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President's Message

Throughout your career, as in life, you will encounter a group of people that you simply cannot live without. They are the people that you can trust to do the job, no matter what it is. They will do whatever you ask of them and they will not only do it well, they almost always exceed your expectations. What is even more amazing, and what makes this small group unique, is that they do it with very little fanfare, bravado or ego. They do the job not just because you asked them to, but because it the right thing to do. You trust them completely. So what is the real challenge? Sometimes you take them for granted. You don't do that intentionally, but because they work so efficiently and effectively, you simply forget to acknowledge their good work as often as you should.

Why do I share those thoughts with you? Because the Ohio Chapter of APCO has such a person: our Secretary/Treasurer Dani Klavinger. An APCO member since 1989, Dani stepped up and volunteered to take over the Secretary/Treasurer position in 2001. Since then, she has not only managed the financial accounts for the chapter, she has also served as the treasurer for the Gold Star Awards and the Conference Committee. She has done an excellent job ensuring the financial health of the chapter and its programs. Several years ago, Dani identified a potential weakness in our chapter structure as a not-for-profit organization. Dani didn't wait to attack the issue. She immediately initiated the fix, coordinating with legal counsel and our accountants to ensure the chapter and its funds were protected.

Anyone who has worked directly with Dani on any issue involving money knows her diligence. "You better have a receipt for that!" became her mantra, and rightfully so. See, it was never about Dani being treasurer. It was always about a treasurer doing her duty. Dani is one of a kind.

Past President Mike Banks of Wadsworth PD has agreed to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for the near term. Thank you Mike for taking on this responsibility. **(Continued Pg. 2)**

May Chapter Events

Ohio APCO Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday – May 14th, 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 – May 14th, 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

APCO - INTERNATIONAL

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Activities & Membership

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Callsign Newsletter

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Jay Somerville, ENP
Dublin, Division of Police

Commercial Advisory Committee

Chris Zigo
Motorola Solutions Inc.

Training

Patrick Goldschmidt
Shelby Co. Sheriff's Office

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This is no way meant to sound like a eulogy. In fact, it is meant to be a celebration. Dani has retired from Lucas County and is ready to start the next chapter in her life. Is that sad for us? Maybe so. But we all look forward to the day we can retire, that day we can sit back and appreciate the service we have provided and spend more time with our families.

Dani, congratulations on your retirement. All of us that have worked with you can certainly verify that you have more than earned it. Most of all, we would like to say "THANK YOU" for your service to Ohio APCO. Your steadfast commitment to our organization will be long lasting. Rest assured we will miss you for much more than just your contributions as Secretary/Treasurer.

Jay





SECRETARY & TREASURER REPORT

Danielle Klavinger, ENP
Lucas County Emergency Services

Meeting Minutes Feb 26th 2014

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

10:00 a.m. Vendor display: Capitol Electronics, Emergitech, Matrix Public Safety Resources, New World Systems, Sound Communications

12:00 p.m. Lunch provided by General Dynamics IT; presentation on Morgan County pilot project

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

2:00 p.m. Presentation: Karen Beavers – Ohio Association of EMS; Joint Training Opportunities

Jay Somerville, Ohio APCO President opened the meeting welcoming attendees and extending his gratitude to committee members for coming in early to attend meetings. Kelley Davidson led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report: Danielle Klavinger; asked for a motion to accept the November minutes as written and posted on the Ohio APCO's website. Lynne Feller motioned to accept, seconded by Mike Banks with no further discussion the motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Danielle Klavinger; as of January 31, 2014; **APCO Checking-\$10,573.04, Money Market-\$27,026.24, Gold Star/Conference Checking-\$20,280.44.** Holly Wayt motioned to accept, seconded by Pat Goldschmidt with no further discussion the motion carried with all in favor.

