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President's Message By OHIO APCO President Cheryl Pratt

I hope 2024 has been good to everyone! February is already half over and it's time for the first quarter 2024 Ohio APCO meeting. This meeting will be held at 4200 Surface Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43228. Lunch is being sponsored by David White of Critical Response Group (CRG) and is from City Barbeque. The training for the day is "Solar Eclipse Information" and begins at 12:30.

Ohio APCO is always looking for volunteers to join the various committees within the organization. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please reach out to me and I will get you signed up! Working on these committees can lead to networking and lasting friendships.

In looking forward to the Goldstar Banquet at the APCO/NENA State Conference slated for this coming September, the Goldstar committee will be accepting nominations for the 2023 Goldstar awards until April 26, 2024. There are many communications professionals out there doing great things, so be sure to give them the recognition they deserve. Please note, some of the categories have had some small changes.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and hear what the committees are working on!

Cheryl

February Chapter Events Ohio APCO/Ohio NENA Combined Membership Meeting

Tuesday, February 20th 2024
4200 Surface Road
Columbus, Ohio 43228
1000-1130 Ohio APCO/NENA Joint Meeting
1130-1230 Networking Time/Lunch
1230 2024 Solar Eclipse Information
Register at: Ohioapco.org

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November 15th 2023

Welcome Remarks – Steve Shaner & Cheryl Pratt

The meeting began at 10:04am. President Pratt and Ohio NENA President Shaner welcomed attendees to the meeting. President Pratt led attendees in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Jon Specht from Tuscarawas County addressed the group on the details on the Tuscarawas Valey Schools bus crash in Licking County that resulted in the death of six people including three students. A prayer and moment of silence were observed. He advised that the people of Tuscarawas County, the first responders in and around Licking County were all affected pretty hard by this and asked to keep everyone in their prayers.

Secretary / Treasurers Report

Secretary Report, Mike Banks – The meeting minutes have been posted online and circulated in the newsletter with copies available in the room. Nick DeCicco made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes, seconded by Rose Chambers, motion passed with all in favor.

Treasurer’s Report – Mike Banks: Ohio APCO Checking Balance, \$9508.31; Ohio APCO Money Market: \$69271.25, Gold Star Conference Checking Balance: \$4839.07. Adrienne Sheffer made the motion to accept, seconded by Lydia Frey, motion passed with all in favor.

Conference Committee – Rose Chambers

The full conference is 9/9/24 - 9/13/24 at Kalahari - more info coming out soon.

Kalahari will be Rose's last conference as chairperson - Erica will follow in her footsteps and Rose will aid the next couple of conferences.

Gold Star – Brian MacMurdo

2023 nominations will open December 1st and into the new year. Notifications will go out via social



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and future.**

The February Lunch Sponsor will be:
Critical Response Group (CRG)

Thank you to November Sponsor:

Rapid SOS

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contact Mark Culbertson.**

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media and email. Scott Brown will be transitioning into the chairman role. Brian appreciates everyone’s support for the past few years and knows Scott will do a great job moving forward.

Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office - Patrick Brandt

Next generation 9-1-1 project is moving on, appreciate everyone for submitting elections forms. If you have not already submitted a form, Commtech will reach out to you. Whether you intend to go with their solution or not. County plans are due April 3rd, 2024, the office is working on a template for everyone. The guidelines are optional. They are currently being reviewed now before being sent out.

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WGAF checks were sent on November 10th, the 911 Program Office was able to work with taxation to send everything over on one payment. This will be the same for December and January. The February payment will reflect the new amount received, 72% of \$0.40

They have received a lot of calls on estimates of what the government assistance fund will go up to. Patrick can't estimate how much money that will be. You can take existing wireless money and calculate 72% of that but there is no way of estimating VoIP and landlines in a county currently. Taxation is working on it.

Sharon is waiting on seven counties for additional for wireless compliance but everyone so far is looking good.

128.06(E) – new report required by March 1st for all revenue and expenditures for each PSAPs that are in your plan. This has to be sent out to all of your communities as well.

The state auditors are already preparing for the February 2025 report. They have contacted three counties to get background information on how the counties are running 9-1-1 and will be reaching out to more for their report to the legislature.

APCO AFC - Bob Bill

Reminded all attendees to update their contact information with the FCC. The FCC is only sending out email notices for license renewals and other notifications. As the licenses are good for 10 years, they are finding that the person that registered the license is now longer there and the email address is no good. Please review your licenses for up-to-date contact information so important notices are not missed.

Mr. Bill has fielded a few local requests for mobile repeater frequencies. Mr. Bill encouraged everyone to reach out to him if there are any questions.

Executive Council - Matt Franke

The Nashville APCO Conference was highly successful with attendance and revenue. The APCO

board voted to terminate the APCO Conference and Expo committee, still awaiting further info on this. Check out the advocacy page on the APCO International website for a lot of good information for the 9-1-1 SAVES act.

Legislative: Chapter 128 changes, hoping the 9-1-1 Comm Center committee can help aid counties with compliance with all the 9-1-1 plan and reporting requirements that came out of the legislative changes. Ultimately, we got what we need out of this legislation, which is Next Generation 911, but lots of work needs to be done. There is a lot of support that will be needed from our association to ensure each county understands and can navigate the major changes that have occurred as part of this legislation.

Training Committee - Lydia Frey

BMV Investigations will be holding a training session immediately following today's meeting. They do a lot we're probably not aware of and it'll be good to see what they do in their role as an investigator, and you will learn some useful information to share with your fellow dispatchers and agency staff.

The committee is always looking for new training ideas and we'll continue to have training following our chapter meetings. They will also begin looking for training sessions for the chapter conference starting in February.

Compassionate Care – Johnna Sells

Will be working on a care package in response to the Licking County bus crash. Discussed the care package programs for centers that handle stressful events.

TERT update – Mory Fuhhrmann

A robust team right now, looking for additional people in HS regions 1, 7, 8 - Scott Brown and Jason Hutchinson are continuing to work on SOPs. We have received word from NJTI that the MOU at the national is undergoing a review/update, which hasn't been updated after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Candy Cunningham from Tiffin is conducting a training document audit right now, every

year do a check in on all personnel to make sure training and security clearances are up to date. Johnna Sells coordinated an INTD class and will like to offer COM-L and COM-T in 2024.

Commercial Advisory – Mark Culbertson & Steve Zitney

Working on new sponsorship levels for 2024. The chapter website needs to be updated with new commercial advisory members. Learned about a speed dating concept for conferences with commercial sponsors to encourage engagement between members and vendors in the exhibit hall. Mark will be reaching out to vendors to register as Ohio chapter members, which is half of the original feel. Mark and Steve thanked Jamison Peevyhouse and RapidSOS for sponsoring today's meeting.

Good of the order

Mike Banks – shared a link in the chat, and a QR code on the screen for the APCO International Advocacy section: <https://www.apcointl.org/advocacy/take-action/> this link will guide you through the process to send a personalized letter to your representative asking them to support the 9-1-1 Saves Act.

Adjournment:

Patrick Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Angie Collins. Motion passed with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:02am.



2023 Gold Star Award nominations are open, and will close April 26th, 2024.

Links to nominate will be posted on the Ohio APCO and NENA websites as well as social media.

Nominations can be made by clicking the link below:

<https://airtable.com/appyLF16KluJ-RKVNE/pagkFj6PP5vaJA3Pq/form>

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