



Santa Barbara Police & Fire Commission

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The following are recommendations I have for operators desiring inclusion on the Santa Barbara Police Dept. Tow Rotation List:

- Grandfather existing "Rules and Regulations for Tow Service Operators" currently on "The List"
- Require 1 year with city business license prior to application for inclusion
- There should be no minimum amount of tow trucks required as long as service provider can comply with the needs of the city. It should be noted that California Highway Patrol requires a minimum of 1 tow truck for each class.
- <26,000 GVW equipment has been sufficient for the majority of city towing for the past several decades and if companies are unwilling to participate in Class B towing that should be the choice of the company. It should be noted that California Highway Patrol does not require companies to participate in class B towing, in fact it is an entirely separate rotation. I think the board should consider allowing companies to use other companies with heavier equipment to facilitate towing to their yard for storage. For example: If company "A". is requested by the city to tow a vehicle larger than they are capable, and company "B". has equipment available to facilitate the tow within reasonable response time, they would tow the vehicle to company "A"'s storage yard and charge company "A" for the tow.
- Companies towing for the city should have their main office and storage yard located within city limits.
- The minimum amount of storage space should be reduced to 15,000 sq ft including primarily outdoor storage with secure indoor storage for a minimum of 1 vehicle. The main office and primary storage facility should be located at the same address, however should the primary yard be less than 15,000 sq ft, auxiliary storage yards should be optional.
- The Board should personally visit each and every operator's place of business prior to making their decision, and take into account what each company has to offer to the public. Each towing service in the Santa Barbara and Goleta area services different needs of the community and each is very different. Towing for the California Highway Patrol (which the proposed changes are clearly modeled after) and towing for the city of Santa Barbara is completely different. Changes to the Rules and Regulations should be carefully made as it may cripple several companies currently providing great service to the city.