

NC APCO Meeting
November 18th, 2011
Apex, NC

Present

Randy Wood
Ray Gilleland
Wesley Reid
Tammy Watson
Judy Capparelli
Brad Jones
Richard Batchelor
Susan McCleod
Janet King
Grayson Gusa

President Wood called the meeting called to order at 1045.

Ray Gilleland and Brad Jones were sworn in as officers of the board; Ray as 1st vice president and Brad as Region A Ambassador. He introduced the executive board.

He thanked Wrightline and Wireless for sponsoring lunch and Apex for hosting the meeting.

New attendees, past presidents and RPL's were recognized.

Marsha Withrow made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Ronnie Barefoot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

TC Account	\$4,080.12
Money Market	\$44,348.78
Main Checking	\$1,574.23
Scholarship Acct	\$3,620
Total Assets	\$53,623.13

Beth Smith made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Angie Schulz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: No report.

Historical Committee:

Randy and Terry have been collecting pictures. Randy has also been in contact with Ann Russo from National APCO to obtain more information.

Inter-agency Communications:

The 2011 N.C. Pre-Summit Interoperable Communications Training Boot Camp will be held December 12-14, 2011. The 2011 N.C. Interoperable Communications Summit will be December 15 & 16, 2011. The training is free.

There is a proposed Bill to extend Narrow banding by 2 years.

112TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION - H.R. 3430

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend the final deadline for private land mobile radio licensees to migrate to narrowband technology by 2 years

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey introduced the following bill which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr3430ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr3430ih.pdf>

Legislative:

A resolution was being submitted by Dare County (possibly others) to the Legislature on their 911 funding – in essence wants all of the funds collected in their County to go to their County. The 911 Board discussed the resolution and felt that if Counties were underfunded that they perhaps didn't know how to get additional funding and were going to roll out some training on this, send a letter explaining it, and post on their website as well.

Funding Committee:

- Virtual software is an eligible expense for CAD, GIS, phones, etc (hosted solutions)
- A list of eligible classes will be forthcoming in the December meeting and will be posted on the website
- Third party QA of EMD is not an eligible expense however the Board may look at this again because it is cheaper than training and paying someone in house to do this
- Photo imagery is being removed as an eligible expense since it is being furnished by the 911 Board
- Cost of running dual systems will need to be addressed in order for people to move to Next Gen from legacy systems – the Board will discuss the amount of time this will be allowed and give a ruling in the December meeting

Standards Committee:

- The Board will be mandating the NCMEC 8 hour training for missing and exploited children for Telecommunicators in 2012. The training is free and can be computer based if necessary – there are three parts – Telecommunicator, Train the Trainer, and for Administrators. The Board wants to have two large class offerings in 2012, one in the western part of the State and the other perhaps during the APCO/NENA State Conference.

Update on Grants:

- All grants referred to as 2009 are really FY10 grants and are all closed with the exception of the maintenance on the Statewide Orthography grant
- 2011 grants are closed with the exception of Wilson County which is slated to close in November 2011 and Stanly County which is slated to close in January/February 2012

- 2012 grants – all contracts are out for signatures. Burke County had requested to start spending grant funds before their MOUS were signed – requested an extension to March 2012 for the MOUS to be signed. The Board will grant the extension but the grant rules state that no monies can be expended until the MOUS are signed and submitted.
- 911 Board Projects – Ecats Data Collection will be completed in June of 2012 and the Coastal Orthos will be completed in August 2012

Revenue Expenditure Reporting

- Still have some PSAPs that have not submitted reports or responded to communications about the reports. The Board voted to withhold funding to PSAPs that do not file reports or respond to communications from Marsha Tapler. In addition to the communications that are now sent she will also send a letter to the Mayor and County Commissioner.

FCC Filing – NG911 NPRM

- Tom Ditt with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community stated that they do not agree with texting to numbers other than directly to 911. He also stated that the deaf community makes up about 12-15% of each counties population.
- The Board members were asked to submit their comments on the FCC filing in 7-10 days so that a final presentation of their comments could be made at the December meeting to go to the FCC

911 Board Website Updates

- Will be adding the expenditure reports to the individual PSAP listing under the PSAP page. You will be able to view this by clicking on the individual PSAP and then the report

Update on Funding for Guilford Metro

- They stated that they are fine with their funding for this year however may have to ask for additional funds in the following year

Proposed Dates for 911 Board Meetings:

January 27, 2012	February 24, 2012	March 23, 2012
April 20, 2012	May 18, 2012	June 15, 2012
July 27, 2012	August 24, 2012	September 28, 2012
October 26, 2012	December 7, 2012	

Dates will be confirmed in the December meeting.

