

NC APCO Meeting  
July 23, 2010  
Charlotte, NC

President Brown called the meeting to order. She thanked Charlotte Fire Communications for hosting the meeting. She thanked Wireless Communications for sponsoring lunch.

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

NC APCO wants to encourage everyone to pre-register for our upcoming joint state conference, September 12-15, 2010 at Sea Trail in Sunset Beach. There are scholarships available, but you must submit your application to be considered. As a reminder, this conference does not support BYOB, so please do not bring any alcoholic beverages to any events.

You still have time to submit your nominations for NC APCO annual awards. Please follow the instructions on our website or in the messages going out on the list serve.

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

**Treasurers Report**

TC Account	\$4,000.00
Money Market	\$40,080.22
Main Checking	\$ 547.24
Scholarship Acct	\$2,010.00
Total Assets	\$46,637.46

**Committee Reports**

- a. *CCAM* – Chapter Commercial Advisor Member – no report.
- b. *Activities* – no report.
- c. *Resolution and Bylaws* – no report.
- d. *Nominating* – All offices are running unopposed and will be by nominated by acclimation. We had no one nominated for the Region F Ambassador so if you know someone in this region that is interested, please let us know.
- e. *Historical* – Randy Surratt reported that he has been looking at the Illinois website because they keep up with the national records and he has been able to go through and get a lot of information through the years back to 1960 and found several articles that were in the old APCO bulletin. He is also working with National APCO regarding missing data. Randy is working with someone with Bradley University who keeps the historical documents of National APCO. He

and Terry Bailey are also working with Glenn Ford who is a past historian of the chapter.

f. *Operations Technology* – no report.

g. Inter-Agency Communications

Rick Thomas reported that Bill Hobgood will be at our conference to do two presentations on Advanced Automatic Crash Notification (AACN) and also on the alarm standards for calls being sent to the PSAP via NLETS. This is currently still in the testing phase in Virginia and Texas. The next meeting for the Urgency Algorithm Standards Committee is next month and we will be working on creating standards for calls coming into the PSAP through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party call center.

For SIEC there are further rebanding meetings scheduled for August. There are currently 147 sites on-line. The legislative funding is struggling - \$4.6 million is needed to complete the match for the 2007 funds. Over 2000 radios in Cumberland County have recently switched to Viper. Alamance County scheduled to switch completely this month. There are currently 23 counties totally on Viper. Non-digital P25 radios will in the near future not be accepted on the system.

h. *CJIN* – no report.

i. *Frequency Advisor* – no report.

j. *E-911/Legislative Committee* –David Dodd advised most legislative items were covered in NENA but he did want to stress that he believes the lobbyist would be an important asset for the chapter. The passage of House Bill 1691 directs the 911 Board to create a new and sustainable funding mechanism for PSAPs and to create a set of minimum PSAP standards. Two new committees have been appointed by the Board Chairman.

Funding Committee Members:

Jason Barbour-Chair

Mike Yaniero-Vice Chair

Jean Thaxton

Merl Hamilton

Randy Keaton

Tonya Pearce

Wesley Reid

Standards Committee Members:

Dave Corn-Chair

David Dodd-Vice Chair

Margie Fry

Chuck Adkins

Barry Furey

Joe Gurley

Christy Shearin

If you wish to provide input to either of these committees, please contact one of the committee members. Note that APCO and NENA are well represented on both of these committees.

The grant committee met on July 12<sup>th</sup> to look at a total of 18 grants for a total amount of six million. A few grants were removed because they addressed ineligible items. There are still quite a few grant applications that are asking for equipment when the agency still has a large fund balance with no supporting documentation justifying the need for the grant.

All chapter members should be up to speed on the changes brought about by the passage of HB 1691 as information has been distributed through the joint list serve.

Judy Capparelli reported for Barry Furey that two issues that the chapter will have to monitor closely in upcoming legislative sessions will be the collection of funds from pre-paid wireless (we currently get none) and the potential for 9-1-1 funding for secondary PSAPs (we currently do not.)

Additionally, the Multi-Line Telephone System issue has yet to be resolved, and we may wish to pursue legislation that would codify the requirement for true ALI pass through.

Finally, it is clear that the use of lobbyists provides an advantage to those wishing to affect legislation. The association should consider whether or not such representation is in our future plans.

Rob Robinson advised that in the past there were questions about whether having a lobbyist would affect our not-for-profit status.

David Dodd made a motion that the APCO Board look into the possibility of getting a lobbyist. The motion was seconded by Richard Taylor. Rob Robinson said he just wanted to ensure that we checked the possibility of it affecting our not-for-profit status. Richard said we need to know our exact designation and the lobbyist should be able to help – it may be as simple as changing they type of status but would not affect our actual not-for-profit status. Motion carried.

k. *Training* – Crystal McDuffie –

Crystal reported the chapter conducted the CTO course in Randolph County with 10 students on June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding a CTO course at NCSU beginning August 30<sup>th</sup>. The price is \$125 which includes books. The APCO International Conference is being held August 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in Houston. Please let Jeryl or Crystal know if you will attend.

We will have our joint conference on September 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> at Sea Trail. Crystal wants to encourage vendors to register for the conference. The rates for vendors and attendees will stay the same, including sponsorship levels. We will have a vendor hall only pass for a discounted rate of \$35. There will be a pre-conference class of “Deadly Mistakes” by Connie Gartin with SHP. We will have a “get notified” system at the conference that will allow you to sign up for e-mail alerts during the conference.

