

NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY

STATE OF NEVADA



HISTORY

- Established by the Nevada Legislature in 1969.
 - ~ To regulate the taxi industry in Clark County Nevada.

REASONS FOR CREATION

- Conflict & Dissarray
- Unregulated Industry
- Violence Among Taxi Drivers
- Poorly Maintained Vehicles
- Negative Media and Visitor Perceptions about coming to Las Vegas
- Need for Safe, Car Metered Transportation

CONFLICT

IN LAS VEGAS TAXI DISPUTE

BOUNTY OFFER MADE



Bounty Put
On Taxicab
Militants

Militants
In Cab War
Worth Cash

The Checker Cab Co. yesterday posted a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest of persons responsible for Thursday night's attack on company drivers and cabs at the Desert Inn and

NV TAXICAB AUTHORITY - *Then*

- Taxicab Authority began operations with just 8 employees
 - Regulating -
 - 8 Taxicab Companies
 - 275 Taxicabs and 600 Drivers



NV TAXICAB AUTHORITY - *Now*

- 63 Employees
- 16 Taxicab Companies – Consisting of 9 Operator Groups
- 3,050 Taxicabs (in Nov 2015)
- 11,000+ Permitted (Licensed) Taxicab Drivers



MISSION

The Mission of the Nevada Taxicab Authority is to provide for the safety, comfort and convenience of the taxicab riding public.

TA FUNCTIONS

✓ The regulation and enforcement of rules and regulations governing the taxicab industry

✓ The allocation of medallions (plates) representing the authority to operate a taxicab.

NV TAXICAB AUTHORITY - *Structure*

ADMINISTRATION

Testing

Criminal History

Licensing

Permitting

Administrative Court

Taxicab
Authority
Board

COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT

Vehicle Inspection

Public Safety Dispatch

Enforcement

Driver Training



TAXICAB AUTHORITY BOARD

Members:

Chairman – Ileana Drobkin
Dennis Nolen
Dean Collins
Bruce Aguilara
James Campos

Responsibilities:

1. Adopt regulations for the administration and regulation of the Agency.
2. Conduct hearings/decide:
 - a. Rates, charges and fares,
 - b. Applications to operate a taxi company,
 - c. How many taxicabs can operate,
 - d. Driver appeals.

CHALLENGES

- Infrastructure
- Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)
- Technological Revolution
- Unlicensed Vehicles & Drivers (Gypsy Cabs)
- Long Hauling
- Antiquated Regulations

CRITICAL COMPONENTS

[Components to Success]

Safety

- Licensed Drivers
- Inspected Vehicles
- Standards of Conduct
- Oversight/Accountability
- Safe Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Availability & Reliability

- Keep up with Growth
- Track Wait Times
- Central Comm. Hub
- Rate Transparency for the Public

Critical Components – Cont'd

Ability for Taxis to Move Freely

- Dedicated Lanes
- Light Synchronization
- Coordination with Construction and Maintenance Projects

Out-Of-The Box Thinking

- Transportation Plan for all New Construction
- Additional Staging Areas
- Loading Assistance
- Creation of Easements on the Strip

SHORT TERM SOLUTIONS

- ✓ Add additional staging areas
- ✓ Develop an Event/Traffic Coordinator Group
- ✓ Improve coordination of road work, maintenance and construction during large conventions
- ✓ Additional options for taxi drivers and routes

QUESTIONS

- Ileana Drobkin

Nevada Taxicab Authority

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