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## Ohio Appreciates Professional Communications Operations

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### President's Message

As we begin 2014 on a cold and snowy note, things are about to heat up here in the State of Ohio. Within the next few weeks, the state is expected to name a new State 9-1-1 Administrator and establish the State 9-1-1 program office within the Department of Administrative Services. The filling of that position and creation of that office is the key component to the Next Generation 9-1-1 effort here in Ohio. First, let me thank Jeff Smith of DAS for his incredible work on NG911. Essentially, Jeff has been doing two full time jobs: his primary job as head of the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program, and working as the chair of the NG911 technical committee. The ESINet Steering Committee has relied heavily on Jeff's guidance and leadership over the past year. However, the time has come to fill the full time 9-1-1 Administrator position. Ohio APCO has been working closely with the ESINet Steering Committee to make this happen, and we hope there will be an announcement soon.

NG911 implementation will be a priority for Ohio APCO in 2014. This includes the design, implementation, technical standards, operational standards, and funding aspects of this project. Many have been frustrated that this project has not advanced at a faster pace. This is a fundamental change in how 9-1-1 calls are handled and that change is not easy or quick. What I can assure you of, is that the vision and direction of this project is solid. The ESINet Steering committee is first and foremost focused on getting it done right, not getting it done fast. But to get it done right, we need your participation. Stay informed. Participate in the meetings and focus groups soon to be announced. Together with Ohio NENA, we can ensure Ohio is a leader in NG911 service.

At the upcoming Executive Committee meeting, your board of officers will be working to put together a list of goals and objectives for the organization. I think it is important that we reduce to writing what our priorities are for the coming year and set goals for what we would like to accomplish. If there is an aspect of public safety communications you think Ohio APCO should be focused on in 2014 and 2015, please let me know. You can call or e-mail me with your ideas.

Thanks for all you do to make Ohio a safe place to live, work and visit. I hope to see you at the February chapter meeting. Until then, be safe and stay warm!

Jay

### February Chapter Events

#### Ohio APCO Executive Board Meeting

**Wednesday – February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 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 – February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 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**

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**Training**

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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT  
Matt Franke-Butler County Sheriff's Office  
February 2014**

**Executive Committee and Board Activities**

**Board of Directors**

The APCO Board held its quarterly meeting via web conference on January 30, 1-5 pm EST.

**Government Affairs**

**Public Safety Mobile App Security Requirements Workshop**

The Government Relations Office (GRO) finalized plans with NIST to host this workshop prior to the Emerging Technology Forum. The objective of the half-day Workshop is to develop initial input for public safety security requirements for mobile applications.

**Spectrum Management**

**Equipment Compliance Deadline to File Equipment Certifications Promptly**

In February of 2013, the FCC adopted new rules related to the manufacture and use of signal boosters. As of March 1, 2014, all signal boosters offered for sale must comply with the new requirements and be properly labeled. The new technical requirements will increase processing time for equipment certification applications. Signal booster manufacturers were urged to file applications for equipment certification promptly in order to meet the March deadline.

The Commission further announced that all Part-90 licensees and signal booster operators must register existing Part-90, Class-B signal boosters with the Commission by November 1, 2014. In addition, any new Class-B signal boosters installed after November 1, 2014, must be registered prior to operation.

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To register a Part-90, visit [www.fcc.gov/signal-boosters/registration](http://www.fcc.gov/signal-boosters/registration).

To view the FCC public notice, visit [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-14-15A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-14-15A1.pdf).

### **700 MHz State Licenses**

In 2002, all 50 states, Washington, DC, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands were granted a geographic license for 2.5 MHz of narrowband spectrum. The first build-out deadline for those licenses is fast approaching. By June 13, 2014, each state licensee must provide or be “prepared to provide” service to a third of the state population or territory. States must provide a certification to the FCC that they have met this build-out requirement. Failure to do so could result in the state’s licensed narrowband spectrum reverting to the control of the relevant Regional Planning Committee.

### **AFC Local Advisor News**

AFC is pleased to welcome Robert Bill of Ohio, and Stanley Blanchard of Kansas as the newest volunteer members of AFC’s local advisor network. Both successfully completed their initial training in Daytona Beach the week of January 13th. Robert will be the primary advisor for Ohio assisting Paul Mayer who will be retiring by next August. Stanley has assumed the responsibility of primary advisor for Kansas, replacing AFC’s long time local advisor Leon Gray who recently retired.

### **700 MHz Regional Planning Committees Plans (valid as of January 24, 2014)**

Until the regions have developed their plans, and had those plans approved by the FCC, no licenses (other than state-wide licenses on the 2.4 MHz state allocation at 700 MHz) can be granted at 700 MHz. Fifty-four of the 55 regions have either held or set the date for their first meeting. Forty-seven regional plans have been approved (there are 55 regional planning committees); none are pending.

