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President's Message
By OHIO APCO President
Kelley Davidson

Happy new year! Well, almost new. One month in and already our public safety family has experienced some significant and sad situations. As I write this, Cleveland is mourning the loss of one of their officers involved in a fatal crash, and Champaign & Logan county communities are still reeling from the school shooting at West Liberty-Salem High School. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you continue to recover and handle the ongoing media attention and investigations.

On a positive note, APCO has some good things planned for our telecommunicators in Ohio. February 22nd is our next APCO/NENA combined state chapter meeting in Columbus at the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security on Strawberry Farms Blvd. Free training will again be provided – the topic will be presented by OSU PD training officer Adam Tabor on Active Shooter and the training video that he helped to develop for the university. We will also have industry vendors available to demonstrate their products and answer questions, a nice noon lunch provided for attendees, and informative business meeting at 1:00 pm. Come for networking, learning, scholarship opportunities and consider getting involved in your APCO chapter! In April, Ohio APCO and Ohio NENA will again host their bi-annual state conference at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. Conference is a wonderful way to get ideas for your center, meet other people from your industry, and get a large amount of training for a great price. And of course, the Gold Star Award luncheon closes this conference with honor and appreciation for our telecommunicators from all over Ohio. If you've never attended conference or the awards luncheon, don't pass this up – check the APCO website for details and sign up. I promise you a great time at a great place with GREAT people!

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to serve Ohio APCO and all of you.

Kelley

Kelley Davidson, ENP
Ohio APCO, President

February Chapter Events

Ohio APCO/Ohio NENA Combined Membership Meeting

Wednesday February 22nd 10:00 AM

Franklin County EMA, 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.

Free training 10:00-11:00 Active Shooter, Outlining the Run/Hide/Fight education model

Vendor displays 11:00-1:00

Lunch 12:00-1:00

APCO/NENA Business Meeting 1:00

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Secretary/Treasurer Report

The minutes for the November meeting were not available at the time of publication. We apologize for any inconvenience.

A Message From Chapter Commercial Advisor Chris Zigo

Please note that commercial representatives are welcome to attend the joint quarterly meetings free of charge and membership is not a requirement. If you are interested in exhibiting or sponsoring lunch at future meetings the costs are \$75 and \$650 respectively. As a lunch sponsor you have an opportunity to speak during the luncheon as well as exhibit in the morning. We would like to thank these vendors for supporting the APCO/NENA joint chapter meeting through their participation.

To participate in the quarterly meetings contact Chris Zigo at cjzgo14@gmail.com or Norberto Colon at norberto.colon@motorolasolutions.com



THANKS!

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

Capital Electronics
Oracle
Sound Communications
Stephen Campbell & Assoc. Inc.
Xybix

The lunch sponsor for the November meeting was:

Motorola Solutions

For the February meeting we thank the following vendors:

February lunch is being provided by:

Oracle

Exhibitors:

B&C Communications
Stephen Campbell & Associates, Inc.
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Zetron

The chapters wish to thank our sponsors for their support

For sponsorship opportunities at future meetings, please contact Chris Zigo or Norberto Colon at cjzgo14@gmail.com or [614-329-1780](tel:614-329-1780) or norberto.colon@motorolasolutions.com



**OHIO
GOLD
STAR
AWARDS
PROGRAM**

The nominations are officially closed, and now the real work begins. We have a large number of folks nominated by their agencies for going above and beyond in handling some difficult calls in situations that are certainly not the norm. Yet everyone nominated did what they had to do and they performed in such a way that lives were touched and people could see the difference that was made.

Recognition is the reason Gold Star exists and we are going to do our best to make the luncheon in April a memorable event for all those who attend. Letters will be going out shortly to all of the nominees and those who nominated them with information about the luncheon. Several will get a letter that lets them know they were selected as the Telecommunicator of the Year or they are a member of the Double Gold team winners for 2016. Those letters will go out following the February APCO/NENA Chapter meeting when the selection committee will announce the winners.

