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President's Message By OHIO APCO President Cheryl Pratt

As we approach fall, I want to express my deep appreciation for the Ohio APCO community. Your daily work in telecommunications is vital to public safety. Your commitment to the officers working the road and each other sets a high standard in emergency communications. My hope is that we can foster collaborations within the law enforcement community, embrace new technologies and support one another in our shared mission. Together, we can overcome any challenge and continue to enhance the safety and well-being of each other and the communities we serve.

We continue to look for members to serve on the various committees within the Ohio APCO organization. The Training Committee, the Awards and Scholarships committee and the Compassionate Care Committee are just a few looking for new members. If this sounds like something you would like to get involved in, send me an email and I can put you in contact with one of the committee chairs.

I hope each of you has a wonderful fall season and the opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends.

Cheryl

September Chapter Events Ohio APCO/Ohio NENA Combined Membership Meeting

Wednesday September 11th, 2024

Kalahari Resort

8:15-9:15

Location to be determined

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May 9th , 2024

Welcome Remarks – Brian MacMurdo & Cheryl Pratt

Chapter President Cheryl Pratt and Ohio NENA President Brian MacMurdo welcomed attendees to the chapter meeting being held at TQL Stadium in Cincinnati, OH.

Secretary / Treasurers Report

Mike Banks presented the minutes from the February 2024 meeting, Patrick Brandt made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes, seconded by Cody Post. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mike Banks presented the Treasurer’s report, current balances for APCO Checking: \$22,128.78, APCO Money Market: \$69,288.49, Gold Star/Conference Checking: \$3,254.07. Amy Collins made the motion to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Mark Culbertson, motion carried with all in favor.

Conference Committee – Rose Chambers, Erica Walsh

Preparing for the September conference 9/9 – 9/12/2024 are ongoing. The quarterly chapter meeting and Gold Star Awards luncheon will be held during the conference.

Gold Star – Scott Brown

Nomination deadline has been extended until May 17th. The luncheon will be September 10th at the conference.

Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office - Patrick Brandt

NG 911 progressing learned yesterday that we'll have hosted servers in by the end of this month at Columbus/Cleveland datacenters. As of today, the plan is to switch first county over at the end of August in one of the pilot counties. Backbone is set up, still working on items with Oarnet, 64 counties have identified they want to come over to the statewide system. 12 counties have identified that they want to come to the hosted solution.



**Thanks!
To our sponsors past, present
and future.**

Thank you to the May lunch sponsor:

Unified Solutions, LLC

The Sept. meeting is sponsored by:

Mission Critical Partners

**For sponsorship opportunities
at future meetings, please
contact Mark Culbertson.**

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Cyber security email, thanks to everyone who wanted to be involved. They are trying to get additional money from the feds to do more of the reviews.

GIS data, if you have polygons for your PSAP please get them submitted to the 911 Program Office.

County plans, there's been complaints on the makeup of the boards. Our office has read every plan that has come in, some do not meet the ORC. Some have been missing 2 of the 6 required seats, which still meets the majority requirements. The office is willing to help assist counties with completing these plans. **(Continued Next Pg.)**

It's important to get financial reports in and accurate as this is what the device surcharges are based on.

The FCC survey is out, the state auditors are looking at this as well, they are trying to find their proof on funding and how we are dealing with this.

Mission Critical Partners has a 'best practice on mitigating swatting' incidents coming out. 988/911 webinar PEGS foundation?

HB 321 - 3rd/4th hearing the other day, proponent hearing, that's still in committee. This bill is intended to create a statewide special needs database.

APCO AFC - Devan Phillis

Devan Phillis introduced himself as the new AFC representative and coordinator. Bob Bill is retiring, and Devan will be assuming his duties.

