

NC APCO Chapter Meeting
November 6, 2009
Salisbury, NC

President Brown welcomed everyone to Salisbury and introduced the executive board. She thanked Rowan County 911 and Rowan County Rescue Squad for hosting the meeting and thanked Intrado/Positron for providing lunch.

First time attendees, past presidents and RPL's were recognized.

East Coast Regional call for papers closes on Sunday. If you can't meet the deadline please contact President Brown. The conference will be April 25th-29th.

We are selling raffle tickets for free registration to the East Coast Regional.

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

Treasurer's Report:

TC Conference Account - \$4,489.05
Main Account - \$5,858.43
East Coast Account - \$15,814.96
Scholarship Account - \$2,010.00
Money Market - \$43,881.14

Total Assets - \$72,053.58

President Brown and Tammy Watson have been accepted into the RPL Program and both have been granted scholarships from the NC APCO scholarship committee.

Steve Lomax commented on the fall conference that the vendor hall was exceptional. He hopes to see the same participation at the East Coast Regional conference that we had at the state and hopes to bring even more in. We want to get as many participants as we can.

Committee Reports:

CCAM – Chapter Commercial Advisor Member – no report.

Activities –

The APCO board met yesterday and we are in the process of getting a new APCO banner with the new logo. We will also be getting new pins with the new logo. We will be giving old pins away at the East Coast Regional Conference.

Resolution and Bylaws – no report.

Nominating – no report.

Historical – no report.

Operations/Technology – no report.

Inter-agency Communications –

Rick Thomas reported that he will be chairing the inter-agency committee. Donovan Davis, Donna Estes, Anna Curtis, Terry Yates and Frank Hall will also be on the committee. They have not had a formal meeting or conference call, all communication has taken place through email. Rick did have a conference call with Percina Curtis-Diggs with the NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety on October 27th to get further information about the NC State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) and their request to have representation from NC APCO and NC NENA on the committee. He will be attending these quarterly meetings and asked Terry Yates for his assistance as well. This will ensure someone from NC APCO will be at each meeting. Rick also made contact with NC NENA President Kelly Palmer and she has asked Hal Oakley to represent NC NENA for the SIEC. The next meeting is December 8th in Greensboro, NC.

Rick is also sitting on a national committee for data transmitting and telematics. Several PSAPS across the country including about 15 in NC submitted data in regards to how they process fire alarm calls. The committee compiled the information and agrees we want the alarm companies to provide as much information as possible for the initial dispatch. They plan to vote on the issue in November.

The committee is also looking at alternative ways to receive the data to be fed into the agency CAD Systems. They are still working with NLETS as a possibility; however we realize there are agencies across the nation like Charlotte Fire who does not have access to NLETS. CPI Security and Charlotte PD are currently working on a project to receive their burglar alarm through a private network.

CJIN – no report.

Frequency Advisor – no report.

E-911 Legislative Committee – no report.

Training –

Reminder that the Criminal Justice and Standards Division will no longer be sending out renewal notices so be sure to keep up with your expiration dates. 2009 in-service must be completed by December 31st. If you do not complete by then you have to report to the commission and risk losing certification.

NCSU will be hosting a professionalism and teamwork class on November 17th and November 22nd. The Basic Telecommunicator Course scheduled for November 29th-December 4th is full. Cary PD will be hosting another Basic Telecommunicator Course December 6th –December 11th. There will be in-service instructor updates at the North Carolina Justice Academy on December 8th from 8am until Noon – this will be the last change to obtain free materials for 2010 in-service. The North Carolina Justice Academy will be holding classes on December 14th and 15th in Salemburg – all 2009 in-service topics will be offered over both days. Cary PD is hosting an EMD Version 12 class at Wake County EMS on January 5th -7th, 2010.

Long Range Planning – no report.

Audit Committee –

David Dodd reported there will be an audit on Wednesday November 18th.

National Conference Committee – no report. We won't be eligible for some time to come.