There will be a telecommunicator certification course at the Justice Academy on September 19<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>. The Wake County Sheriff’s office will also hold a certification course on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. There is mandatory training for school directors and qualified assistants on August 5<sup>th</sup> or August 13<sup>th</sup>. It is one day in length and there is no charge. Registration ended on July 16<sup>th</sup> so if you have not registered please contact Autumn Hannah or Mark Dearry.

l. *Long Range Planning* – no report.

m. *Audit Committee* – no report.

n. *Awards Committee* Non published – e-mail link on website.

o. *National Conference Committee* – no report.

## **NC APCO Ambassador Reports**

### *Region A*

Ed Conran reported that Franklin County did not have anything to report other than they continue to fight the economy. They also said there was a newspaper article in the Daily Advance concerning 911 funds between the city and county and questioning if the city is not using services why do they have to pay for it. Liz from Currituck County fell and broke her arm horseback riding. She was back to work half days but has re-injured her

arm and may be out of work again. Dare County is moving from one portion of their building to another. They have purchased five Wrightline consoles and are working on their 800 MHz system with a target date in 2011. Gates County is looking to upgrade to another radio system that would incorporate Viper. They are also looking to upgrade their two consoles. They went to CAD in September with Southern Software. Martin County is fully staffed and has purchased Wrightline consoles for three positions. Pasquotank County has two vacant positions. Perquimans County is looking to fill a part-time position.

#### *Region B*

Richard Batchelor reported that Durham County's move to the Intrado Network for call delivery is going well. They will be testing next week and doing their ALI migration on Wednesday. Cary had their OSSI project kick-off last Wednesday for a March 2011 go-live date. NCSU has one telecommunicator opening. Raleigh-Wake was just recently awarded National APCO's Project 33 for training and the Horizon Award for technical advances.

*Region C* – Susan McLeod – no report.

#### *Region D* – Janet King

Roger Shore reported being given a peak-time telecommunicator. Terry Bailey reported that on June 22 Davidson County went live with EPD and EFD. Implementation went very well. They are now doing all three disciplines. They are working on the QI part at this time. Susan Hall with Rockingham County reported they are fully staffed and are looking to switch CAD vendors. Donna Wright reported that Richmond County added an additional management position. Donna Estes reported Guilford-Metro plans to hire five people on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Janet reported that in Randolph they are trying to switch to VIPER 800 MHz radio system. They are beginning their plans to upgrade the 911 phone system and will be looking at different vendors.

At the conference in September there will be a wall for the "Aces of 911" in the Network Café. Janet needs from each agency a list of employee name with years of service and any other information you would like to provide.

#### *Region E*

Grayson Gusa reported Gaston County Communications is in the process of installing a new Positron VIPER phone system and are expected to go live by July 27<sup>th</sup>. They are also upgrading their backup PSAP trunks to increase their capability to mirror their primary PSAP. Pineville Police Department recently changed their CAD/RMS software to Southern Software. They also recently upgraded their phone system to the Plant/CML Patriot System. Marsha Withrow reported Charlotte Fire is still working on the E-911 project and still working on CAD. Ray Gilleland reported Cabarrus County is fully staffed. Their 911 coordinator lost his 2 year old son on July 1<sup>st</sup> and wants to thank everyone for their outpouring of support.

Union county went live yesterday with the 800 MHz system for police and fire/EMS will go live next week. They are currently looking at hiring five people to start at the end of August. They are looking for a new director as well.

*Region F* – Kevin Shook – no report.

### **Executive Council Report – Frank Thomason.**

The National APCO Strategic Governance Restructure is going well. There are two quorums that will be voted on at the annual conference next week in Houston – the awards and recognition proposal and group membership proposal. We currently have a membership category for agencies and groups – this change would re-title certain categories and will offer a change in group membership. If approved will go into effect 1/1/12. Group membership going from a 5 tier based on population served to a 4 level category based on agency staff size. Senior and life membership qualification nominations on the national level to create a higher level of candidacy.

### **Old Business**

Reminder to all members of our project of “Giving Back” that will continue with NC NENA, please participate and give to those less fortunate. Brenda Hewlett reported that for the September and November meetings we will be changing things a little and we will collect money and toys for Toys for Tots in September. In November we will collect toys and we will have someone from the Marine Corps come to the meeting to collect the toys. Next year we talked about doing a coat collection in January.

We will be posting the edited version of our by-laws. Please review this document to see the changes. These items will be up for vote at our annual meeting, held during the Annual Conference at Sea Trail. Please take the time to access them so that you can make an informed vote at the state conference.

### **New Business**

The bi-monthly meeting dates for next year have been chosen.

November 5, 2010 – Guilford Metro 911, Greensboro

January 21, 2011 – Raleigh-Wake 911 Center, Raleigh

March 18, 2011 – Rowan County

May 20, 2011 – Cary Police Department, Cary

July 22, 2011 – Surry County

## **Conference Committee**

Marsha Withrow reported that the East Coast Regional was held at the end of April. It was a great conference but unfortunately we did not do as well financially as we would have liked. We did lose money on the event due to the financial times we are currently in. The chapter ended up paying for the Monday night event.

Marsha Withrow was presented a plaque for all of her hard work for the conference.

Next Meeting is September 15, 2010 – annual joint state conference at Sea Trails in Sunset Beach.

Ronnie Barefoot made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 1210.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Capparelli

Secretary, NC APCO