Ohio APCO Nominating Committee: (Holly Wayt, Mike Banks and Matt Franke) Rec-

ommendations for 2014 Slate of Officers: Jay Somerville-President, Frank Bowen-1st VP, Kelley Davidson-2nd VP, Danielle Klavinger-Secretary & Treasurer. Anne Barr motioned to accept, seconded by Lynne Feller. With no further nominations from the floor Lynne Feller motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Kim Collinsworth with no one opposed and with no further discussion the motion carried. Officers will be reinstated at the May meeting.

Executive Council Report : Holly Wayt; National Conference August 3rd – 6th. Flash date for registration savings will be in April offering a \$100.00 discount for those members signing up on line. APCO looking for volunteers at the national level to serve on committees. APCO magazine will no longer have the new membership application in it. It will only be available online at the APCO url.

Joint Conference Committee: Rose Chambers; April 12th – 15th, 2015. The conference will once again be held at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio. Presenter requests will be going out soon. Theme/logo needed.

Gold Star Committee: Alan Fish; 49 individuals nominated for the 2013 year. 2013 winners will be recognized along with the 2014 winners at the Gold Star Awards Luncheon Banquet in April of 2015. Keep an eye out for the Facebook page currently under construction. Reminder: the award banquet and conference are currently being held as a bi-annual event.

TERT Committee: Ken Stewart was not in attendance. Jay Somerville advised attendees that a report will need to be sent to APCO National by May to revive the TERT initiative. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Jay.

APCO Committee Reports: Matt Franke not in attendance.

- **SIEC:** Revisions have been out since the last meeting. The updated plan reflects significant changes. Ohio

APCO's website has a link to the updated plan. Be sure to review and update your agencies' plan to reflect any necessary changes.

- **700MHz/800MHz/AFC:** Paul Mayer not in attendance. Jay announced Bob Bill, MARCs has completed the APCO Intl Frequency Advisory Training class. He will now assist Paul Mayer as co-frequency advisor.

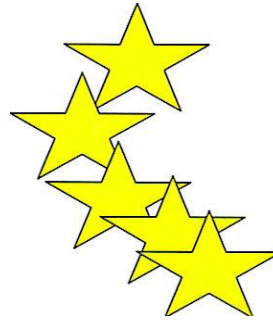
Commercial Advisory: Chris Zigo thanked exhibitors and luncheon sponsor for their participation in today's event.

ESINet Steering Committee Update: Jay Somerville discussed the challenges faced by the committee members and legislators. Funding continues as a major issue to be defined. Keep an eye on the APCO Chapter and ESINet websites for posted information and the proposed RFI. The State still needs to fill the 9-1-1 Administrative position. Many issues have been put on hold until this position is filled. Unknown when this will happen currently at the HR level. Discussion ensued.

For the Good of the Order:

- 5-submissions from Ohio for the APCO Intl awards.
- Presentation: Karen Beavers – Ohio Association of EMS; Joint Training. ohems.org

Motion to adjourn made by Sue Williams, seconded by Brad Brubaker with no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



**OHIO
GOLD
STAR
AWARDS
PROGRAM**

Thank you to all those who sent in nominations for 2013. Congratulations to all the nominees and the winners. Gold Star is in full swing for 2014 and we are again looking for nominations. Don't forget to join us at the APCO/NENA Conference in Sandusky next April where the winners from 2013 & 2014 will be recognized. Be sure to look us up on Facebook and share the stories from your agency and those in your area. Thanks again.

Alan Fish
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THANKS!

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

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

The February lunch was provided by:

General Dynamics IT

For the May meeting we thank the following vendors:

Lunch Sponsor:

Emergitech Inc.