Training:

We will be posting the training schedule on line soon. If you are interesting in hosting let Jeryl or Crystal know.

The APCO Institute's CTO is now on the 5th edition. There are live offering and on-line offerings. You will be required to renew every two years. NC APCO will be offering the course soon.

Telecommunicator (TC) In-service requirements for sheriff's standards are almost done for 2011. You have until December 31st. If you were hired on or after July 1st of this year you are exempt from 2011. You must report to sheriff's standards if staff does not complete required training. Alamance community college is hosting classes.

The TC Training Symposium will be April 15th-17th 2012 at the Clarion in Greensboro. State rate is available. Registration is \$125 and is open now

The TC Instructor Update for 2012 for the North Carolina Justice Academy will be held on November 29th from 8am to 12pm in Edneyville.

Executive Council: No Report

Randy introduced Neil Sizemore who has been appointed as NC APCO representative on the 911 board. Neil will also be serving on the standards committee. The standards are in the rules making process now. The next board meeting is Friday December 9th.

Regional Reports

Region A:

NC State Highway Patrol Troop A Communications Center Supervisor Timmy Pope retired effective November 1, 2011. Shift Supervisor Jason Steward had been appointed acting center supervisor in the interim. We expect that to become official very shortly. All correspondence from local agencies should be sent to Shift Supervisor Jason Steward at jsteward@ncshp.org.

Region B:

Tom Vigieante is NCSU's new director and Kim Womble is the new supervisor.

Rick Thomas is the new communications supervisor for Apex Police. Apex is also doing background checks to hire one additional telecommunicator had handle peak times,

Raleigh-Wake just started their 42nd Academy started with 12 people, 11 telecommunicator and 1 call taker.

Region C: No report.

Region D:

Burlington PD is upgrading their OSSI CAD and currently rebanding their radios. They are currently hiring; their staff is down by 25%.

Randolph County received some damage from the tornadoes. They will start the transition to VIPER radio system on December 1st. They are currently upgrading their 911 equipment
Randolph County is doing a toy drive for foster kids in Randleman.

Guilford Metro hired 12 new hires as call takers. They hope to be running by January 2012. They are looking to hire eight more in April.

Region E:

Since David Dodd's retirement in Cleveland County, Mike Branch has taken over as the director and Lorie Poston was promoted to the assistant director. Recently they have hired two new full-time telecommunicators and are in the process of finalizing another full-time hire by the end of the week. They are also in process of interviewing candidates for several part-time positions.

Assistant Director Lorie Poston also wanted to extend thanks to all of the agencies and agency-heads that have assisted in their transition to the new administration.

Marsha Withrow reported that Charlotte Fire Department has five openings. They completed their backup center in October. They implement the new Intrado phone system. Charlotte Police is doing an Intergraph upgrade in January. Charlotte Fire will implement Intergraph in April or May.

Rowan County put out bids for a new stand alone 911 center. They are also continuing to work on a radio system upgrade by adding 3 additional tower sites in the county and replacing all non-digital radios on the system. Rebanding is now in the final phases, they are intending to have the infrastructure and National Mutual-Aid Channel completed by the Spring of 2012.

Burke County Emergency Services has been awarded a \$7.2 million dollar consolidation grant that will allow their 4 PSAP's to merge into a centralized facility. They are in the very early phases and currently are working on their inter-local agreements and other paperwork. The timeline to be in the new center is by October 2013.

Iredell County is now fully staffed.

Highway Patrol Troop E Communications in Salisbury went live in their new state of the art communications center on Monday of this week. Construction began over a year ago, and this is an extensive upgrade to their previous equipment.

Cabarrus County 911 continues to work on joining onto the Charlotte Regional Radio System, estimated going live in the Spring of 2012. They will also be doing an assessment center for a new Communications Sergeant position in late November.

Pineville Police Department plans to move into their new police department and communications center on December 12, 2011.

Region F: No report.

New business:

NC APCO has a new website thanks to Grayson Gusa.

The FCC's notice of rule changing. President Wood encourages everyone to look over. They are looking for a possible interim solution for texting 911.

David Dodd did a presentation on the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Richard Batchelor made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Capparelli, NC APCO Secretary