## **Training and Certification**

### **CAC & Silent Key Scholarships**

The Institute began accepting CAC/Silent Key Scholarship applications January 1, 2014, through a new online application process. Currently 38 applications have been submitted, with 177 pending. The application process is open through March 31, 2014. Scholarship recipients must be current APCO members and maintain APCO membership throughout the scholarship period. Please continue to spread the word to your local Chapters.

### **APCO EMD Program**

In an effort to maintain the integrity of the APCO EMD Program, the APCO Institute is requiring proof of Advance Life Support (ALS) training in order to teach the medical portion of the APCO EMD Course.

Understanding that this change can create challenges for current APCO EMD Agencies, a provision has been made allowing time through the current certification period to train a new medical instructor that will meet the standard requirements of ALS skills, experience, and training. This transition will be afforded to each agency that currently has an in-house instructor that does not meet the requirement.

Additionally, the Institute has identified a cost effective option through NAEMT to achieve the necessary training. Please contact Dorothy Cave ([caved@apointl.org](mailto:caved@apointl.org)), EMD Program Manager for more details.

### **Comm Center and 9-1-1 Services**

#### **Opening Plenary Panel – Emergency Communication Task Force**

On January 15, the Opening Plenary Panel – Emergency Communication Task Force (ECTF) at the IJIS National Symposium in

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Arlington, VA presented and discussed the work of the joint APCO/IJIS ECTF.

During the panel presentation, a Next Generation Emergency Communications – CAD Interoperability Project was announced. The project will be conducted as an initiative under the IJIS Institute Springboard program which provides the capability to test the implementation of standards-based information sharing solutions utilizing national standards and common framework. Springboard services include evaluation and conformance certification via an independent test facility.

The development of these new standards-based information sharing solutions will follow the process put in place by APCO to create technical standards under the APCO ANSI program. The development process will be supported by the Springboard platform. CAD, 9-1-1, and RMS software and system providers will be invited to participate in the development, include testing of the new standards with their systems. As these new standards-based solutions become formally recognized in the ANSI process, evaluation and conformance services will be available to industry and government through the Springboard program. Conformance criteria will be developed in accordance with the APCO ANSI process and will form the basis of a formal certification of conformance.

While APCO and the IJIS Institute will jointly manage this project, the joint APCO/IJIS team will lead the group toward the development of a standard that can be submitted to the APCO ANSI process. Both APCO and the IJIS Institute are keenly aware of the number of related efforts throughout the public safety technology world being undertaken by various non-governmental organizations and government offices, and there is a strong fundamental pre-

mise in this project not to duplicate work already completed, but to incorporate such other relevant activities and bring a full collaborative spirit to this project. The ECTF members will be invited to continue active participation in this project and will likely be expanded to seek representation from such other organizations as may be interested and committed to the success of this for final approval status.

### **Call for Participation**

APCO's Standards Development Committee (SDC) is seeking qualified public safety communications professionals to serve on sub-committees and workgroups. Currently there are open positions for producer and general interest categories within the operational, training and technical sub-committees. Public safety communications professionals interested in participating, please complete the Standards Development Committee Application form or contact APCO's Comm Center & 9-1-1 Services Department at [standards@apcointl.org](mailto:standards@apcointl.org).

### **Events**

#### **Emerging Technology Forum**

February 26 -27, 2014

Orlando, FL

DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando Downtown

#### **2014 Broadband Summit and Leaders Dinner**

May 5-6, 2014

Washington, D.C.

The Renaissance Downtown

This year's Summit will focus on the latest progress of FirstNet, innovations in public safety mobile apps, cybersecurity, and developments in LTE and broadband technology.

#### **APCO 2014**

August 3-6, 2014

New Orleans, LA

#### **Flash Day**

Flash Day will take place for one day only on April 2, 2014. On Flash Day, APCO members can save \$100 on their Conference registration.



## SECRETARY & TREASURER REPORT

Danielle Klavinger, ENP  
Lucas County Emergency Services

### Ohio Chapter of APCO Wednesday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes

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

10:00 a.m. Vendor display: Emergi-Tech and Intergraph

12:00 p.m. Lunch provided by Ohio Chapters of APCO & NENA

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

2:00 p.m. Presentation: MARCS In-School Emergency Radio Communications

Frank Bowen, Ohio APCO 1<sup>st</sup> VP opened the meeting welcoming attendees. Mike Banks led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Secretary's Report:** Danielle Klavinger; asked for a motion to accept the September minutes as written and posted on the Ohio APCO's website. Rose Chambers motioned to accept, seconded by Paul Mayer with no further discussion the motion carried with all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Danielle Klavinger; as of September 30, 2013; **APCO Checking-\$5,291.58** expenses of \$79.80 and a deposit of \$425.60 from APCO Ntl. **Money Market-\$27,021.68** interest income of \$2.22, **Gold Star/Conference Checking-\$20,049.84** Ron Bien motioned to accept, seconded by Rose Chambers with no further discussion the motion carried with all in favor.

**Executive Council Report:** No report as Matt Franke was not in attendance.

**Joint Conference Committee:** Rose Chambers; the search for the 2015 Ohio APCO/NENA conference venue has begun.

Requests for Hotel proposals have been sent out.