To those who were nominated in 2015, *don't forget* that you are included too!

This will be the largest group yet for the luncheon with 83 nominees from 2015 and 80 for 2016. Thank you to all who participated in the program for the last two years and please plan to join us at the awards ceremony. We couldn't do it without you!



Solid Gold Nominees 2016

Susan Wilson - Metropolitan Emergency Communications Center (MECC)

Karen Bentley - Cincinnati Police Emergency Communications

Kathleen Parker – Delaware County Emergency Communications

Cari Helling – Xenia-Greene Central Communications

Alexandra George – Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Theresa Moore - OSHP Cambridge Dispatch Center

Shelley Town - OSHP Southington Dispatch Center

Victoria Hendricks – Mentor Safety Forces Communications Center

Brandy Laudermitl – OSHP Athens Dispatch Center

Patrick Kotar – Chagrin Valley Regional Dispatch Center

Brigitte Smalley – Willoughby Police Department

Keith Nottingham – Hamilton County Communications Center

Jamie Brown – Westcom Fire Dispatch

Karrie Houtz – Wood County Sheriff's Office

Jocelynn Alexander – Butler County Sheriff's Office

DOUBLE GOLD NOMINEES 2016

Westerville Communications Center – Kippy Shurman, Kathy Hurtt, Claudia Estep

OSHP Cambridge Dispatch Center – Sarah May, John Ceculski

OSHP Bowling Green Dispatch Center – Tara Barnhart, Susan Downing

OSHP Delaware & Mansfield Dispatch Center – Marcus Pirrone, David Church, Jackie Miller, Clifford Phillips,
Jared Reagh, April Munoz, Jacquelyn Martin

OSHP Batavia Dispatch Center – Jennifer Werring, Rebel Martin

OSHP Batavia & Wilmington Dispatch Center – Chris Phelps, Jennifer Werring, Samantha Wilson, Patty
Downing, Aislinn Ainsworth, Jessica Shepherd

Westcom Fire Dispatch & Westlake Police Department – George Sulea, Kris Eich, Jack Sevier, Jean Ross, Dan Udrija

OSHP Columbus Communications Center – Jacqueline Miller, Megan Howard, Caitlin Waters, Lori Welsh-Arbogast

Chagrin Valley Regional Dispatch – Denise Soke, Candise Selvaggio, Michelle Rees, Lushonda Hall-Edmiston, Elizabeth Jennings

Lakewood Police Department – Janine Downs, Dawn Florjancic

Union County Sheriff's Office – Stephanie Wilhelm, Brittany Rausch

Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center – Rita Distelhorst, Benjamin Karns, Jeremy Bantz, Amy Heger, Portia Algie

Butler County Sheriff's Office – Miranda Sheppard, Donna Root, Lindsay Partin, Kelli Flick, Katie Nethers, Tami Miller, Diamon Simpson, Whitney Grimes, Buddy Jackson

GOLD STAR CERTIFICATES 2016

OSHP Columbus Communications Center – Courtney Franklin

OSHP Sandusky Dispatch Center – Heidi Maloy

OSHP Columbus Communications Center – Clark Miller

Lucas County Sheriff's Office – Teena Baker

Lucas County Sheriff's Office – Pamela Holman

OSHP St Clairsville – Janice Miro

OSHP Ravenna – Josa Muir

OSHP Columbus Communications Center – Adrienne Sheffer

GOLD RIBBON AWARDS 2016

OSHP Brookpark Dispatch Center

Knox County 9-1-1

Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center

The Ohio APCO Scholarship & Awards Committee
Is proud to announce the
2017 OHIO APCO Scholarship Program

Who is eligible?

Anyone who is currently working in the public safety communications field and has been employed for a minimum of two years

What is eligible?

Education, training, or other opportunity with topics applicable to advancing the knowledge, skills and/or professionalism of public safety communications

When do I apply?

Application period is October 1 - November 30th

For more information and to apply visit

www.ohioapco.org

