



MINUTES OF THE March 22, 2010

CONNECTICUT OPERATION LIFESAVER COMMITTEE MEETING

**CONNECTICUT OPERATION LIFESAVER COMMITTEE MEETING CONVENES**

- A Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Committee Meeting was held on March 22, 2010 at 10:00a.m. in Conference Room (B) at the Connecticut Department of Transportation Headquarters Building , 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131
- Meeting convened at approximately 1014 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 involvement to the enforcement, effort of CTOL lifesaver program.

### **Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Committee Membership Update**

- Officer Cliff Tucker provided important information on advertisement space at each of Connecticut's Union station where the platform area is unadvertised for OL programs safety material to be viewed. A field evaluation with Amtrak Officer Cliff Tucker accrued and many promising areas exist w/ result will develop for future advertisement opportunities OL material
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- Early notice : Representative of railroad industry as appointed by Speaker of House Christopher G. Donovan; Mr. Russell St. John commented on trespass problems through the industry
- Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Certified Trainer M. Heather Smith Logistic are recognize that current presenters had high demands for training more potential personnel to address and meet demands future presentation request, bus drivers, professional tractor trailer truck driver's and driver education students or any others in need. Max Miller commented to his involvement with Meriden driving school who have contacted him regularly for evening presentations

### **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 and OLI Program development council has election developing for the
- **2010FY (16<sup>th</sup> International Operation Lifesaver Symposium and training Seminars and Theme this year "Navigating Rail Safety- Its Common Sense! Held: Monday, August 30, 2010 in Baltimore Maryland at the Hyatt Regency-Inner Harbor. All CTOL members are encouraged to attend Contact your State coordinator or director of education and train, OLI Wende Corcoran for highlights**

### **Committee Meeting Notices, Agenda and Minutes Posted on CTOL Website**

- On February 24 2010 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 In the CTOL Budget is \$3,000.00

**Motion** Al Goff to Committee members requested grant funds should be made available for membership training and purchase additional training materials).

**Second motion:** Sgt. Frank Sawicki, unanimous by all committee members present to accept.

### **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](http://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. **All CTOL presenters had received proper training**

### **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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 notice received of acceptance from volunteers. Some perspective candidate declined due to other reason given three forms the Danbury Railway museum is schedule training session. .

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. A follow-up meeting will be SET FOR IN THE FUTURE

### **Connecticut Operation Lifesaver OL Van Use and Maintenance**

- OL-Van is now available for all FY2010 Operation Lifesaver scheduled activities. The Van is being leased from CT-Transit and has been made available for all CTOL activities

### **Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Grade Crossing Collision Investigation Course**

- Public Safety Sgt Frank Sawicki and Officer Valerie Sousa recommend reviewing suggested dates. Training Session to be scheduled for FY2010.period w/follow-up to arrange action/plan.

### **Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Sub-Committee**

- Held meeting 8:45 AM. March 2, 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). National Train Safety Awareness day Was successful OL day held Union Station New haven Connecticut many thanks need to be send Amtrak Officer Cliff Tucker, Officer, Valerie Sousa and other Officer's for their endless support in Railway safety.

### **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). Final proposal was delivered to Community Advisory Manager Dennis King for the CDOT 's future approval

### **Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Meeting Adjourns**

- **The Connecticut Operation Lifesaver Committee adjourned at approximately 11:48 AM.**

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### **SUBJECT:**

**CTOL- Committee Meeting: Newington, Monday 10:00 A.M. Conference Rm. (B).**