

NC APCO Meeting
September 15, 2010
Sunset Beach, NC

President Brown called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited. President Brown welcomed everyone to the conference and Sunset Beach. She thanked the conference committee for all their hard work.

President Brown recognized Bill Carrow, President of National APCO, to the conference.

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

Poker Run prizes were announced. Prizes donated by Motorola and the North Carolina Chapters of APCO and NENA.

Please attend the final banquet tonight. Be sure to wear your conference badges. Wireless Communications donated the table decorations for the banquet.

Donation for the Jonathon Paluck fund can be given to Rick Thomas.

Jason O'Brien with PBA is here so please see him if you would like any information. With the recent liability issues going around the state, you may want to look into information about the PBA.

Barry Furey made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Franklin Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

TC Account	\$4,000.00
Money Market	\$28,758.10
Main Checking	\$901.49
Scholarship Acct	\$2010.00
Total Assets	\$35,669.59

Committee Reports

- a. *CCAM* – Chapter Commercial Advisor Member – no report.
- b. *Activities* – no report.
- c. *Resolution and Bylaws* – no report.
- e. *Historical* – no report.

- f. *Operations Technology* – no report.
- g. Inter-Agency Communications – no report.
- h. *CJIN* – no report.
- i. *Frequency Advisor* – no report.
- j. *E-911/Legislative Committee* –

Barry Furey reported both the standards and funding committees met and received feedback from the membership. Standards are still focused on selecting those best practices currently in existence. Various pieces from APCO, NENA, NFPA, and the Sheriff's Standards will be looked at. The end result will likely be a combination thereof. The need/desirability to "cut and paste" selected sections was discussed, but there is currently no firm decision. Some discussion was also held on items that may need to be specifically addressed that may be intentionally vague or contradictory in some standards. (Example: there may be some good basic qualifications in the Sheriff's standards, but do TCs statewide have to be at least 21? Many, if not most, say no.)

The Funding Committee is trying to complete the current PSAP cost documentation prior to October 1st to remain on target for the December 31st formula deadline. It is imperative that all agencies document all approved expenditures regardless of where these costs were funded. (Example - your PSAP generator expenses are paid for by EMA and not from your 9-1-1 fund account. This cost needs to be shown on your tally sheet.) The formula brought forward will be tied to these expenses, so this is a critical piece. Also, it is recognized that recently approved expenditures will not be tracked in this data. We can only look at what was legal during the fiscal years involved.

It is also requested that agencies planning on making use of the 50% fund balance public safety expenditures run these past the 9-1-1 board first to ensure that they conform. This was discussed at the lunch and learn provided yesterday. Many 9-1-1 board members have been present at the conference, as has ECU staff involved in the funding discussions. It was an excellent chance for them to see the big picture.

Finally, secondary PSAPs were discussed, and some interesting points made. However, this is a complicated issue and much more discussion will be required.

- k. *Training* –

Crystal McDuffie reported here was an APCO CTO course held at NCSU August 30th through September 1st. Everyone passed!

The 2011 sheriff's standards updates will be October 25th in Salemburg from 8am to 12pm and November 1st in Ednyville from 8am to 12pm. These are the only two sessions being offered. Attend this training to obtain your free course materials. Registration is through the Justice Academy's website.

The 2011 NC APCO training calendar will be coming out in the near future.

- l. *Long Range Planning* – no report.
- m. *Audit Committee* – no report.

NC APCO Ambassador Reports

Region A

Ed Conran reported Pasquotank County is now up to full staff. They recently hired 2 people who are going through the training process. Ed and Ronnie Barefoot were able to visit some centers in their regions in the last couple of months. Pitt County is using Motorola MCC7550 radio system along with Simon phone system and Positron equipment. They dispatch fire and EMS with an in-house CAD system. They are looking to upgrade to Wrightline Furniture. Terrell County upgraded their phone system to the Plant-CML Patriot System and work is still continuing on the remodel of the old jail for the new communications center.

Region B – no report.

Region C – no report.

Region D –

Janet King reported that Randolph is in the beginning stages of renovation. The City of High Point had their annual telecommunicator appreciation event. Matt Brown was their Telecommunicator of the Year. Connie Gartin reported that a Highway Patrol Telecommunicator from Region D passed away on Monday unexpectedly.

Region E – no report.

