

Ohio Chapter of APCO Membership Meeting September 12, 2007 1:04 p.m.

Monte Diegel, Ohio NENA Chapter President welcomed attendees to the first joint NENA/APCO meeting. He started off by asking for a moment of silence in remembrance of the 6th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack as well as for the recent death of US Rep Gilmore from NW Ohio. Kim Collinworth from Grandview Heights led in the pledge of allegiance.

APCO Secretary/Treasurer Reports: Danielle Klavinger asked for a motion to waive the reading of and to accept the April 19th minutes as posted at the back of the room and on the Chapter website. A motion to accept was made by Greg Wenz, seconded by Carol Armitage, with all in favor. Treasures' report: Balance of \$1,336.90 in the checking account included expenses of \$2,146.55 and income of \$933.40. Money Market account had income of \$88.10 from interest with a balance of \$23,176.52. With no further discussion a motion to accept was made by Ron Bien and seconded by Deb Robinson with all in favor.

Holly Wayt, Ohio APCO Chapter President reminded attendees to only vote on motions if you are a member in good standing with the association requesting the vote.

Note: NENA reports will not be included within the APCO minutes. Please refer to the NENA website for these.

Activity & Membership: by Matt Franke as Mel Meloy was not in attendance. APCO National membership at 13500+ which includes the 300+ Ohio Chapter Members. Matt asked for opinions from attendees on whether they liked the new meeting format and if there is an interest in continuing the joint meetings in the future. Please contact Matt at mfranke@cityofoxford.org with any feedback.

Executive Council: by Holly Wayt as Lynne Feller was not in attendance. Executive Council Meeting – August 2007 highlights will be featured as a separate article within the newsletter and on the website. Holly did encourage anyone interested in working on a National Committee to go on line to apply.

SIEC: Matt Franke - Opened with a brief introduction of the purpose of the Statewide Communications Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC). The FCC mandated group for 700MHz banding has been active for 3 or 4 years. As the APCO chapter representative Matt is also working on the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) which is a new federally mandated requirement. Bi-weekly workgroups are ongoing throughout the summer to assure completion of this plan. The next SIEC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 19th at 10:00 am at the State EOC. Representatives from areas around the State currently not being represented are encouraged to attend or to contact Matt by email at mfranke@cityofoxford.org. Additional information and future meeting dates can be obtained on the Ohio APCO website.

700MHz/800MHz: Paul Mayer - The main issue on frequency coordination is the 800MHz re-banding - wave 4 stage is at a standstill. There has been no ratification of the treaty agreement by Canada. An alternative plan by the affected 4 states including Ohio was completed in June and submitted to the commission along with a request that it be put out for public notice. So far the commission has not acted on the request.

Next up was the 700MHz regional plan; the commission had a re-thinking of possibilities. All existing regional plans were made unusable due to rule changes and frequency allocations were relocated. Plans will now have to be reworked to allow for the shift in frequencies (moved down one MHz). Next week regional planning committee chairs will be meeting in Texas; they are to outline what has to be done to be compliant; similar to the SIEC SCIP plan. Other talking points; broadband issue and the resignation of the Frequency Coordination Executive Director. Next 700 committee meeting set for October 4th at the State EOC.

Commercial Advisory Committee: Chris Zigo - gave a brief explanation of the purpose of his committee and of the value of becoming a commercial member. He asked attendees to encourage their vendors and service providers to become members if they are not currently. November's meeting will have CAD specific vendors

50/50 raffle drawing: \$142.00 total. NENA and APCO previously discussed and agreed to give their share back to the membership in the form of a scholarship to the semi-annual 2009 Joint APCO/NENA

conference. The scholarship will be awarded to pay for conference registration and hotel costs. Details on how to apply will be forthcoming. Winner of today's raffle was Pat Goldschmidt. NENA meeting continued with district reports.

TERT: Carolyn Fergus - steering committee is now in place and will be reviewing what other states have in place to come up with some groundwork. TERT is the Telecommunicator Emergency Response Task Force used by PSAPs as a resource or pool of dispatchers and supervisors to backfill the communication work force during a disaster. Law Enforcement Emergency Response Plan agreed to allow TERT to use their data base. They will be adding in a definition for the TERT response team. You will be able to call in and ask for Sergeants, Lieutenants and Patrol officers as well as telecommunicators at the same time.

Emergency Management Report: Jim Leonard – fall state directors conference is tomorrow at the state fire marshals office running from 7:00am to 4:00pm.

Constitution & Bylaws: Lee Robinson – No report as all is up to date. Holly thanked Lee and Deb for their current efforts in the sorting, scanning and shredding of prior years of Ohio APCO information. Historical information may be added to the website in the future.

