



## Ohio Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2023

### Welcome Remarks – Steve Shaner & Johnna Gonzalez Sells

President Sells began the meeting at 10:06am. Rob Jackson led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Joint Conference Committee Report - Rose Chambers

The Mini Conference is September 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, Ricardo Martinez will be there all day with a keynote address and session. It will be held at the Embassy Suites, Dublin. The room block is open now at \$139/night. Conference registration will open in the next 5-7 days and will be accessible via the chapter websites. Gold Star will have a small vendor show with our sponsoring vendors. Wednesday there will be a cocktail hour with the vendors, Thursday morning will have a continental breakfast with attendees. The Conference Registration is \$75 or \$100 w/ Gold Star luncheon tickets. Tickets just for the Gold Star luncheon is only \$30.00. The chapter quarterly meeting will be held at 8am on Wednesday in the ballroom.

### Gold Star Committee Report – Brian MacMurdo

All nominations are in and with the selection committee to pick the award winners, once picked notifications will be sent out to the nominees and award winners via email and we'll post that to social media.

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

Wireless Government Assistance Fund reconciliation funds are out there and ongoing, they are due back by July - the grant monitoring ongoing and grant verification monitoring forms should be turned in with the reconciliation forms.

ESInet Steering Committee met Monday, nothing huge other than legislation ongoing. Next meeting is June 26th @ 1100hrs. The monthly county coordinator teleconference will be on June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1430 hrs.

SB 50 proceedings are in parallel with the state budget bill, they will cancel SB 50 if it passes with the state budget bill. There has been one piece of language that has been inserted that could affect the wireless collection fee. Mr. Franke should have an update on that, or please check in with the coalition for particulars on what to do to address this.

Rob Jackson will retire on June 30th - a new administrator will be appointed after the 30th. Rob was honored to have served as the first full time administrator over the last 8 years. Working with the all of the county coordinators and 9-1-1 personnel across the street has been a real pleasure. If you have Rob's number it won't change as that's his personal number, he didn't have a state cell phone. President Sells and President Shaner presented Johnna with a certificate honoring him for his service and dedication to public safety communications in Ohio.

### Ohio MARCS Tom Brethauer

MARCS steering committee last week, 6 policies presented, majority of the updates were wording corrections, available to review on the website. MPP 15 interop suite update, there's a minimum required list of MARCS talkgroups to have in the radio and a suggested template for additional talkgroups, if your radio has capacity to allow it.



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One policy on financial aspects is still in legislative process for Governor's proposal MARCS user fees, don't think it's appropriate to update financial info ahead of July. Everyone in MARCS office is gearing up to have no users fees coming in as that changes their model.

Program director, at the Steering Committee, the Office of First Responder Initiatives have hired Angie Canepa who is really engaged and actively participates. Plans to introduce a new program director by August. One last reminder, 776 days until link layer/radio authentication is turned on, July 1st, 2025,

Dick Miller, Ohio MARCS is building a tower in Hicksville, permits are done, bolts are in, Champaign County in Mechanicsburg, in North Lancaster/Fairfield County, Wayne County in Fredericksburg, 3 in Portage County, southeastern corner of Trumbull County and Berlin in Holmes County. They are rebuilding towers Reynoldsburg, Perry, and Butler. Guyed towers being replaced with self supporting towers. Radio authentication is a big deal and continue to move forward with that. MARCS now has over 143,000 activated radios.

There is an enormous amount of planning regarding the April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse. MARCS is working on the ICS 205 comms plan. Bob Bill/Arlin/Jim working on it. Need to complete the map and the 205 will be released. MARCS does not expect anyone to change what they're doing on 4/8. 4/6 - 4/10 will be very busy. They are requesting radio etiquette, keeping traffic down during that time period would be appreciated, consolidating talkgroups temporarily. They will be actively monitoring the system and have assurance that the system will be stable, but sensible steering of traffic will be appreciated to assure proper capacity on their towers in and around the eclipse areas.

### Voting – Swearing In: Matt Franke

Mr. Franke presented the slate of officers from the nominating committee: Cheryl Pratt, President; Cody Post, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President; Erica Walsh 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. Paul Mayer made the motion to accept the slate of officers, seconded by Brad Brubaker. Motion passed with all in favor vote.

Mr. Franke then administered the oath of office to the new slate of Ohio Chapter Officers.

Mike Banks presented Past-President Sells with a plaque honoring her service to the chapter as our president over the past two years. Ms. Sells thanked all of the members and attendees for their support throughout the years.

President Cheryl Pratt now presides over the meeting.

### Matt Franke APCO Presidential Campaign Message

Mr. Franke has served the chapter and association in many roles for decades. As Executive Council, Spectrum and Technology Committee chair, Board of Directors, chapter officer, etc. Matt's five years on the board of directors for the 13 north-central region chapters was hit by the broadband implications for Next Generation 9-1-1 on the PSAP that came out of APCO Project 43. Matt has not seen a technology change to the level that NG 9-1-1 is going to be. We really need to this right on how it will affect our technology, and our people, and how we can make it work all the way through the system. If we're getting video in to the center, it has to be able to get back out to the first responders in their videos so they can see/understand what's being broadcast to our centers. Expecting that to be relayed by already



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overworked and busy dispatchers will be a nightmare for our centers. At last year's conference in Anaheim, Derrick Poarch introduced the Definitive Guide to NG 9-1-1. It has almost everything you would possibly need to explain what NG 9-1-1 is and the impact it will have on our industry. NG 9-1-1 is not the "next 9-1-1 thing", it's totally different. Matt testified to the senate on SB 50 not too long ago and how he discussed 10 years ago that his daughter, a student at Ohio State at the time, could take a picture of a crime in progress and send it to her brother in Guam, but had no ability to send it to 9-1-1. 10 years later, we're exactly in the same place. 10 years later we have an entire generation that has never considered the fact that they cannot contact 9-1-1 the same way they can contact everyone else they communicate with. The answer for 9-1-1 service when someone asks if we can do something should not be "maybe" or "it depends". We've got to do better and we have to do it right.

