wreckage. But we know better. How many times have we been asked to move or lift the vehicle so that the Fire Department can remove the body!? It happens ~ more than any of us would like to admit. And when it's all said and done, we clear the scene and are not thought of again.

Are the Officers, Firefighters, and Paramedics forgotten when they clear? No. They are offered "debriefings" and counseling if necessary. Something that is considered for all emergency personnel except us. Just another reminder that we, the towers, are merely emergency personnel of convenience.

But, thanks to the efforts of Board

Member At Large, Terri Cloonan-Pelham, our presence on those scenes will now be somewhat more recognized.


In March, Terri attended the Colorado Organization of Victim Advocates Conference to speak on our behalf. She explained that our operators could benefit from being a part of the "debriefings" and counseling as they too are exposed to tragedies that can be very difficult to process.

In response to Terri, the directors of each law enforcement agency that was in attendance are now more aware of our existence and exposure. We were given a list of Victim Advocates for each jurisdiction that we can contact in the instance that one of our drivers is subject to the scene of a fatality. If you would like a copy of this list,

please contact Terri at Boulder Valley Towing, 303-444-4868.

For now, it will be the responsibility of the business owner or manager to contact the appropriate Victim Advocate. This is something that will need to occur very quickly after the fatality. At that time, we will be able to request that our driver attend the department "debriefing", or that our driver talk to the Victim Advocate.

Some Advocates may seek us out after listening to Terri's speech, however, please don't count on all of them doing so.

We will make sure that we keep you updated as we continue to work with these agencies in an effort to get them to automatically recognize us when dealing with First Responders. 

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Cozy Bob's Corner...

Greetings! I hope that everyone's year has been successful!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a new member and Broker for our Pinnacol program ~ Western Group, Inc.! They have proven that they are dedicated to help this program grow and I am very proud to announce their addition to the TRPC.

They have locations in the following areas for your convenience:

Pueblo, 719-543-3604; Montrose, 970-249-6661; Delta, 970-874-4455; Hotchkiss, 970-872-3174; Lakewood, 303-202-0082; Colorado Springs, 719-448-9609; Cortez, 970-565-1444; Eagle, 970-328-2055; Durango, 970-247-2693.

If you have any questions, would like to join the association discount program, or need help to become Cost Containment Certified, you may contact an office near you. They are more than happy to assist

you in any way they can.

On a different note, please remember that the 2008 Colorado Tow Show is coming fast. Things are coming together very well and I am very pleased with all that is planned. You may download the pre-registration forms online. Please get those in so that we can plan accordingly. Also, if you want to get your TRAA Levels 2 & 3, you need to contact me ASAP at 303-665-6775. See you in June

~ Cozy Bob

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2008 Colorado Tow Show

Mark your calendars for the 2008 Colorado Tow Show in conjunction with WreckMaster Levels 2/3 & 4/5. **June 16-21, 2008** at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden, CO.

WreckMaster Level 2/3 will be held June 16-17, 2008 from 8a-5p both days at the Fairgrounds. Please call Connie at 303-789-2593 to sign up. You will need a credit card to hold the space.

WreckMaster Level 4/5 will be held June 18-19, 2008 from 8a-5p both days at the Fairgrounds. Please call Connie at 303-789-2593 to sign up. You will need a credit card to hold the space.

The **Annual TRPC Meeting** will be held Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 6pm at the Fairgrounds.

The show itself will be held **Friday, June 20, 2008 and Saturday, June 21, 2008**. Please review the inserted pre-registration form to sign up and save!

Stan Barthlama will be instructing a full day **Towing 101** course on Friday, June 20, 2008 from 8a-5p at the Fairgrounds. Please note that this class is for your newest towers with less than a years experience.

Trooper Bill Mayfield with the Colorado State Patrol will be holding two 4 hour courses on the **Abandon Motor Vehicle Process** both Friday & Saturday, June 20-21, 2008. The Schedule of Events will be released within

The 2007/2008 TRPC Membership Directories are available for purchase. They are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Please contact Char at 303-665-6775 to get your copy today!

Check out our website at www.trpc-online.org ! We are listening to your feedback and are working to make the website everything you would like it to

the next few weeks on our website with the times.

Various seminars will be taking place throughout the show to include seminars by renowned speaker **D.J. Harrington** and Pinnacol Assurance.

We currently have **20 Exhibitors** with more coming in each day! The following is a list current through April 01, 2008: AAA Colorado; AAA Wholesale; Cable Tech Sling & Supply; Colorado State Patrol/Level 1 Inspections, Hazmat, & Motor Units; Columbine Automotive Products; Federal Signal; International Towing & Recovery Hall of Fame & Museum; Insurance of Denver, Inc.; Pinnacol Assurance; Progressive Commercial Insurance; LDC Insurance Services, Inc.; Mid America Wrecker Sales, Inc.; Public Utilities Commission; Roadside Safety Supply, Inc.; Summit Truck Equipment; Towing & Recovery Professionals of Colorado; Towing & Recovery Footnotes Magazine; Unifirst Uniform Services, Inc.; Western Group, Inc.; WreckMaster.

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be! Please be patient as these changes require a great deal of time and are being made by volunteers! If you have questions or concerns, please contact Connie at 303-789-2593.

The Heavy Duty Chapter will be holding a meeting at the Tow Show on Friday, June 20, 2008. We will announce the times in the near

Back by popular demand this year is the **Owner Only Drawing**. This year we will be giving away an all expense paid trip for two to Las Vegas, NV. Must be present to enter and win. Graciously sponsored by Mid America Wrecker Sales, Inc. & Summit Truck Equipment.

New this year is a **General Drawing** for anyone to enter. Prizes include a 1957 Full Size Juke Box Replica; 37" Flat Screen HD Television; Tickets to Kenny Rogers, Live in Concert; DVD/VCR Player; and a Car Battery. Contact your Chapter President, Bob Swaney, or Connie Antill for tickets.

Once again we will have a **Friday Evening Picnic** with the **In-House Casino Night** to follow! You do not want to miss the fun this year. There will be lots of fun and prizes at the end of the Casino Night!

The **Saturday Evening Awards Banquet & Auction** holds a 50's theme this year. Dress the part or just come and have a good time!

We are bringing back the **competitions** for Saturday, June 21, 2008 to include: Truck Beauty; Serious Driving; Fun Driving; and Roll Over.

As you can see, we have a lot of fun planned. You definitely don't want to miss this years show!

We'll see you there!

future. If you have questions about a Heavy Duty issue, please contact John Connolly at 303-424-3445.

If you have something you would like to write about or see written about in this newsletter, please contact Connie at 303-789-2593.



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