State 9-1-1 Coordinator: Shawn Smith – 73 Ohio counties have been approved for wireless funding; 19 Ohio counties are phase I and 28 are phase II, 54% of the state now has some form of wireless enhanced 9-1-1. In August we took in 2.6 million, year to date 19 million, with a total of 49.8 million dollars since 2005. Customer account letters were sent out yesterday to the wireless carriers. They expect to get answers back by the end of the year. In January they expect to have funding figures for next year, letters will be going out to the county auditor on how much you can expect to receive. The next council meeting is coming up November 5th at 1:00 at the PUCO offices. The agenda is on the PUCO website. Regulatory activity; applications pending on case #07-701-Excel Communications/PS ALI and #07-941-Intrado/Next Gen 9-1-1. Both cases can be found on the PUCO website. Yesterday the FCC ruled in favor of regulatory language stating that the accuracy of caller location information provided by way of wireless 9-1-1 calls be measured at the PSAP level. They were given 5 years to complete which will be done in stages. Visit http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-276577A1.pdf for more information on the clarification of the geographic area over which wireless carriers must meet E9-1-1 location accuracy requirements.

Legislative Committee: Ken Borrer – Legislative committee has a meeting with Senator Flowers on the 20th to discuss the removal of the sunset clause from HB361 they will be trying to tie that in with a communications training bill. The legislature has just come back in session but it appears we may have a fight on our hands for passage. Michael Dolhancryk, Director of Trumbull County 911 asked for a list advising us of which legislators may be a problem. They have been talking to the NE legislators and they need to know what they are actually saying to the legislature. Ken said he would begin to compile and publish a list.

Training Committee: Mike Banks – Since the meeting in April the committee has completed two free in-service dispatch training sessions: Xenia, Greene Co in June had 30-40 attendees and Marysville, Union Co had 114. Tomorrow training is scheduled for Zanesville, Muskingum Co of which 73 have registered for the course. At the Union County training attendees were asked for donations to go into the Gold Star Fund. A total of \$475.00 dollars were collected and since deposited into the Gold Star Account. The November annual training session was discussed. The class is to be held at the Columbus Police Academy with space for 250 attendees. The presenter is yet to be determined but keep an eye on the chapter website for updates on this and all future classes.

Gold Star Newsletter: Greg Wenz - The last paper copy of the newsletter went out this month; all future newsletters will be distributed by email only. If you did not get a copy of the last issue via email be sure to update your information on the APCO National membership services link. Eliminating paper copies of the newsletter will save the chapter approximately \$2000.00 in printing and mailing costs.

2008 Gold Star Committee: Greg Wenz - The next Gold Star Banquet is scheduled for April 16, 2008 at the Crown Plaza Hotel (formerly the Marriot & Double Tree) on Busch Blvd, Columbus, Ohio. The committee is still looking for a good upbeat keynote speaker, please contact Greg with any suggestions. A few nominations have already come in. A new category for "National Disasters" will be added in 2008; Rose Chambers will be working on defining the criteria for the category.

2009 Joint Conference Committee: Rose Chambers – the venue is still to be determined for the 2009 conference due to issues with the Holiday Inn (now the Double Tree). Conference planning will begin at the November 14th meeting at 10:30 am. Interested persons in working on this committee should attempt to show up for the meeting if possible. Otherwise please contact Monte Diegel or Holly Wayt and your name will be forwarded to the committee.

Holly announced that APCO is looking for nominations for the 2nd VP position for May of 2008. Please contact one of the APCO board members with your information.

Good of the Order: Ron Bien for Bill Hinkle (not in attendance) – a request for APCO & NENA to appoint a committee or liaison person to help coordinate implementation of the new call taker guides for reporting missing and exploited children. This person or group would work directly with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children outreach effort to encourage all Ohio PSAPs to adopt this as the best practice. This procedure was approved by both National APCO and NENA and APCO is currently working to make this a National Standard.

Secondly, Bill is asking both APCO and NENA to pass a resolution supporting the adoption of the call guides by the Ohio 9-1-1 Council as best practice. A letter should be drafted and signed by both NENA and APCO to Shawn at the 9-1-1 Council.

Michael Dolhancryk, Trumbull Co.: Having read the proposal and being a member of both NENA and APCO I so move that we make such a proposal for resolution. Seconded by Greg Wenz, Hamilton Co.

Discussion ensued by Ron Bien; How do we go about appointing somebody or a committee to adopt this? He further suggested that the trustee structure in NENA is more suited to this. Discussion concluded. A motion was made by Ron Bien, Hamilton Co that NENA district board be the vehicle to write the resolution. Motion was seconded by Greg Wenz, Hamilton Co.

Monte Diegel returned to the first motion to ask for a vote from attendees with all in favor with no one apposed. Second motion carried with all in favor with no one apposed.

Third point for the good of the order; Ron Bien stated that Kim Brant had suggested that both the NENA and APCO membership unite and go to Columbus to show support for Representative Flowers on the HB361 amendment. Ken Borrer suggested that persons going to Columbus need to go to the individual offices of the legislature in addition to attending the meeting. Kim Brant volunteered to coordinate the effort. Holly Wayt will draft a letter of support to the NENA board by the November Meeting.

Monte Diegel thanked IPC for today's lunch and for all the vendors who showed up to participate. Vendor support means a lot and their continued participation is appreciated.

Next meeting will be held at the Clarion at the corner of SR161 and Busch Blvd on November 14, 2007.

Motion to adjourn at 2:13pm made by Greg Wenz, seconded with all in favor.