



CALLSIGN

Ohio Appreciates Professional Communications Operations

November 2013

Jay Somerville, President (614) 410-4800

jsomerville@dublin.oh.us

Frank Bowen, 1st Vice President (614) 239-5043

fbowen@columbusairports.com

Kelley Davidson, 2nd Vice President (614) 277-1769

kdavidson@ci.grove-city.oh.us

Danielle J. Klavinger, ENP Secretary/Treasurer (419) 213-6567

dklavinger@co.lucas.oh.us

Callsign Editor: Dan Lutz (513) 476-6199 dlutz@westchesteroh.org

President's Message

For those of you that attended the September membership meeting and participated in the NG9-1-1 town hall discussion, THANK YOU for your input and participation. The staff at LR Kimball gained valuable input from each of you that they will use to help develop the roadmap for NG9-1-1 in Ohio. For those that were unable to join us, there will be many more opportunities for you to participate. The Statewide ESINet Steering Committee continues to meet, generally on the first and third Thursday's of each month, to plan the future of 9-1-1 in Ohio. Once LR Kimball delivers their recommendations, which are expected in late November, the work of implementation will begin in earnest. Participation by Ohio's PSAP managers and county 9-1-1 coordinators is imperative. You simply can't sit on the sidelines during this effort. Check www.ohioapco.org regularly, or subscribe to @ohioapco on Twitter to stay informed.

With the election of Holly Wayt to the APCO International Board of Directors, the position of Executive Council Representative for Ohio became vacant. First, congratulations to Holly! I thank her for taking on this challenge and for giving the Ohio Chapter a continued prominent presence in APCO Leadership. Second, I would to announce that I have appointed Captain Matt Franke of the Butler County Sheriff's Office to the position of Executive Council Representative. Matt previously served as President of the Ohio Chapter and has represented the chapter on the Ohio SIEC and the ESINet Technical Committee. Thanks to Matt for agreeing to serve our membership in this vital role!

As Chapter President, I am still looking for qualified volunteers to serve on the chapter's Training Committee. As I announced at the September chapter meeting, the focus of this committee will be directed towards the development of training standards for telecommunicators. The plan will be to provide these recommendations to the ESINet Steering Committee as they put together technical and operational standards for Ohio. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let me know via e-mail by no later than Monday November 25th. I will make appointments to the committee shortly thereafter.

(Continued Pg. 2)

November Chapter Events

Ohio APCO Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday – Nov 6th, 2013 8:30 AM

Holiday Inn, 7007 North High Street (RT23 Just south of I-270 in Worthington)

Ohio APCO/NENA Combined Chapter Business Meeting

Wednesday – Nov. 6th, 2013 10:00 AM

Holiday Inn, 7007 North High Street (RT23 Just south of I-270 in Worthington)

Vendor displays open at 10:00AM

Lunch at noon

Business meeting starts at 1:00 PM

APCO - INTERNATIONAL

President

Gigi Smith
Police Operations Manager
Salt Lake Valley Emergency Comm. Center
Salt Lake City, UT
gsmith@vecc9-1-1.com

Board of Directors- North Central Region

Robin Tieman, RPL Missouri Chapter Cass County Comm. Harrisonville, MO. robin@casscounty.com	Holly Wayt ENP, RPL Ohio Chapter City of Westerville Comm. Westerville, OH. holly.wayt@westerville.org
--	--

Executive Council Representative

Matt Franke
Butler County Sheriff's Office
mfranke@butlersheriff.org
705 Hanover St.
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

OHIO CHAPTER COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Activities & Membership

Dan Lutz
West Chester Township Communications

Automated Frequency Advisor

Paul Mayer
APCO Local Advisor – OHIO
mayerp@apointl.org

Constitution & Bylaws

Terry Hamilton
Ashland Co Sheriff's Office

Emergency & Disaster Preparedness

Frank Bowen
Columbus Regional Airport Authority

Callsign Newsletter

Dan Lutz
West Chester Twp. Communications

Legislative Committee

Jay Somerville, ENP
Dublin, Division of Police

Commercial Advisory Committee

Chris Zigo
Motorola Solutions Inc.

Training

Patrick Goldschmidt
Shelby Co. Sheriff's Office

(Continued From Pg. 1)

I want to thank former president Mike Banks for agreeing to serve as the new WebMaster for the chapter. Mike will update the web site and the Twitter account with "news you can use". Don't hesitate to send him any information you think might be useful to the membership.