Regional Ambassador Reports –

Region A – Ed Conran reported Dare County is in the process of installing a 7 position Power 911 system. They also just signed a contract with Motorola for a 7 million dollar, 6 site trunked radio system.

Region B – Richard Batchelor reported that the Town of Cary Police Department has hired Doug Workman as its new 911 Center Director. Doug started on October 26th and is a retired captain from the Myrtle Beach Police Department. They are in the final phase of interviews for three vacant positions and two over-hire positions they have. Durham just upgraded their recording system with Carolina Recording Systems. Raleigh-Wake 911 just graduated 12 employees and will be hiring 14 new positions shortly.

Region C – no report

Region D – Janet King reported Terry Bailey with Davidson County reported they just promoted Josh Myers to supervisor. They are working with SHP on a viper tower. Susan Hall from Rockingham reported they are fully staffed and moved into their new center at the end of July. They just hired 6 part-time employees. Randy Surratt reported that Chad Green, a High Point fire captain and Union Cross volunteer member died of a sudden heart attack at age 35. He left behind his wife who is pregnant and two children. Janet King Reported that High Point just awarded it's 8th TC of the year - Valerie Snaden. Guilford Metro has a new city manager and new city fire chief. They recently implanted z platform to the radio system. They have 3 vacancies. April Hicks was promoted to the database manager. Randolph County had their second employee banquet with about 120 people in attendance where they announced their first employee of the year – Raphael Beech. They did a candy donation to the Randolph Cancer Center – they donated 21-22 bags of candy. Sandy Smith, communications supervisor has been fighting an illness for several weeks so keep her in your thoughts.

Region E – no report

Region F – no report

Executive Council Report –

Frank Thomason reported that National APCO officers met with the new chairman of the FCC , two of the new commissioners and key senior staff in order to discuss APCO's positions on matters such as the D-Block audition, location, accuracy, rebanding and ongoing cooperation on these and other matters. National APCO participated in a Global Alliance meeting and discussed international calltaker/dispatcher training and a certification task force. They also discussed a global telematics model legislation document.

National APCO attended the CSAA annual meeting and discussed data transfer standards, telematics and the possible use of the NLETS network for CAD to CAD data transport. Rick Thomas from Cary PD is on a national committee looking at this. There is currently a beta site for national station alarm giving data directly to the 911 center in Richmond, VA. APCO will host a meeting of key members of the public safety community to continue building consensus among public safety associations and disciplines, relative to the development of a national public safety broadband network.

The APCO International in Las Vegas had a lot of good training and it is available on-line as a conference on demand. They 7th annual Winter Technology Summit will be January 25th-27th in Orlando. National APCO has released a new course on staffing and retention. APCO currently has approximately 13,800 members

which is slightly down from last year. They are instituting a green initiative this year with the opportunity to renew membership online.

911 Board Report –

David Dodd report reported the next meeting is November 20th. On December 18th there is going to be a joint meeting of the board and the 911 study group regarding the report from ECU.

Old Business:

Encourage members to please renew. Remember APCO is going green. If you renew by November 15th they will donate \$5 to the Sunshine Fund – Susan Waddell received a benefit from this fund last year. If it's a budget issue from your agency – consider changing the type of membership from voting to non-voting (national level is non-voting and state level is voting) you can save some money by doing this.

New Business:

APCO Board has planned their retreat for January in Pasquotank County hosted by Ed Conran. We are working on getting some sponsorship for the meals so it's not a financial burden to the chapter. We are working on the website for the chapter and East Coast. If you see something that is not right, please let us know.

Based on the food drive done by NENA today, President Brown would like this to be a joint effort at every meeting – there are many people in need across our state. Also with the holiday sponsorships, in addition to the firefighter that died from Forsyth County there was a police officer from Winston Salem that died in the line of duty. NC NENA is putting up \$1,000 to help a needy family this year Rob Robinson made the motion to spend also \$1,000. Marsha Withrow seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rob would like to recommend that whatever day the items were delivered to let the organization know so that people can attend.

Next meeting will be January 29th at Guilford-Metro in Greensboro.

Ed Conran made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Capparelli, NC APCO Secretary