



## Ohio Chapter Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2017

Meeting commenced at 12:59pm with First-Vice President Lydia Frey presiding, Steve Shaner led pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was held for Bellefontaine Police Dispatcher Krista McDonald, who died while serving in the line of duty as an EMT on October 14, 2017.

### Chapter Secretary's Report

Michael Banks requested a waiver of the September meeting minutes. Motion by Paul Mayer, seconded by Patrick Goldschmidt, motion passed with all in favor vote.

Treasurer report read with question from Paul Mayer on context of report format. Current balances for Ohio APCO Checking, \$21,668.36; Gold Star/Conference Checking \$43,236.49; APCO Money Market \$29,580.29. Motion to accept the report from Ken Stewart, seconded by Patrick Brandt, motion carried with all in favor vote.

### Conference/Gold Star Awards

Looking into a different type of mobile app for the 2019 conference. There are other apps available that provide more interaction and information than guidebook including better vendor support, registration support etc. Call for papers needed soon

### Gold Star

Alan Fish highly recommended that attendees consider the events of the past year and nominate someone within their agency or reach out to him with recommendations of nearby agencies that have

Brian MacMurdo from Hamilton County will be taking over chairing the Gold Star committee next year. Alan introduced him to the bunch.

### Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office Update

ORC Review/ PSAP ops subcommittee passed their proposal, it was sent out a few weeks ago via email. If you didn't get it reach out to Rob Jackson to get a copy of it. Jay and others will present this to the ESINet subcommittee at the Riffe Center next Friday at 1pm. Don't expect the ESINet steering committee to vote on the proposal at that meeting. They will have to review and research the proposal and will submit it to the legislature after consideration and any needed clarifications. Rob urged the attendees to come to the meeting or call in if at all possible. There will be four speakers speaking on behalf of the proposal at the meeting.

RFP process still ongoing, no vendor will be authorized until legislation passes supporting the RFP.

### Ohio TERT

Monte took part in the national phone call last Wednesday. Process is ongoing and it could take up to a year to be ready, need to get the MOU completed, and start establishing formal positions with the committee. More to come as we enter 2018.

### Frequency Advisory Committee

Bob Bill, reminded attendees to come to him if they have any needs frequency-wise. Encouraged agencies to check their FCC licenses to make sure they're current and not ready for renewal. Allowing a license to expire could result in losing the frequencies allocated to your agency.

Stark County is in the process of building 11 site simulcast system in cooperation with Ohio MARCS and the City of Canton. Henry County in the process of putting in a site to tie in to the Lucas County System.



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### Executive Council & Legislative:

Jay Somerville, Executive Council meeting discussed the establishment of a chapter for Saudi Arabia, two things made it controversial, an in-depth discussion of human right issues in Saudi Arabia and a bigger discussion started with the chapter startup being funded by Ramco Corporation, the Saudi national oil corporation which also happens to be in charge of the majority of 9-1-1 centers in Saudi Arabia. They ultimately were accepted as an APCO Chapter.

Agency Members of APCO were not able to take advantage of early bird discount for the registration price. The early bird registration price has now been made available to all members.

The Denver conference was one of the largest conferences ever, extremely profitable and successful. The agenda and conference floor had much better organization, vendors could notice and appreciated the improvements. Next conference is in Las Vegas at The Venetian.

Any agencies that have issues sending personnel to Las Vegas. A comparison was made of conference cities and by far Las Vegas is the most affordable city. He recommended requesting travel to Clark County Nevada.

**Legislative:** PSAP subcommittee proposal will be posted on the APCO website for review. This proposal is a recommendation only, and will be presented to the ESInet steering committee next Friday. There will be opportunities to debate this in committee in the senate and the house. Encouraged members to take the time to read the proposal. In one area of the Revised Code, the subcommittee recommends that all Planning Committees across the state have a minimum of five members, not just three. Three of those members have to be those prescribed by the code (as it exists today). Two options exist to this change, option 1, would require the county Sheriff to be a prescribed member of the 9-1-1 planning committee in all 88 counties. Option 2, would not require the sheriff to be a member, and allow the local planning committees to decide who the appointees should be in positions 4 and 5 on the committee, such appointee could still be a county Sheriff but it would not be mandatory.

The subcommittees opted to take to steering committee recommendation that the universal device fee be \$0.50 a device. Federal Engineering recommended \$0.25/device. A lot of discussion on whether or not enough revenue could be generated at that level. The thought is that the fee doubles and give the steering committee the ability to lower the fee if necessary. Committee is concerned we may not have the necessary reserve funds to future-proof the 9-1-1 system for future necessary improvements to the system.

Recommended to strike statute regarding the maximum amount of PSAPs in the county. (571) The belief that the amount of PSAPs necessary to handle the calls is a local issue, and the amount of money received doesn't change per county if they have 1 or 50 PSAPs.

No guarantee that the steering committee will vote on this at the next meeting but there is still time for action by the end of the year. Encouraged members to continue to attend, comment, and participate in meetings at the state level.

### Constitution & Bylaws

Johnna Sells advised that there are currently no C&B updates. Reminded attendees that we have social media presences on Facebook and Twitter so please Subscribe/Friend/Follow Ohio APCO on the respective social media sites!

### Awards and Scholarship

Lydia Frey: Scholarship opportunity is open until November 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available on the chapter website.

### Commercial Advisory

Norberto Colon: Our vendors were thrilled with the good attendance at today's meeting. As the vendors help support our meetings, he encouraged members to reach out to their vendors to ask for their support of the chapter events and to pass their contact info on to Norberto.



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### Training Committee:

Lydia, event held today, registration was closed due to the size of the venue. The committee is looking into different venues for 2018 so we can have as many attendees as possible. Looking forward to holding regional training in 2018, once topics are decided we will inform the membership of the upcoming events. Let Lydia know if you have a venue capable of supporting the training, and if interested in participating with the training committee.

Rob Jackson, wants to coordinate with Ohio APCO/NENA on 2 hour continuing education training. Please pass along ideas for the training that can be presented to state as it will be required in May 2019.

### 2018 Meeting Dates & Times

TBD – looking at different options for 2018, we're starting to outgrow the EMA. Dates will be posted on website and social media as soon as they're available.

### Good of the Order

Patrick Brandt – inquired if any agencies present were using 9-1-1 Advisor, there was no response.

Kim Brandt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Doug Marin. The meeting was adjourned at 1:57pm.