Finally, I want to apologize for not being able to attend the November chapter meeting. I had already committed to an out of state teaching engagement before the 2013 meeting calendar was posted. First VP Frank Bowen will join NENA President Anne Barr to lead the meeting. I hope to see each of you before the holiday season!

Keep them safe!

Jay



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT
Matt Franke-Butler County Sheriff's Office
November 2013

Over the past year a candid assessment was conducted of various programs that APCO Int'l. offers. From the assessment, the following changes were implemented:

- The Women's in Leadership Conference was eliminated.
- The Winter Summit was eliminated.
- The Technology Roundtables were eliminated.
- The Emerging Technology Forums were created and held in Washington, D.C., Anaheim, California and Chicago, Illinois.
- The Annual Conference was revamped, as well as the annual Executive Council meeting was restructured.

Public Safety Foundation of America building was dedicated as the Gregory T. Riddle building earlier this year to honor Greg for his lifetime of service to the public safety community.

Budgetary information

Revenues exceeding \$10,250,000 which is a 2% increase over budgetary estimates and a 7% growth in the last two years. Training Dept. saw a 40% growth in the numbers of people trained; around 17,000 participants in the past year. The addition of the Illuminations dispatch education program contributed to a piece of this spike in the numbers. (Illuminations is the "at your desk" training program which offers a different monthly topic for continuing education through an annual subscription based service. Per student cost - \$99/non-member, \$89/member, \$79/ group of 26-50 or \$69 group of 51 and up.)

Right at the end of the conference, Director Poarch announced that the membership numbers exceeded the 20,000 member mark, which was a goal that was set one year ago. The total membership numbers have seen a greater than 40% increase in the last two years and the numbers are still climbing.

Full-time staff numbers are currently at 50 with 5 vacancies.

Grants - \$50,000 was provided to membership for various reasons through the APCO Scholarship program.

Text to 9-1-1 Carrier Agreement

Last December APCO announced that it helped broker an agreement among the nation's four largest wireless providers in which they voluntarily committed to offering text to 9-1-1 services. The agreement specified that the carriers will make text to 9-1-1 services available to PSAPs no later than May 15, 2014 and bounce-back messages (auto replies) by June 30, 2013 when text to 9-1-1 is not available in a particular area.

AppComm

The AppComm site continues to grow and improve. Users of the site provide critical insight in identifying the best apps for public safety use. Please be sure to take a moment to visit www.appcomm.org and share your thoughts and opinions on the apps provided, submit ideas for new apps to serve public safety needs and suggest additional apps that should be included on the site.

Governance Reform Task Force creation

A new task force was created within the last few months by President Hall to do a cursory review of the Strategic Governance Initiative that was enacted 4 years ago. Their purpose is to take a look at the current processes and make any suggestions for improvement or change that might be needed. Any suggestions that are brought forward from the task force will be passed along.

Quorum Resolution 1

The Intent: Amend the APCO Policy Manual to clarify and standardize the locations, terms, and descriptions of the requirements for the APCO Senior Member APCO Life Member designations.

This Resolution modified and streamlined the wording for the eligibility criteria for Senior and Life Membership designations within the Policy Manual. It also relocates the information from PM Article IV, Section 4.13 **(Continued Pg. 4)**

(Continued From Pg. 3)

to PM Article IV, Section 4.3 and 4.4. It does also move the control from the Quorum to the Board of Directors for future changes.

Vote taken – passed with no objections voiced.

2014 APCO Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana August 3-6, 2014

Annual Call for Papers is now open and can be accessed at www.apco2014.org. The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2013.

If you are interested in speaking at the Annual conference or know someone who might be a good fit, please take the time to pass along the website or send in a submission.

2nd Vice-President Election

Brent Lee from the Nevada Chapter was elected to serve on the Executive Committee as the next APCO International 2nd Vice-President.



