

APCO Chapter Meeting  
March 28, 2008  
Guilford County

President Reitz welcomed everyone and thanked Guilford County for hosting the meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> time attendees and past presidents were recognized.

Kelly Palmer made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Tammy Watson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

TC Account	\$9,040.20
Business Checking	\$3,070.55
Money Market	\$77, 440.97
TOTAL	\$89,551.72

**Committee Reports**

Conference Committee

Jeryl – if you are a vendor at not registered – please see Jeryl or the website – we have 40 registered. Packets will be mailed out in the next two weeks. Sponsorship levels are as follows:

\$1,000	Bronze
\$2,500	Silver
\$5,000	Gold
\$10,000	Platinum

If you want to volunteer for the state conference, see Beth. If anyone is interested in teaching at the conference, please see Angie Schulz. There will be an ENP writing information session on Wednesday hosted by Lisa Kovacs and this will count for ENP points. Also at the conference we will be having extra conference bags available to anyone who is interested – if you have bags you do not want, please bring them to the conference.

Training

Kevin Medlin could not attend the meeting – Jeryl reported the following:

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Charlotte Fire will be holding a legal review and courtroom testimony class – course is free. Please contact Kevin for further.

April 22-24<sup>th</sup> – Cary PD is hosting APCO CTO class – fee is \$125 – checks made payable to NC APCO. This is the same course that is offered through APCO Institute but at a discounted rate – chapter is helping with cost of course. Please contact Kevin for further.

The Telecommunicator Conference is May 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> at the Salemburg. Registration is \$100. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the conference. The format will be slightly different. There will still be two pre-conference classes. On Thursday registrants will be allowed to try the “in-pursuit” course or the ropes course. On Friday there will also be a 4 hour block of instruction on domestic violence. One of the dorms has been newly renovated – it has wireless internet and will have cable TVs. If you register and you want to stay on campus, please indicate on the registration form. If you want to stay at a hotel, the Clinton Inn in Clinton is offering the state rate. We are asking for donations from vendors for the conference bag – but we don’t want to interfere at all with what the vendors may do for the state conference.

Since 3/1/98 we have certified over 10,000 telecommunicators throughout North Carolina. The curriculum is in the process of being updated. They are trying to make the curriculum more user-friendly and more up-to-date. Hopefully the pilot will be done by August 2009. For school directors who are giving a telecommunicator course, please be sure to give the reading test during the first week of the class – this is mandatory, not optional. The grades must be recorded on the paperwork that you send in to the Sheriff’s standards. If you do not do this process you face the loss of accreditation status and the possibility that the students won’t pass the class. August 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Asheville will be the school director’s conference, which is mandatory.

2008 in-service is out effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you certify your staff through Sheriff’s Standards, in-service is mandatory – all 16 hours must be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup> this year. If you hire staff on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>, they must have the in-service. All instructors that teach the curriculum must be general instructor certified. Tom Ditt with DDHS has requested that his staff be given special privilege to teach the TTY block this year. The commission decided they may come in and supplement the instruction but they cannot replace the regular instructor and you must use the approved lesson plan.

### Region Reports

*Region A* – (Ed Conran) – Chowan is in the process of getting their new center up and running – April 10<sup>th</sup> is the public ceremony. They are going from a 2 position to 6 position center. Currituck County is down 3 staff. Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck and Dare counties have been talking to OSSI about a multi-jurisdiction P2P. Pasquotank-Camden is considering going to air cards for MDT’s – if anyone has any information please see Ed.

*Region B* – nothing to report

*Region C* – nothing to report

*Region D* – (Randy Surratt) – Welcomed Allan Griffin from Montgomery County. Randolph County 911 celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> year as a consolidated center on March 17<sup>th</sup>. High Point Communications celebrates their 15<sup>th</sup> year this summer. Stokes County is still fighting the fire on Sauratown Mountain. Surry County had two aviation crashes in February – the first was a small plane that crashed into a residential neighborhood on February 1<sup>st</sup> and the second was on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in close proximity to the first. Susan who is battling leukemia is finishing up her radiation and is hoping to come back part-time in May. They are going to host a golf tournament on May 17<sup>th</sup> in High Point at Blair Golf Course. The cost is \$50 per person which includes a boxed lunch. Please see Beth or Randy if you are interested. Wesley advised Guilford celebrated their 1 year consolidated anniversary on March 20<sup>th</sup>. He thanked everyone who gave the help and information to help them through the consolidation process.

*Region E* – (Grayson Gusa)– thanked everyone for the support of everyone across the state when they lost the two firemen in the recent Salisbury Millworks fire. He recognized Telecommunicator Nena Jacobs-Dearth as the Fire Telecommunicator working that day. Topper and Grayson have decided to split the region and Grayson will be taking the northern part. Charlotte Fire was able to send Greg Hauser, one of their supervisors, to work communications for the Super Bowl in Phoenix. Charlotte Fire now has a field communications unit and responds with the USAR. They also have a mobile operations center – has an 8 position comm. center and is also a regional response center and would be used for large scale incidents. There should be an article in the next PSAP news. Medic, CMPD and Charlotte Fire are going together to look for a new solution for phones. They don't have all the specifics yet but vendors should be looking for that to come out. Catawba County is getting ready to install the CML/Patriot IP telephone system. They hope to go live the week of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rowan is in the process of upgrading the phone system in the next budget year. They have also started a new training committee to revamp their entire training process. Rowan County is also working on upgrading their mobile command unit, to include a new satellite for high-speed data communications that will allow them to utilize the unit basically anywhere, without having to worry about a wireless signal. David Dodd with Cleveland County announced that Joe Cherry is retiring effective Monday. Joe was a chapter president in the late 70's.

*Region F* – Ben Adams had to step down and the position is currently open.

Executive Council – Frank Thomason could not make the meeting.

911 Board Report – David Dodd– next board meeting is two weeks from today. It's been great to see NENA and APCO working together on this committee.

CJIN Report – There has not been a meeting to report on.

## **Old Business**

We put in for the APCO International Conference for 2015 but we did not get it – it was between Washington DC, Pittsburgh and Charlotte. Washington D.C. won.

We are the host chapter for the east coast for 2010 – Charlotte will tentatively be the host city and Marsha will be the chair. The NASCAR Museum opens in 2010 so this will be a great benefit. Marsha will be looking for volunteers for the conference committee. August 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> will be the National Conference in Kansas City.

Next meeting is in Charlotte on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion to adjourn by Kelly Palmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Capparelli