

NC APCO Meeting
November 21st, 2014
Greensboro, NC

Present

Ellis Frazier
Rick Thomas
Jeryl Anderson
Frank Thomason
Judy Capparelli
Richard Batchelor
Janet King

President Frazier called the meeting called to order at 11am. President Frazier welcomed everyone to Greensboro. He thanked Carolina Recording Systems for sponsoring lunch.

President Frazier introduced the executive board. 1st time attendees, past presidents and RPL's were recognized.

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

Treasurer's report:

Main account - \$2,544.18
TC Symposium account - \$6,876.46
Scholarship account - \$2,430.00
Money Market account - \$37,432.91

Total - \$49,283.55

Candy Strezinski made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Ronnie Barefoot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Historical Committee:

We are meeting in the City of Greensboro almost 53 years to the day of the chapter organizational meeting.

The following is the article that appeared in the December, 1961 APCO Bulletin:

On November 14, 1961, thirty-nine representatives of Police and Fire Departments, local government agencies and commercial communications organizations met at the Greensboro, N.C. Fire Training Center to organize a new chapter of APCO, Inc.

Sanford H. Smith, Communications Engineer for the Greensboro Police Department presided as Chairman. He introduced C.W. Wyrick, Chief of the Greensboro Fire Department, who welcomed the group and Chief Paul Calhoun of the Greensboro Police Department, who gave a strong endorsement to the need of an organization such as APCO.

This meeting was attended by the President of the National Organization, Captain Joseph Marshall from Virginia, who outlined the aims and purposes of APCO and cited some past accomplishments. His assistance with the organizational work that followed was invaluable and much appreciated by all present.

By unanimous vote the group decided to form a new chapter and that it should be designated as the North Carolina Chapter of APCO.

This report was submitted by R.W. Franklin who was with the North Carolina Highway Patrol office in Greensboro. Mr. Franklin served as the first Secretary / Treasurer for the North Carolina Chapter of APCO.

Also noted for the historical committee is that David Dodd is now part of the committee.

Pro-CHRT:

The committee has met. The current focus of the committee is getting telecommunicators identified as public safety professionals as opposed to clerical employees. This would be a nationwide effort because this is a federal classification.

Inter-agency Communications:

Melanie Neal advised Lewis Cheatham needs to know what we want FirstNet to do for us. Please send any information to Lewis that may help him with that. FirstNet is a nationwide 4G LTE network specific for the public safety community.

CJIN: No report.

911 Board: No report.

Legislative:

We spoke to our lobbyist, Thomas Moore, and he said there may be the possibility that the surcharge for 911 be looked at to pay for 911 salaries. This is just a rumor at this point but we need to keep our eyes open if this does happen.

Training:

Anna Curtis reported the following:

Apex PD will be hosting a CTO class on January 16th.

Rockingham County will host a CISM class on January 21st.

Burlington PD will be hosting the following:

Fish Philosophy Communications Center Karma on January 30th

Liability – Avoiding the pitfall on February 20th

NextGen – Texting to 911 on February 27th

Wake Tech is hosting a CISM class February 9th-11th.

Richmond County is hosting on-line classes for EMD, CTO continuing education and Sheriff's Training and Standards in-service.

Alamance Community College is hosting on-line classes for Sheriff's Training and Standards in-service.

The TC Training Symposium – Lights, Cameras, Action! – will be held April 12th-14th, 2015 at the Greensboro Clarion. Registration is \$125.00 and is now open.

Executive Council: No report.

National APCO: No report.

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Committee:

The CISM committee was created to address critical incident stress management specifically for PSAP's. This will become especially important with the possibility of pictures and video being sent to the PSAP's in the future. There will be training in January and February. If you are interested please let Connie Gartin know.

Social/Digital Committee:

This is a new committee headed by Grayson Gusa and chaired by Brett Wrenn. Crystal McDuffie and Craig Schulz are also part of this committee.

Activities and Membership

We sent out a survey shortly after the conference. We only had 37 responses but we have passed that on to our training committee to help with classes for the next year

We have purchased a year subscription to survey monkey so that we can get ideas and opinions from across the entire state. Please encourage everyone in the 911 field, not just APCO or NENA, to participate when they see these surveys.

CCAM: No report.

Regional Reports:

Region A:

We do not have an ambassador for Region A. If you are interested in becoming a Region A Ambassador please let President Frazier know.

Region B: No report.

Region C: No report.

Region D:

Forsyth County has completed testing with text to 911 and just hired 5 people.

Melanie Neal reported that Guilford Metro currently has an opening for an emergency special projects coordinator in the IT department. This will be open until December 3rd. The information can be found on Greensboro's website

Anna Curtis reported Burlington PD just got approved for a remodel project. They are in the planning stages; work will start after the first of the year.

Alamance County reported they just hired four people but they are still down seven.

Stokes County went live with text to 911 with Sprint and Verizon.

Randolph County

Randolph County had several promotions - Assistant Communications Supervisor, one Lieutenant and two shift sergeants.

The Uwharrie EMS Base 7 is nearly complete. Projected staffing at the base is scheduled for January 1, 2015. Also, they are in the process of surveying property for a new Liberty EMS base.

Randolph County Emergency Services will have the "Fill the Ambulance" toy and food drive Saturday, November 22 10am-6pm and Saturday, Dec 13 10am-6pm at the Walmart located in Randleman. This toy and food drive will be donated for the foster children under the care of Social Services this Christmas and the non-perishable food items will be donated to the Christians United Outreach Center.

Randolph County Emergency Services Employee Appreciation banquet will be held Monday, December 8, 2014.

High Point 9-1-1 reported they have recently hired two new telecommunicators. They are currently in the process of recruiting and interviewing for the last open position. They are actively pursuing their Next Generation solution and should have a decision soon. Also, they have Text to 9-1-1 capability with 3 of the major carries and still waiting on Verizon.

Region E:

We do not have an ambassador for Region E. If you are interested in becoming a Region E Ambassador please let President Frazier know.

Charlotte Fire has had several promotions. They recently hired eight telecommunicators. They just did a Trittech CAD upgrade. They had two fieldcomm deployments.

Region F: No report.

President Frazier and NC NENA President Barefoot met with several people in the western counties and are trying to get people from the western side of the state more involved with APCO and NENA.

Old business:

No old business.

New business:

President Frazier submitted a request to the 911 Board that CTO classes be 911-fund eligible.

We need to continue to build solid relationships with the 911 Board and NC NENA.

We requested a disbursement from the APCO Sunshine Fund for one of our members and it was approved.

We will be purchasing a new laptop for the treasurer. We will be donating our current laptop to a child in need.

We need to look at the liability that telecommunicators have in their everyday jobs that Lloyd Moscowwitz discussed in the NENA meeting.

We need to look at the possibility of providing continuing education for our PSAP's through an on-line process.

President Frazier recognized Susan Hall and Marsha Withrow on their retirement.

Ronnie Barefoot made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Capparelli, NC APCO Secretary