Mr. Franke believes he still owes a debt to APCO from all the way back when he read the APCO Manual for Public Safety Communications (Project 2, 1966), when he started dispatching in college and there was no training program and he had to figure it all out.

Three candidates are running. Mr. Franke is the only one with experience on the Board of Directors. APCO is a big operation with 75 employees and a worldwide presence. Mr. Poarch, APCO Executive Director, will retire in one year. Mr. Franke is committed to guiding APCO through that transition as we get a new Executive Director. We cannot afford to have someone that's learning to do the job in place while we have a new Executive Director that's also learning the job.

Online voting will start in about one month. With three candidates, the winner has to have 50% of the vote, plus one. If the candidates do not have 50% of the vote there will be a run-off held at the Business Meeting in the national conference in Nashville. There has not been a contested election in some years. If every voting eligible member in Ohio went online and voted, Franke would be well on his way to securing a win in the election. He appreciates the support of our membership and encourages everyone to vote and attend the business meeting in Nashville, if they attend the conference.

Johnna Sells stated that the Ohio Executive Committee has officially endorsed Matt Franke for APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, not only because he's a chapter member, but due to his vast knowledge and experience from both sides of the headset. He understands the

### Secretary /Treasurer Report: Mike Banks

Mike Banks stated that the meeting minutes had been distributed via the Chapter Newsletter, posted on the website and copies were available at the front of the room. Rose Chambers made the motion to waive the reading of the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Patrick Brandt. Motion passed with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Ohio APCO Checking balance is \$23,376.71, Gold Star/Conference checking is \$20,711.32, APCO Money Market balance is \$76,252.20. Patrick Brandt made motion to accept, seconded by Cody Post. Motion passed with all in favor.

### Committee Updates



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### Commercial Advisory

Norberto Colon thanked Motorola Solutions for sponsoring today's meeting. This is his last meeting as our CCAM. 2 new chapter commercial advisory members will be appointed soon.

### Frequency Advisory Committee – Bob Bill

Make sure you have good email addresses for FCC licenses. The FCC sends out notifications via email only. Without a good email address, licenses are expiring because the FCC has no way to notify the license holders. Try putting two good email contacts on there or utilizing a generic address that sends to a distribution group. Licenses are good for 10 years and its quite common for the person filling the license to change roles or move on prior to the next renewal period.

### Executive Council and Legislative – Matt Franke

Each house has the 9-1-1 legislation in it. Last year, it was HB 445, we went through committee meetings, Matt explained how the joint subcommittee (ESInet Technical and Operations subcommittee) – met numerous times over several months. They went through and figured out all the technology, what was purchased, what CPE costs, recording costs, were per PSAP, per position, per county. They took these costs and accounted for the 13.5 million estimated devices out there. Based on all of the hard numbers, they determine it would costs \$0.39 additional cents a month to get the equipment needed for NG 9-1-1, which took us to \$0.64 per device. The ESInet steering committee decided to set it to \$0.70. There has been pushback on this increase. Through amendments this was brought back down to \$0.64. The \$0.64 fee is based on the 13.5 million devices. Based on the hard numbers of all of the costs for upgrading to NG9-1-1.

The same language from HB 445 has gone to the house. The wording has changed on the senate side where it could be interpreted that it's no longer \$0.64 device, but \$0.64 per bill. Obviously, we do not know what the reduction would be. We have no idea how each device is divided per bill. That's not information that can be obtained from the carriers. If this comes up, the two bills are not in sync right now. If you are talking to a representative, raise a flag so they understand the difference between the house and the senate bill or vice-versa. Our position to the legislature. has always been "we're going to tell you what we need to make NG 9-1-1 work, how you're going to fund it is up to you". The problem is, the legislature has gutted the equation and we're not going to have enough money to make this work. If you have the opportunity, make sure your elected officials are aware of what is needed, the discrepancy in the language, and the need to adequately fund NG 9-1-1.

### Training Committee – Adrienne Sheffer

There are quite a few Ohio Alerts training across the state. August 15<sup>th</sup> KSU Warren OH, August 24, Warren CO SO, August 29 ODNR HQ Athens, October 3<sup>rd</sup> Centerville PD, October 18<sup>th</sup> City of Findlay. Working on locations in the Cleveland area and the Cambridge area. All of these are available to sign up in the Ohio Public Safety Training Center. Annual Ohio Alerts training is October 11<sup>th</sup>. Lydia Frey is also working on getting a CART training class.

### Compassionate Care – Cody Post



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City of Akron were evacuated for four weeks following the grand jury hearing for a police involved shooting. If you sent something to them, you can expect a thank you soon.

### Good of the Order and Announcements

Paul Mayer - he has the distinction as the longest serving member of Ohio APCO close to 50 years. He can't think of anyone more qualified than Matt Franke to serve APCO international as the second vice-president. He encouraged everyone to vote for Matt Franke.

Cheryl Pratt: Marc Spross sent a video to play to the membership about his candidacy as APCO's 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. That will be played during lunch and prior to today's training.

### Adjournment

Patrick Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rose Chambers. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1135 am.