Region F –

Region F has been vacant. Stephanie Wiseman from Mitchell County has agreed to be the Region F ambassador. Randy Surratt reported that Mitchell County recently had a \$1.2 million upgrade thanks to a grant from the 911 Board and money from their general fund. They have VisionAir CAD, GeoComm Mapping, Xybix furniture and Zetron radios. McDowell County just completed upgrade to Plant/CML CAD and purchased furniture from Watson. Henderson County 911 and Waynesville PD went live with NC AWARE. Hendersonville PD purchased a new audiolog recorder from Carolina Recording Systems. Asheville PD has been hosting telecommunicator training this week.

Executive Council Report – Frank Thomason – Frank was not able to attend the meeting. His year long report (which is rather lengthy) will be posted on the website.

Wireless

David Dodd reported that last Friday the board passed the extended use of surcharge funds and that is available on the website. There was a standards committee and funding committee meeting during the conference. There will be a standards committee in Greensboro on October 5th, a funding committee meeting in Raleigh on October 21st and the next board meeting is next Friday.

President Brown thanked the 911 board for the training they sponsored during the conference.

Old Business

We successfully completed the edits to our state bylaws. We extended the service time for secretary and treasurer from one year to two. Regional Representatives were renamed to Ambassadors. The Executive Committee is now called the Executive Board and the fall conference is now the annual conference. Marsha Withrow made a motion to accept all bylaw changes that were posted. Kelly Palmer seconded the motion. Motion carried

New Business

Terry Bailey has been our historian for quite some time. Randy Surratt has been working diligently for our 50th anniversary in 2012. The board voted that Terry and Randy will be co-historians for the chapter.

In July, we mentioned that the chapter might want to consider joining NC NENA in hiring a lobbyist. Both boards have met and are in agreement that this would be a great benefit to the chapter.

Barry Furey reported that he and Tonya Pearce both spent a significant amount of time in the legislature for their rolls in the chapters. Over the past few years both of the organizations have taken a significant interest in 911 Goes to Washington and the benefit that may be provided to our local chapter. As good as this event is, we need to focus on legislative issues at home in Raleigh. There is no such thing as a 911 piece of legislation that only affects APCO/NENA. Every other organization that has a stake in this legislation has a lobbyist representing them.

Barry asked on the listserv what were important issues regarding legislation. Telecommunicator liability was one of the most discussed topics. Release of 911 tapes was also high on the list. From the operational side, if you want to play on the same field of all the other organizations that have a vested interest, you need to have a player in the game.

Tonya Pearce reported that we have in the past couple of years made good progress with legislation especially with training. But every year we have to go back to the legislation and re-introduce APCO and NENA. While they are starting to recognize us we need to make sure we keep up that momentum. We need someone to represent us, monitor the legislation and be our voice.

Tammy Watson reported that we are a 501c6 organization. We are tax exempt but any donations given to us are not tax deductible. We are considered non-profit. Since we are not considered a 501c3, a charitable organization, we are allowed to have a lobbyist. There are some points we must keep in mind – the fees paid to a lobbyist can't exceed our dues. 80% of the dues will be going towards the lobbyist. We have to notify our membership that we are hiring a lobbyist and how much of their dues money goes toward a lobbyist. The reason for this is people cannot write off on their taxes the portion of dues that goes towards a lobbyist.

Lisa Kovacs asked what the money paid to the lobbyist gave us. Tonya reported the fees are more in session than out of session and less if there is not much going on. They will monitor and keep us informed. This is a month to month contract so we are not locked in.

Beth Smith asked if there was any conflict of interest with the lobbyist. Tonya reported that the lobbyist we have spoken to has been involved with the 911 board because they represent Sprint. He spoke to them and they don't see a conference of interest. If NENA and APCO can't agree on the information then he will dissolve the relationship with both. If there was a conflict between APCO and NENA and Sprint, he would dissolve the relationship with APCO and NENA.

David Dodd made a motion to work with NC NENA to hire a lobbyist. The motion was seconded by Jerry Boggs. There was one person opposed to the motion. Motion carried.

Orange County Emergency Services was presented a recognition award.

President Carrow swore in the new board with the exception of incoming president which will be done at the banquet tonight.

The next meeting will be in Greensboro on November 6th.

Jerry Boggs made a motion to recess the meeting. Marsha Withrow seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

President Brown re-adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm. Awards were given (get list). President Donna Estes was sworn into office by Bill Carrow.

Barry Furey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Boggs seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Capparelli

Secretary, NC APCO