Exhibitors:

- Sundance Systems**
- Creative Microsystems Inc.**
- Motorola Solutions**
- PSSI**

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

TRAINING

JUNE

- 4th Nelsonville, Ohio
APCO Crisis Negotiations for Public Safety Communications
- 5th Nelsonville, Ohio
APCO Customer Service in Today's Public Safety Comm. Center
- 9th Nelsonville, Ohio
Active Shooter Incidents for Public Safety Communications
- 10th Nelsonville, Ohio
Disaster Operations and the Comm. Center
- 17th Athens, Ohio
Fire Service Communications, 2nd Edition

NENA TRAINING



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

2013 Gold Star

Gold Star Certificates

Communications Technician Steven Morlan
City of Westerville Communications Center

Communications Officer Roger Moore
Hamilton County Communications Center

Dispatcher Michelle Roach-Haver
Ohio State Highway Patrol – Columbus Dispatch Center

Dispatcher Drew Fry
Ohio State Highway Patrol - Lucasville Dispatch Center

Dispatcher Katherine Wellbaum
Ohio State Highway Patrol – Clayton Dispatch Center

Dispatcher Mitchell Saunders
Ohio State Highway Patrol – Jackson Dispatch Center

Dispatcher Debbie Lake-Wagner
Norwalk Police Department

Dispatcher Brandy Laudermilt
Ohio State Highway Patrol – Athens Dispatch Center

Double Gold Nominees

Ohio State Highway Patrol – Lebanon Dispatch Center
Dispatcher Adam Brown Dispatcher Ryan Gilkison
Dispatcher Jarrod Higdon

Ohio State Highway Patrol – Cambridge Dispatch Center
Dispatcher Amy Tiongco Dispatcher David Spratt

Ohio State Highway Patrol - Warren Dispatch Center
Dispatcher Amy Zatvarnicky
Dispatcher Stephanie Palumbo

Ohio State Highway Patrol – Van Wert & Findlay Dispatch Centers
Dispatcher Steve Numbers Dispatcher Kim Rupert
Dispatcher Kattie Richards

Ohio State Highway Patrol – St Clairsville & New Philadelphia Dispatch Center
Dispatch Diane Holubeck Dispatcher Joelle Johnson
Dispatcher Janice Miro Dispatcher Elizabeth Worrell
Dispatcher Daniel Shafer Dispatcher William Courtright

Ohio State Highway Patrol – Lancaster Dispatch Center
Dispatcher Cheryl Ferguson Dispatcher Jamie Arnold

Hamilton County Communications Center

Communication Supervisor Shari Toelke Communication Supervisor Linda Fox
Communications Officer Dana Layton Communications Officer Tami Buttree
Communications Officer Roger Moore Communications Officer Don Hensley
Communications Officer Ann Finnen Communications Officer Alicia Jim
Communications Officer Amy Roloson Communications Officer Ron Pauquette
Communications Officer Barrett Cohen Communications Officer James Kasee
Communications Officer Patty Craven Communications Officer Keith Nottingham
Communications Officer Angie West

Solid Gold Awards

Dispatcher Kirk Weitz
Kent Police Department

Dispatcher Tonya Birchfield
Ohio State Highway Patrol - Lancaster District Headquarters

Dispatcher Adam Quinn
Ohio State Highway Patrol – West Jefferson Dispatch Center

Operator Dispatcher Jeremy Cotton
Cincinnati Emergency Communications Center

Communications Officer Ann Finnen
Hamilton County Communications Center

Double Gold Awards

2013 TEAM AWARD WINNERS

OSHP New Philadelphia Dispatch Center

Dispatchers Janice Miro & Elizabeth Worrell

For exemplary dispatching & teamwork during the search for and apprehension of a murder suspect in Muskingum County. The suspect had fled the scene and changed vehicles several times in an attempt to elude officers. Their coordinated efforts resulted in information being aired to all OSHP units and resulted in the Criminal K-9 unit stopping and detaining the suspect and accomplice at gunpoint.

October 31, 2013

2013 Telecommunicator of the Year

Communications Operator Tricia Balonier

Greene Central Communications Center

For outstanding work in locating a suicidal person who e-mailed a radio talk show in New York City; given limited information, she searched all sources until she found a possible location. Officers were dispatched to the address and upon arrival found the subject in the garage inside a running vehicle. Medical aid was administered and the subject survived

October 23, 2013