SECRETARY & TREASURER REPORT

Danielle Klavinger, ENP
Lucas County Emergency Services

Ohio Chapter of APCO Wednesday, Sept 11th 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes

8:30 a.m. Committee Meeting: APCO Executive Board

10:00 a.m. Vendor display: Public Safety Systems Inc. (PSSI) and Sound Communications

10:00 a.m. Meetings: Region 33 700RPC / 800 RPC Statewide ESINet – Focus Group

12:00 p.m. Lunch provided by Cassidian Communications

1:00 p.m. Joint APCO and NENA Business Meeting

2:00 p.m. Presentation: Road Map for Next Gen 9-1-1 in Ohio by LR Kimball & Associates

Jay Somerville, Ohio APCO President opened the meeting welcoming attendees. Kelley Davidson led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report: Danielle Klavinger; asked for a motion to accept the May minutes as written and posted on the Ohio APCO's website. Frank Bowen motioned to accept, seconded by Ken Stewart with no further discussion the motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Danielle Klavinger; as of August 31, 2013; **APCO Checking- \$4,945.78** expenses of \$1,939.60 and a transfer of \$10,000.00 to the Money Market account plus income of \$444.26 from APCO Ntl, **Money Market-\$27,019.46** interest income of \$13.86, **Gold Star/Conference Checking- \$20,049.84** expenses of \$13,450.21 (\$13,447.01 to Kalahari) and income of \$220.00 from conference attendees. Frank Bowen motioned to accept, seconded by Patrick Goldschmidt with no further discussion the motion carried with all in favor.

Executive Council Report: Holly Wayt; Holly's recent appointment to the APCO National Board of Directors at the August Conference was announced. Matt Franke was thereby appointed by Jay Somerville to fill the vacated position of Ohio Chapter Executive Council.

- Revenues exceeding \$10,250,000 reflecting a 2% increase.
- Illuminations is an "at your desk" training program offering monthly topics for continuing education through an annual subscription. Per student cost - \$99/non-member, \$89/member, \$79/ group of 26-50 or \$69 group of 51 and up.
- Grants - \$50,000 was provided to membership for various reasons through the APCO Scholarship program.
- AppComm; users of the site provide critical insight in identifying the best

apps for public safety use. Visit www.appcomm.org and share your opinions on apps provided, submit new apps, and suggest additional apps that should be included on the site.

- 2014 APCO Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana August 3-6, 2014

Joint Conference Committee: Rose Chambers; 2015 conference venue will be discussed at the Conference Committee meeting in November. Meeting time has yet to be determined. Conference help is always appreciated so if you have time or talent and want to volunteer please contact either of the chapter officers.

Gold Star Committee: Alan Fish; announced that the Gold Star banquet will now be held as a bi-annual event being held in conjunction with the conference. Recipients will still be awarded on a yearly basis even though the conference is held as a bi-annual event. Alan reminded attendees to begin submitting nominations for 2013. The 2015 Conference will honor nominees from 2013 and 2014.

TERT Committee: Ken Stewart; Ohio TERT initiative documents have been submitted to the Texas Chapter TERT committee for their review and suggestions. Anyone interested please contact Ken for more information.

APCO Committee update: Jay Somerville; announced plans to review and revise existing committees at the November meeting.

SIEC Update: Darryl Anderson absent, by Matt Franke; The next meeting of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) will be held October 16th at the State EOC/JDF in Columbus.

- Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) committee meeting; coverage/capacity planning workshop on Wednesday, August 28th.
- SIEC's involvement in the 9-1-1 next-gen initiative. IP based radios and CAD, 9-1-1 infrastructure blending.
- Encouraged participation in Regional SIEC meetings.

- Ohio awarded grant money for National Public-Safety Broadband.

700MHz/800MHz/AFC: Paul Mayer absent; Jay Somerville announce Paul has agreed to serve as chair for the Regional Planning Committee for one more term.

- AFC report; 10% of all public safety licenses are not in compliance with narrow banding. The FCC stated licensees whom have not complied with the narrow banding mandate will face cancellation of their licenses and possible fines. The commission will be conducting audits (TBA) and licenses canceled.

Commercial Advisory: Chris Zigo; asked attending commercial members to raise their hands to identify themselves. He thanked today's sponsors; PSSI, and Sound Communications for exhibiting and Cassidian for lunch.

Training Committee: No November training scheduled for 2013. The scope of this committee will be re-defined at the upcoming meeting.

For the Good of the Order: Jay asked for anything to be added for the Good of the Order. Nothing noted.

- Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th at 10:00 a.m. (Holiday Inn-Worthington)
- Jay Somerville introduced Jeffery Smith from ESINet Steering Committee/Technical Standards Committee

With no further business Patrick Goldsmith motioned to adjourn. Sue Williams seconded with no further discussion and with all in favor the motion carried. 2:05 p.m.

Special Presentation followed: The Road Map for Next Gen 9-1-1 Ohio

A copy of presentations from LR Kimball can be obtained from the Ohio APCO website:

- Ohio NG-911 Overview and Considerations
- State of Ohio PSAP Consolidation Town Hall Meeting

Ohio School Security Grant Program/MARCS In-School Emergency Communications Program

A new grant program is available for eligible public school systems in Ohio to deploy public safety radio systems, compatible with local law enforcement radio systems, for use in emergencies.

House Bill 59 authorized the Ohio School Facilities Commission to administer the School Security Grant Program which is intended to address the specific needs of first responder communication and secured building access.

The School Security Grant Program authorizes the OSFC to reimburse public schools, including community schools, for school security expenditures including:

- Up to \$2,000 for one emergency communications system or Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS) unit per eligible school building; and
- Up to \$5,000 for costs incurred with a purchase of a security entrance system consisting of a security camera, an intercom and remote access equipment for one entrance per eligible school building.

Ohio MARCS is offering a state of the art radio which was created through a collaboration with many school officials, law enforcement, Motorola Solutions, and the MARCS Program office. This new radio, called MARCS-In-Schools (MIS), can be placed in a designated area of the school building and will allow a school administrator or designee to IMMEDIATELY and SILENTLY notify their local law enforcement first responder if they need help.

Law enforcement agencies operating on the MARCS system will have full compatibility with the MIS unit. If your agency does not currently utilize MARCS you may wish to equip your communications center with at least one MARCS radio.

In lieu of using a MARCS radio, schools can purchase a radio system compatible with the system or systems in use by law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over the school territory. The school district will be responsible for the deployment of these radios.

Coordination between your communication center and the schools in your jurisdiction will be required to implement this new technology and minimize your response in an emergency.

This is a unique opportunity for local law enforcement and school districts to collaborate in creating a more efficient means of communication during an emergency. Be sure to spread the word to your chiefs and sheriffs so that they can discuss this with your local school districts and to weigh the options in what solution will work best for your area.

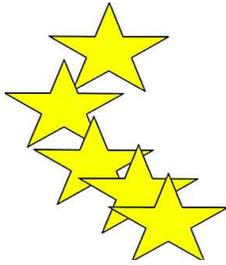
The Ohio MARCS office will be giving a presentation about this program, including a Q&A session, during the Ohio APCO Chapter Business Meeting on November 6.

For more information please visit the following pages:

Ohio School Facilities Commission:

<http://www.osfc.ohio.gov/Home/SchoolSecurityGrantProgram.aspx>

Ohio MARCS: <http://das.ohio.gov/Divisions/InformationTechnology/MARCSServices.aspx#In-School>



**OHIO
GOLD
STAR
AWARDS
PROGRAM**

For information about the Gold Star Awards Program, contact Alan Fish at alan.fish@westerville.org. Nominations can be made at ohioapco.org.

Welcome New Members

**Jackie Costa
Cuyahoga County Office of Emer-
gency Mgt. /CECOMS**

**Chris Farrington
Defiance Co. Comm.**

**Diana Gibson
Columbus Police Dept.**

**Steve Kasik
Cuyahoga County Office of Emer-
gency Mgt. /CECOMS**

Adam Quest

**Shawn Smith
Cuyahoga County Office of Emer-
gency Mgt. /CECOMS**



THANKS!

Both Ohio APCO and NENA Chapters want to express our gratitude to the following exhibitors for sponsoring the September meeting:

**PSSI
Sound Communications**

The September lunch was provided by:

Cassidian Communications

For the November meeting we thank the following vendors:

Lunch Sponsor:

NONE

Exhibitors:

Emergitech

Intergraph

We are seeking vendors to round out the November meeting. The cost for exhibiting before chapter meetings is \$100 which supports the NENA and APCO chapters.

The Chapters thank you all for supporting Ohio APCO and NENA

Any vendor wishing to participate at future meetings should contact Chris Zigo at Chris.Zigo@motorolasolutions.com

NENA TRAINING



See: WWW.NENA.ORG
*For more information or
course registration forms,
please call NENA Head-
quarters at (800) 332-3911.*