**Gold Star Committee:** Alan Fish; It is time to consider nominating your employee(s) for a 2013 Gold Star Award. The program criteria and categories are the same. The luncheon will be held in conjunction with the Ohio APCO/NENA Conference (a bi-annual event) in April 2015. We are still looking for the annual nominations and winners will be chosen for each year, 2013 and 2014, and recognized at the 2015 luncheon. 2013 nominations are due by January 31, 2014. Both chapters have nomination forms posted on their websites. Mailers will be going out in mid-November.

**TERT Committee:** No report as Ken Stewart was not in attendance.

**SIEC/700MHz/800MHz/AFC:** Paul Mayer: Next SIEC Meeting is Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 10AM at the EOC, next National BroadBand Planning Committee Meeting is Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 10AM also at the EOC

- 800 MHz MARCS – Done with rebanding the infrastructure. Now going back for the 2<sup>nd</sup> touch.
- Other than MARCS, only 5 other agencies have yet to fully complete their rebanding requirements.
- Pre-rebanded MARCS Maintained Mutual Aid stations will be shut down November 15<sup>th</sup>. After that date the new Mutual Aid frequencies will be available. Agencies not MARCS Primary are responsible to make sure their radios are rebanded to the correct frequencies. These should be named 8CALL90, 8TAC91, 8TAC92, 8TAC93 AND 8TAC94 along with the appropriate Talk Around or Direct channel naming found in the APCO NPSTC ANS 1.104.1-2010 publication.

- MARCS 700 MHz P-25 Statewide rollout is about 75% complete.
- VHF/UHF Narrow-banding The FCC hasn't yet determined or announced what the penalties for Non-Compliance
- Last Monday there was a meeting to determine what Federal Assistance Training Courses we wanted from OEC/ICTAP in 2014. It was decided we would ask for
  - 1. All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader Exercise
  - 2. All-Hazards Position-Specific Communications Unit Leader Course
  - 3. Assessment of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) / Communications Plans
  - 4. Audio Gateway Information and Training and
  - 5. Broadband Engineering and Data Collection. Further info to follow...

**Commercial Advisory:** Frank Bowen thanked today's exhibitors; Intergraph (Don Solberg) and EmergiTech (Brian Fluege-man) as Chris Zigo was not in attendance. Frank announced we are looking for vendors to sponsor February's meeting.

**For the Good of the Order:** Rose Chambers. Contract with the Holiday Inn has been signed for 2014. Membership meetings will continue to be held at the Holiday Inn-Worthington at 7007 N. High St., Worthington, Ohio. Dates; February 26<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m. followed by a MARCS In-School Emergency Communication Radio Presentation by Rebecca Vanest.  
50/50 \$77.00

**OHIO APCO  
TREASURERS REPORT  
February 2014**

**Checking Acct**

Starting-**\$8,475.95**  
Income from chapter dues- **\$2,139.99**  
Expenses-**\$39.90**  
Horizon (Web Host)  
End Balance-  
**\$ 10,573.04**

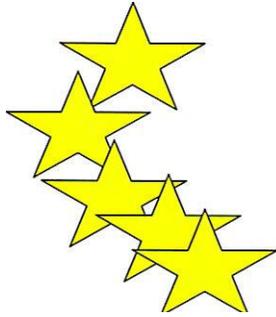
**Money Market**

Starting-**\$27,025.09**  
Interest-**\$1.15**  
End Bal.-**\$27,026.24**

**Gold Star Acct**

Start/End- **\$20,280.44**





**OHIO  
GOLD  
STAR  
AWARDS  
PROGRAM**

It is early February and I know most folks are more than tired of cold and snow. It seems to be a preoccupation but if you can take a moment to think on something else I want to update everyone on the Gold Star Awards for 2013. I am working on gathering up all of the nominations and passing them along to the committee for their decision on this year's winners. We have eight Double Gold teams (33 people), six Solid Gold, and eight Gold Star Certificate nominations for the year. Thanks to those who took the time to nominate their employees for their efforts and the contributions they make to your center every day, not just the event for which they were nominated. The committee will vote for the winners of the Double Gold and Solid Gold category and they will be announced at the February APCO/NENA Chapter meeting in Worthington. The winners will be recognized at the luncheon in 2015, held in conjunction with the Ohio APCO/NENA Conference.

For information about the Gold Star Awards Program, contact Alan Fish at [alan.fish@westerville.org](mailto:alan.fish@westerville.org). Nominations can be made at [ohioapco.org](http://ohioapco.org).



**THANKS!**

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

**Emergitech  
Intergraph**

The November lunch was provided by:

**Ohio APCO and NENA**

For the February meeting we thank the following vendors:

Lunch Sponsor:

**General Dynamics IT**

Exhibitors:

**Matrix Public Safety Resources  
Capitol Electronics  
New World Systems  
Sound Communications  
Emergitech**

**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](mailto:Chris.Zigo@motorolasolutions.com)

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