



**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2010
CONNECTICUT OPERATION LIFESAVER COMMITTEE MEETING**

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- A Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Committee Meeting was held on February 24, 2010 at 10:00a.m. in Conference Room (A) at the Connecticut Department of Transportation Headquarters Building , 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131
- Meeting convened at approximately 10:20 AM.
- James Peay Chairman

Attention:

- **Three (3) committee members of the representatives attended.**

Sergeant Frank Sawicki	Public Safety - Connecticut State Police
Alex Goff	Civic Organization URS Corp. CT Trolley
David/Barbra Peters (Designee)	Civic Organization
- Three (3) Technical Advisers

Miss Barbra Peters	Peter & Dave Peters Rail Museum
Richard Towle	FRA Region 1 Law Enforcement Liaison
- Max Miller
Civic Organization

Sec. 13b -376. Operation Lifesaver Committee Appointment, Duties, Regulations

- Vacant Position: Parent Teacher Association as appointed by Senate Majority House Leader Martin M. Looney (Notice Sent- comment will address).
- Vacant Position: Local Government Official Senate Minority Leader John McKinney Comment: ACCORDING TO MY RECORDS IT SEEMS THIS BOARD WAS RATHER INACTIVE. IS THE BOARD BECOMING ACTIVE AGAIN? AND WHERE WOULD THE BOARD MEET?

Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Committee Membership Update

- One representative of local law enforcement agency as appointed by the majority leader Denise W. Merrill obligation completed the current mandated members listing of nine member Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Committee, Section 13-d-376 of the Connecticut General Statutes: By appointing : Police Officer; Ms. Valerie Sousa . Committee member present welcomed Ms. Sousa and recognized here value in being involved with the enforcement, and operation lifesaver program for many years

(Ms. Sousa earlier notice of her duties as officer having mandated training session scheduled for the same date; February 24, 2010 and being in attendance. As one of the OL Educational Sub-Committee member, Ms. Sousa keeps up with the principle of the national program, Mission Statement Operation Lifesaver Committee.

Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Committee Membership Update

- Officer Cliff Tucker provided notice had emergency and apologized missing important State Committee meeting
- Early notice : Representative of railroad industry as appointed by Speaker of House Christopher G. Donovan; Mr. Russell St. John apologized for not being able to attend due to other scheduled Transportation state held meetings
- Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Certified Trainer M. Heather Smith Logisticare earlier notice, apology had same day High staffing demands for her to address.

Change in General Structure of Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Leadership Structure

- Announcement was sent to Operation Lifesaver Inc. President; Helen Shument request to recognize change CTOL leadership status : Acting Operation Lifesaver Programs Coordinator Ms. Pamela Guinan, The Connecticut Department of Transportation has appointed Mr. James Peay as effect date November 2009 to head the states rail safety awareness program.
- (Committee members would like to recognized Ms. Guinan for her past performance and contributions and request CTOL state coordinator under their guidance committee appreciation, forward (letter appreciation, and wish her the best in new position.

Committee Meeting Notices, Agenda and Minutes Posted on CTOL Website

- On October 2009 Committee meeting notices, agenda and minutes began being posted on the CTOL Website (<http://www.ct.gov/dot/oplife>).

Operation Lifesaver Committee Status 2009 Report Annual Report was forwarded to the state legislatures and meeting National OLI due date: January 1, 2010 which was changed by OLI office to help with regional reporting procedures. A one time extension too: February 16, 2010. CTOL program qualified/ received \$1,500 FY2010, Grant state funds. Through regional efforts all of regional 1s state OL program received in addition \$1,500

Committee members requested grant funds should be made available for membership training and purchase additional training materials).

Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Volunteer Training Course Update for Presenters

- Member taught about mandatory OLI update new presentation visuals must be shown with all driving-age audiences, ENS/DOT slide. All presentations must include at least one trespass prevention visual, and new professional Driver's video. "Stay Alive When You Drive" CT-Trainer must remind the volunteers they need to report their presentations online within 10 days of their presentation date. Each will log in www.oli.org. For computer access. CTOL state coordinator will share any state information or state statistics. Through Connecticut Operation Lifesaver presenter, volunteers and associates all member notified e-mail training must be completed for all Connecticut presenters before end of March 31, 2010. CTOL Trainer has open schedule times for individual presenter conference/Phone calls and arrange for personal meetings.

Connecticut Operation Lifesaver New Candidates for Certified Presenter Training date.

Currently CTOL has eight perspective interested member. April's courses have been tentatively scheduled: April 5, 6 or 8th, 2010 notice received of acceptance from volunteers.

Recruitment efforts for Bilingual Speakers. V-e-mail request CAUSA, Inc. Connecticut Association for United Spanish Action. CTOL State Coordinator has focus to serve Hispanic /Latino Organizations. Mission and goal in mind is to further the CTOL outreach. Notice for board member to follow-up with its member agencies and contact, Connecticut OL-State Coordinator, for assistance.

Connecticut Operation Lifesaver OL Van Use and Maintenance

- OL-Van is now available for all FY2010 Operation Lifesaver scheduled activities.

Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Grade Crossing Collision Investigation Course

- Public Safety Sgt Frank Sawicki recommends reviewing suggested dates and times for Training Session to be scheduled FY2010. Follow-up for necessary meeting to arrange action/plan.

Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Sub-Committee

- Held meeting 8:45 AM. February 24, 2010, CDOT Headquarters Building Newington, CT Conference Room (A)
- Attendance (1) Sgt Frank Sawicki (Public Safety) Review received Compliant about professional driver w/ resolution in matters.

Deaths: Along Connecticut's ROW's and Highway Rail Grade-Crossing Intersections.

- Three Trespassers
- One Motor Vehicle Collision

Connecticut Department of Transportation's "Commemoration of Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Day"

- Amtrak Ms. Valerie Sousa Suggestion New London as a site for public awareness cornerstone of the program (Maybe May 2010).

Regional Efforts on/ Connecticut Day - BIG E Mass, W/FRA

- Wednesday September 22, 2010

Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Introduction Plan FY 2010 through 2014

- Draft proposal provided Committee Member, Technical Advisers and associates. Requesting individual support to any amendment, or recommendations associated with their findings. All findings will be open for discussion. Committee Meeting: CTOL 10:00 AM. March 22, 2010- Headquarters Building 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Room (B).

Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Meeting Adjourns

- **The Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Committee adjourned at approximately 11:57 AM.**