Executive Council – Johnna Gonzalez-Sells

Attended 9-1-1 goes to Washington. Federal talking points: generating revenue for nationwide NG 9-1-1 legislation, part of the federal allocation act. Have spoken to a couple of our senators and congressmen. 9-1-1 saves act HB 6319 SB 3526, which is attempting reclassification of the dispatcher profession at the federal level. Moving to protective service classification and out of the clerical level. It will help obtain benefits like other first responders, and retirement opportunities. Looking to "Noah's Ark" this through the federal level with bipartisan sponsorship. Sounds like this bill has good bipartisan support, and it's a "feel good measure" to keep moving forward.

Working with the governor's office to get more attention to try to get them interested in touring our centers and attending our meetings so that they can get a better glimpse of our profession so that they can speak more authoritatively on the lifesaving work of our emergency telecommunicators.

Constitution and Bylaws – Cheryl Pratt

President Pratt read constitution and bylaws amendment resolution 2024-01:

Resolution 2024-01, a resolution to amend Article IV Section 4.1 of the Constitution and Article IV Section 1.7 of the Bylaws of the Ohio Chapter of APCO.

Constitution amended statements to read:

"4.1 The President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President shall be elected for a term of two (2) years".

Bylaws amended statement to read.

"1.7 Bi-Annually in the final meeting of the calendar year appoint no less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Past Presidents to serve as the Nominating Committee".

In accordance with the procedures established in Article V Section 1 of the Constitution of the Ohio Chapter of APCO, this resolution will be presented to the quorum at the September 11, 2024, chapter meeting for discussion and vote. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote or more is needed for passage.

This amendment will be posted online and at PSConnect for review and to be voted on at the September 2024 Ohio APCO meeting.

Awards and Scholarships – Adrienne Sheffer

APCO and NENA are putting out two scholarships to attend the conference at Kalahari, it must be a front-line dispatcher with 5 years' experience, deadline to apply is 6/1, award will be made shortly after. The link is online and will be shared online, reach out if you do not have access to this link.

Commercial Advisory – Mark Culbertson & Steve Zitney

Orlando APCO International Conference 8/4 - 8/7 looking to set up an Ohio Night. 9/9 - 9/12 State conference. He has sent email to commercial partners to get them engaged but please reach out if you haven't heard from him. Members should also remind their vendors that the opportunity to participate is out there.

Still looking for a commercial partner to sponsor the November 20th. meeting at Ohio DAS.

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Encouraging commercial members to add a designation for the Ohio Chapter as many active within Ohio are registered with other chapters and commercial partners could affiliate with multiple chapters.

Training Committee - Lydia Frey

Call for papers are out for September conference, tracks for dispatch management, front line and technical. Reach out to Lydia if you have any questions.

Nominating Committee – Johnna Gonzalez-Sells

The Nominating Committee has recommended the current slate of officers for 2024-2025. Nominations were asked from the floor with none received. Adrienne Sheffer made the motion to accept the slate of officers, seconded by Lydia Frey, motion carried. A final election will occur at the September meeting.

Compassionate Care – Johnna Gonzalez-Sells

Reached out to Indian Lake after the tornadoes/storms, they have had plenty of support and are doing well. Please keep your centers or personnel in mind that are going through difficult events, we can deliver care packages and cards to help brighten their day as they go through a challenging time.

TERT update – Cody Post

Recapped the purpose and mission of TERT, the US Virgin Islands deployment and Lee County FL deployment. Dispatchers are currently filling in at UAPD dispatch center due to a staffing crisis with one full time dispatcher remaining. We would love to have more members, when you are sent somewhere, you're sent as a member of your organization, Ohio TERT will bill the US government or requesting agency for reimbursement for your hourly rate, benefits, expenses, and OT costs to backfill your position back home. Looking to get team members from all over Ohio, if we could get 2 dispatchers from every county in Ohio, we would have over 150 dispatchers available to respond to events. More information is available at www.ohiotert.org

Good of the order

It's not too late to sign up for the APCO international conference in August at Orlando. Our next meeting is at Kalahari on 9/10 prior to gold star lunch/banquet.

Dave Posey from Unified Solutions LLC gave a presentation on their Mindshare Radio Console and Eventide Recording solutions.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1140 hrs.