

**MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND
AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD**

DATE: July 31, 2013

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

**PLACE: Department of Business Regulation
Conference Room –69-1
1511 Pontiac Avenue
Cranston RI 02920**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Reynolds – Chairman, Gerald Galleshaw, Lt. David Doucet, Chris Hurd, Louis De Quattro, Jr., John Mancone

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Steve Altieri, Dennis Gamba, Al Olney

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Precious, Randy Bottella, Tom Gallagher

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:47 AM.

MINUTES:

Chairman Reynolds motioned to accept the minutes of the June 26, 2013 meeting.

Seconded by Lt. Doucet, All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Renewal update: Per Mr. De Quattro legal will be sending out eighteen letters and will issue warning letters to those shops that have complied but sent late renewals. For those that don't come into compliance and did not submit renewals they will have a show cause hearing.

Inspection update: Per Mr. Mancone there was four shops found on inspection to be working with no renewal filed. Two have been sent and two will be sent to legal. Five shops closed. Five shops working on renewal.

Mr. Bottella brought up the number of complaints and wondered why the Department has not referred any complaints to ABARI like it did in the past? The Department does sometimes let complainants know there are other resources to help them and suggests they can contact ABARI.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bottella questioned if the Department would be submitting a legislation package next session to include updating auto glass. Per Mr. De Quattro, yes the Department plans to. Mr. Bottella asks that the Department keep the Board informed. Chairman Reynolds stated that there is a Department bulletin in force for glass until law can be updated. Glass application to be updated to include area to list training and experience. Mr. De Quattro asked that this be kept on agenda to keep an eye on auto glass to remind Department changes are needed for next legislation session.

Chairman Reynolds brought to the Departments attention a problem with insurance companies determining the number of days paid for rental coverage. He wants it on record to indicate this is an unfair practice. There have been problems this summer in the paying of

rental car bills during the heat wave. Repairs took longer with temperatures in the 90's and 100's. Certain insurance companies were refusing to pay for extra days on the rental to accommodate for the unforeseen delay in repairs. Mr. De Quattro and Chairman Reynolds will discuss with the Insurance Division to see if this is or will be an ongoing problem or if there is any bulletins that have addressed this area in the past.

Chairman Reynolds introduced Mr. Tom Gallagher from the DMV. There is a problem with Salvage Rebuilders not performing salvage repairs to regulation specifications. This is very dangerous for consumers. Technicians must be educated for salvage repair. Mr. Gallagher and Lt. Doucet will discuss issuing a complaint from DMV against a shop with Mr. Mancone after the meeting. The Board discussed that there is a need to update the Salvage Rebuilder Law 31-46-1 and Commercial Licensing Regulation 7, to make sure technicians have the experience needed for safe salvage repair. Mr. De Quattro wants to keep this on the agenda to purpose updated laws and regulations.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

(NONE)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(NONE)

Chairman Reynolds motioned to adjourn this open meeting. Seconded by Mr. Mancone. All members present were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on August 28, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Precious

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