

NC APCO Meeting
March 20th, 2015
Fayetteville, NC

Present

Ellis Frazier
Rick Thomas
Jeryl Anderson
Tammy Watson
Judy Capparelli
Richard Batchelor
Janet King
Ray Gilleland

Prior to the meeting, Doug Frye with the Armed Forces Benefits Association gave a presentation on first responder life insurance benefits.

President Frazier called the meeting called to order at 11 a.m. President Frazier welcomed everyone to Fayetteville.

President Frazier thanked CenturyLink for sponsoring lunch.

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

Rick Thomas made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. David Dodd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

Main account - \$6,641.29
TC Symposium account - \$11,321.93
Scholarship account - \$2,430.00
Money Market account - \$52,444.50

Total - \$72,837.72

Kelly Palmer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Ray Gilleland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Historical Committee:

Randy Surratt. When Randy was researching our past presidents, 1980-83 were the years he couldn't find a lot of information. He has not only found information about the presidents during that timeframe but also found information about past secretary/treasurers as well. He is continuing to work on this.

Pro-CHRT:

The committee is still looking at how to get recognized on a federal level as public safety personnel.

Inter-agency Communications: No report.

CJIN: No report.

911 Board:

Melanie Neal passed along that the active shooter response group has submitted a white paper to the appropriate group and they should have more to report in May.

Richard Taylor reported that when the 911 board delivers the ortho data they also give data for the neighboring counties. A lot of counties are refusing the neighboring counties data. It's not the PSAP directors doing this, it is often IT doing this citing storage issues. If you are having problems with not getting surrounding data, please let the 911 board know.

Legislative:

Candy Strezinski reported from Thomas Moore that potential legislation is being looked at that would delay the requirement for backup PSAP's. He also reported that the county commissioner's lobbyist has told him they will be filing a bill to expand the 911 fund.

Richard Taylor is working with the governor's military advisory committee about funding military PSAP's. The best idea so far is looking at subscribers that are on base and using that number to fund those PSAP's. He believes this will have the least impact on the funds.

Training:

Jeryl Anderson reported the following:

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. Please check the website for the schedule.

Save the Date! The 2015 NC APCO/NENA conference will be September 13th-16th, 2015. Registration opens in early May! Call for Papers are now open! Please share your knowledge and submit. The deadline is May 8th, 2015. The educational tracks are telecommunicator/front line operations, general education and management/supervision. Instructors get a choice of a free conference registration or one night of lodging.

The two APCO classes that were cancelled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled.

We are working on host sites/dates for CTO classes, our telecommunicator n'sanity retreat, and other classes. If you are interested in hosting or have a class suggestion reach out to Jeryl or Crystal.

APCO International 81st Annual Expo and Conference will be August 16th-19th in Washington, D.C. Flash day is April 2nd – save \$100 on registration! Lodging information has been released so book now.

Reminders!

2015 telecommunicator in-service, please remember deadline is 12/31/15. Testing is now mandatory. Instructors must test for each block of instruction they teach, before they teach it. You are now able to use your in-service training hours to help renew your NC General Instructor Certification.

Raleigh-Wake will be hosting two classes. “It’s your Ship” – Navigating the Waters of Communications Center Leadership” on Monday May 11th and “Providing Exceptional Service: What if it were Family?” on Tuesday May 12th. Both classes are 911-fund eligible. Register directly through PSTC at www.pstc911.com.

Executive Council:

See attached report.

National APCO: No report.

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Committee: No report.

Social/Digital Committee:

Please join our Facebook page if you have not already. Let everyone know about our Facebook page and twitter information. Please keep it clean!

Activities and Membership:

We will be doing some membership drives at the symposium.

CCAM: No report.

Regional Reports:

Region A: No report.

Region B:

Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office has two telecommunicator openings. The deadline to apply is March 23rd.

Raleigh-Wake 911 just closed a hiring session with over 600 applications received. They start Monday with two call taker's and hope to start another academy in June with 12 telecommunicators. Their new building is on schedule at this time – scheduled to move in on 3/1/2016 with equipment starting to get moved in by the end of this year. They are waiting on a new director to be named.

Region C: No report.

Region D:

Ellis Frazier reported Yadkin County's radio system was turned on March 2nd and it went very well.

Melanie Neal from Guilford reported on the P25 conversion they are doing – Phase II almost complete. There will be a new tower in the northeast sector and a microwave transmitter to help with UHF paging. They will have a database/MSAG position opening soon. They are hiring five new people in April which will leave them with three vacancies.

Davie County – Robby Pearson is the new director; they will be selecting a new assistant director.

Forsyth County recently hired three new people and they are now fully staffed.

Randolph County purchased a new Motorola radio console system. They are in the final stages of their new headquarters which will include 911, EMS, EOC and the fire marshal. They are currently transition from NAED EMD to APCO.

Region E:

Ray Gilleland from Cabarrus County is now the Region E Ambassador. They are in the process of reprogramming radios. They are now P25.

Region F: No report.

Old business:

Rick Thomas, Tammy Watson, Lora Nock and Judy Jenkins attended 911 Goes to Washington in February. Hot topics in the educational sessions were:

- Location Location Location (Stores know where you are but 911 doesn't always)
- Location Accuracy via wireless, NBC USA Today released story on Feb 23
- Wireless Location Roadmap
- LAT/Long Location Accuracy within structures
- 10 years of National 911 Office
- First Net
- 9-1-1 Network Reliability
- Txt 2 9-1-1 Updates

The group met with 12 of the 13 districts. They were unable to get up with Representative Butterfield from District 1. They actually got to meet directly with Representative Rouzer from District 7 and Representative Meadows from District 11. They discussed the following items:

- Multi Line (MLTS) – having to dial 9, 8, 5 to get an outside line
- Kari Hunt
- Draft MLTS Bill
- Support of Geo Location Privacy and Surveillance Act (GPS ACT)
- Sen Wyden & Kirk SB 237 and HR 491 draft bills
- Parity of Access so we can compete for federal grant funds on an equal basis with EMS, Fire LEO. Be part of the “Public Safety”
- Encouraged Reps and Senators to make 1 minute speeches about telecommunicators and their importance during NTW

The event next year will be February 21st-24th. He encourages people to attend the event.

New business:

The APCO executive board met yesterday. We will release the candidate information for the elections in May, as per our bylaws.

APCO International is in Washington D.C. We would love to see a large group attend.

Mandatory certification of telecommunicators was discussed

Kelly Palmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Capparelli, NC APCO Secretary