



Ohio Chapter Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2022

Welcome Remarks – Chapter President Johnna Sells

The meeting began at 10:03 am with President Johnna Sells presiding over the APCO chapter and President Nancy Kolcan presiding over the NENA chapter. Meeting was held with chapter executive committee members attending in person, and other attendees attending virtually via Zoom. *This meeting was not recorded.*

Chapter Secretary & Treasurer Reports – Mike Banks

Mike Banks stated that the previous meeting's minutes were posted online and published in the chapter newsletter, copies were also disseminated to those in attendance. Erica Walsh made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes, seconded by Bob Bill. Motion passed with all in favor vote.

Mike Banks shared the chapter treasury report that was also posted online with copies available to those in person. The current balance for the APCO accounts are as follows; APCO Checking account - \$16,617.10, Money Market - \$77,202.18; Gold Star – Conference Checking - \$53,047.45.

Joint Conference Committee Report - Rose Chambers

The conference committee is busy preparing for the coming conference, working on catering choices, we'll have the same DJ we've had previous years for entertainment. There will be a 5k Sunday night, entertainment is Monday night. We have most of the sponsorships lined up but there is plenty of booth space available on the conference floor.

Gold Star Committee Report – Brian MacMurdo

Brian MacMurdo provided the list of 2020's winners:

Supervisor of the Year

Lisa Davet – CVD

Solid Gold Telecommunicator of the Year

Stephanie Snyder – East Lake PD

Double Gold – Team of the year –

Chagrin Valley Dispatch – Brecksville

Trainer of the Year

Jordan Feltoon – Chagrin Valley Dispatch



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Tech Leadership Award Chagrin Valley Dispatch – Daniel Grein

The winners of the 2021 awards should be picked and announced soon.

Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office Update – Rob Jackson

Wireless Government Assistance Fund reconciliation forms are getting ready to come out again. They will expect the forms to be returned by July.

Annual continuing education will be coming out in March.

Combined subcommittees for PSAP ops and tech standards meet today at 1300 at the DPS Shipley Bldg. The goal is to come out with a recommendation on the OTA/OCA language and questions, also a recommended fee above the \$0.25 that's already in HB 445.

The federal E911 grant is wrapping up with a few counties left to finish their projects and verification process. The grant performance period closes on 3/31/22 and all grant eligible projects need to be completed by that date. The State Fire Marshall's Office is working diligently to process the grants and get reimbursements back out to the counties.

Ohio MARCS – Tom Brethauer

A lot of alerts are being received from CISA relating to the unrest in Ukraine. Keep your guard up and check your router/switch/intrusion detection logs. There's an elevated concern about cyber security.

Ohio TERT Update – Cody Post

The TERT committee is looking for regional coordinators throughout Ohio to help with the TERT effort. Go to ohiotert.org and fill out the form and let them know you're interested. Help spread the word on what they are, what their goals are, and what being part of TERT entails. We're working on qualifying state telecommunicators to be deployable assets.

Mr. Post introduced Nick DiCicco and Lisa Davet to discuss the TERT deployment to the US Virgin Islands:

The US Virgin Islands declared a state of emergency, they had a 92% COVID positivity rate, everyone was mandated to work 48-hour shifts. They asked for two 14 person teams to do a 2-week mission. Chagrin Valley Dispatch teamed up with Southwest Dispatch in Strongsville, they were able to send a five-person team to St. Croix and a five-person team to St. Thomas. All crews worked 13 days straight on 12.5-hour shifts. Everyone had the last day off where they got to visit the Governor's office and tour the islands. The crews had to learn a new CAD, new phone system, work around the challenge of locals not using addresses, instead using references such as the "3rd speed bump" "turn right at the blue truck and look for the house with the pink door"



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There were lots of paperwork to comply with EMAC, had over 300 receipts but everything was turned over to Ohio EMA and they were able to pay for it. While it was a positive experience, there was a lot learned, centers must take into consideration the need to have ready/able/trained/willing personnel to send and lots of support back home to maintain proper documentation to work with FEMA to ensure adequate reimbursements in a timely manner.

APCO Executive Council & Committee Reports

- Frequency Advisory Committee – Bob Bill

FCC has been taking aggressive action about companies that pass robocall traffic, there has been a lot of improvement and it should continue to get better. FCC signing letters of agreement with state AG's and through that the states and FCC are aggressively collaborating to research and locate robocall companies and traffic and aggressively prosecuting the offenders.

Keep the FCC licenses, especially the agency contact info updated and current. If contact info is updated the notification for expiring licenses doesn't take place and a lot of work and money goes into renewing licenses that lapsed due to outdated notification info. Reach out to Bob for help in keeping the licenses updated and keep problems from occurring down the road.

- Executive Council and Legislative – Matt Franke

APCO HQ update, executive council has not as a region after the January board meeting. They will meet before the next meeting in April.

Goals for this year out of GRO:

Legislative priorities, to secure major federal funding to implement NG911 nationwide. This was included with previous budget but was cut in the last year during reconciliation. Fix the federal classification for public safety telecommunicators.

Look for funding for health and wellness program for 911 professionals. Punctuated by our work through the pandemic

Location accuracy for wireless 911 calls

6ghz band

4.9ghz band

Legislative Update

Working with the subcommittees, a lot of positives coming out of work in the statehouse and feedback from legislators who understand the problem but it's a little bit of a two-edged sword. They understand that next-gen changes everything about 9-1-1. They understand the changes and why there's an appetite for an increase in the fee structure

- Training Committee – Lydia Frey



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Lots of training coming up in March -

3/8 Preble County - Active Assailant training

3/17-3/18 - Richland County - CIT Training

3/14 - Columbus PD - how our brains respond to stress

3/25 - 3/26 - Wood County - CTO class (PSTG)

3/22 - 3/23 - Delaware County - CCS training

5/2 - 5/5 Medina County (check)

OSHP and BCI offer Ohio Alerts training and they will come to your facility

- Compassionate Care Committee- Holly Lampton & Tom Donahue

Holly - got together after the holidays and have had two meetings so far. 6-8 members in the group with Tom Donahue and Johnna co-chairing to get established.

Two distinct programs: A send a card program, and a deliver a tote program. The cards are in hand and the goal is to have the totes assembled by the conference. The goal is to have roughly \$50 worth of products in the coats. Still compiling resources and the plan is to reevaluate. State was divided using USHS map.

Committee goals:

- Establishing guidelines/criteria/process for send a card and deliver a tote gesture
- Collaborating and identifying existing peer support teams in each region
- Add NENA members to the committee
- Google drive set up with resources and contact info

- Nominating Committee - Mike Banks

The nominating committee recommended the current slate of officers to carry over from this term to the next, as has been past tradition. They have also nominated Mike Banks to retain his role as Secretary/Treasurer. Mike Banks asked for nominations from the floor, with none heard. Motion to accept Erica Walsh and seconded by Adrienne Shaffer, nominations were accepted with an all-in favor vote.

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NENA Goes to Washington Event



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March 15th thru 18th President Johnna Sells and Ohio NENA President Steve Shaner will be representing their chapters at NENA goes to Washington.

President Sells reminded the members in attendance that APCO International committee sign-ups are open. Several members present that currently serve on committees provided testimony on the commitments and advantages of committee work.

Adjournment

Rose Chambers made the motion to close the meeting, seconded by Nancy Kolcan. Motion passed with all in favor vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:40am.



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The 2022 meeting dates pending, an update will be sent ASAP.

Motion to adjourn Bob Bill, seconded by Mindy Lane the meeting adjourned at 11:00am.