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President's Message
By OHIO APCO President
Satoru Persons

As we wrap up 2017 with our last quarterly Ohio APCO/NENA Chapter Meeting on Nov 8th, I would like to bring you up to speed on some of the items that your Ohio Chapter leadership has been working on in the past months.

Have you seen the new APCO Ohio Chapter group on Facebook? Thanks to Johnna Sells, Lydia Frey and Jay Somerville, our Facebook group page has been active since August. There you will find some great information on upcoming events, industry related articles, and general information on local/state/national topics concerning public safety communications. It is also a venue to stay in touch with your peers and to share ideas. There are currently 127 members and we're looking for more! Take a look <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1944523672458599/> and I encourage you to join the group.

Also, our committees are actively working on various topics and ideas that brings benefits to our chapter. One example is the new Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (TERT) working group that was established during our last quarterly meeting and co-lead by Monte Diegel and Mike Banks. If you have an interest, please reach out to Monte or Mike. You can also find more information on the TERT program here <https://www.apcointl.org/doc/911-resources/apco-standards/138-standard-for-telecommunicator-emergency-response-taskforce-tert-deployment/file.html>.

Lastly, we are committed to maximizing our quarterly meeting dates by providing training opportunities for our members, and at the same time increase member attendance at the business meetings. For the November 8th meeting the training committee has put together a great lineup of presenters who will definitely provide great information for members to take back to their respective organizations.

To all of our members, THANK YOU for what you do! I hope to see you on Nov 8th.

Satoru

November Chapter Events

Ohio APCO/Ohio NENA Combined Membership Meeting

Wednesday November 8th 1:00 PM

Franklin County EMA

5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd

Vendor displays 9:00

Lunch 12:00-1:00

APCO/NENA Business Meeting 1:00

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Sept 13th, 2017

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Meeting commenced at 1:32 pm with opening remarks from Ohio APCO President Satoru Persons and Ohio NENA President Lin Malott. Alan Fish led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chapter Secretary's Report

Secretary Mike Banks advised attendees that copies of the minutes were available for dissemination in the back of the room and were posted on the Ohio APCO web page. Mike asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes, Matt Hanenkrath made the motion seconded by Patrick Brandt. Motion carried with an all-in-favor vote.

Chapter Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Banks summarized the status of the Ohio APCO accounts: APCO Checking \$21070.96, APCO Money Market \$29,577.81, Gold Star/Conference \$43,192.49. Copies of the full treasurer's report were available at the back of the room and was also posted on the website. Mike asked for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Kelley Davidson, seconded by Peg Winter. Motion passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Training Committee:

Lydia Frey/Johnna Sells – looking to grow the membership of the training committee, recognized members in attendance. Johnna discussed the merits of serving on the training committee and how it helps growth as a professional in our industry and as an APCO member. Lydia is looking at holding regional training in 2018, identified venues in northeast and southwest Ohio and would be interested in finding venues in southeast and northwest Ohio.

Nov 8th training is coming up, details available at the website. Starting at 9am, Marsha Fisher from Ohio BMV will hold a session on driving records. Kelley Davidson will also hold a session on handling stress in the communications center.

Johnna announced that Ohio APCO is on Facebook and encouraged attendees to look them up and like the page as they are trying to keep the membership updated on events and matters of importance to the membership through the page

Conference/Gold Star Awards

Rose Chambers – the 2019 conference will be at the Kalahari April 14-17, 2019. The conference will be racing themed and there are discussions of a scavenger hunt, obstacle course, etc.

Alan Fish – Three really good nominations have been received so far for 2017's Gold Star Awards. Alan encouraged attendees to think about the hard work done by their peers and subordinates and to consider recognizing them for going above and beyond this year by nominating them for an award.

Awards and Scholarship

Lynne Feller – scholarship info will be posted on the Ohio APCO website this weekend. Scholarships are open to all public safety communicators in Ohio. Flyers were handed out and attendees were encouraged to share information on the scholarship and hoped to have a lot of applicants this year.

Commercial Advisory

Norberto Colon introduced himself to attendees and discussed the goals of the vendor community to give back to the public safety members that contribute so much to them. Norberto asked attendees to consider inviting their vendors to participate with Ohio APCO activities in order to help increase the number of vendors that support and sponsor chapter activities.

Good of the Order

Kim Brandt announced free dispatcher training in Van Wert is October 26th, lunch is also provided.

Hamilton County – Is TERT still active in Ohio? He had heard Ohio TF-1 had telecommunicators that were activated but had no confirmation on whether any were actually deployed or not. Monte Diegel answered emphatically that TERT is not active in Ohio. Ohio is well behind but as the still listed contact he received over 20 emails in the last week due to the hurricanes that struck the southern US. Monte is happy to get the ball rolling but he needs a lot of help. Many members spoke in support of getting TERT rolling in Ohio and Satoru recommended creating a task force to examine the issue and engage the membership in mobilizing the TERT effort in Ohio. Mike Banks gathered names of interested members and will get the process started for TERT in Ohio.

Satoru Persons invited past president Kelley Davidson to the podium and the members of the Ohio APCO executive committee. Satoru thanked Kelley for her service to the chapter as a chapter officer and the guidance and mentoring she provided as the chapter president. A plaque honoring Kelley for her tenure at president was presented to her. Kelley spoke briefly to the audience thanking the membership for their support through the years and that she was proud of and enjoyed her service to the chapter.

Patrick Brandt made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kim Brant. The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.



THANKS!

For the November meeting we thank the following sponsors:

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**OHIO
GOLD
STAR
AWARDS
PROGRAM**

A brief update on where Gold Star is so far in 2017; I have received three nominations total and I'm still looking for people to send in those nominations. Every year the routine remains the same with the majority of the nominations coming in at the end of the year. The deadline for 2017 awards nominations is January 31, 2018 which is still a little over three months away.

Please Do Not Forget

A traditional mailer has been sent with current information such as the date and location for the 2019 Gold Star luncheon, nomination criteria, deadline, and a nomination form. An e-mailer will be sent out in November as a follow-up to make sure we have reached as many of the APCO and NENA members in Ohio as we possibly can.

See many of you at the Ohio APCO/NENA Chapter meeting on November 8th.

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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 30

For more information and to apply visit

www.ohioapco.org