



In recent times, our weeks have felt like months, and months have felt like years. We are all still coping with this pandemic's isolation personally, while professionally, we are working to keep everyone as safe as possible. We became at-home teachers. We had to cope with not being able to work from home when school and daycares closed. Going to the grocery store became a choice that involves considering our family's wellbeing.

**You are an incredible person.**

I do not doubt that some if not all of what I mentioned above has come into your life. You have made a herculean effort throughout it all. Few can challenge that idea. We in public communications are very often heard and rarely seen. However, as individuals, we can have the single most significant impact on a rescue, an arrest, or saving lives before the responders even know they are needed. Few others have this same responsibility or influence.

**You are an incredible Dispatcher, Supervisor, Manager, or Director.**

You will soon be asked to vote on someone to be the next 2nd Vice President of Ohio APCO. I ask that you vote for me, Cody R. Post, for that position.

Since the early 2000's my entire career has been in Public Safety, working in 9-1-1 like many of us since just after high school. My career has taken different paths than most, beginning with working in a smaller center. I am now the Director of a large regional center serving Stark County. Working Part-time as a Paramedic and a firefighter has provided me with a deep understanding and respect for both sides of the radio.

As an administrator working my way up from the desk, I understand our calls' daily impact and the relationships with our responders that make them extensions of our own family. I focus much of my effort in the front office to make the best environment for my telecommunicators to give them benefits and favorable policies to make my center a great place to work.

I also understand the isolation that being at the top of our centers bring. Our ability to turn to a coworker to bounce ideas off, vent our frustrations, or just let down our guard for a moment isn't possible. We can't always make the needed changes. We can bring change, but are limited in that change. This year, like you, I had to consider plans and solutions to this pandemic that I would have never thought possible earlier in my career.

I have worked for the last four years to expand my knowledge in our industry by earning both the RPL and ENP designations. I have worked to bring Ohio TERT to life, improve our PSAP operations rules, and advocated to strengthen the voice of the PSAP Manager and Director in how Ohio regulates 9-1-1 centers.

I will bring my drive and passion for improving our Ohio 9-1-1 industry to Ohio APCO's executive committee.

**Please consider me as your choice for APCO 2nd VP in 2021.**

**Respectfully, Cody R. Post.**