

NC APCO Meeting
May 15, 2015
Hendersonville, NC

Present

Ellis Frazier
Jeryl Anderson
Tammy Watson
Judy Capparelli
Richard Batchelor
Janet King
Ray Gilleland
Stephanie Wiseman

President Frazier called the meeting called to order at 10:40 a.m. President Frazier welcomed everyone to Hendersonville and thanked Lisha Stanley for hosting us.

President Frazier thanked Emergency Call Works for sponsoring lunch.

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

Melanie Neal with Guilford Metro has two employees battling cancer. They are selling t-shirts for \$10 each. She can order them now and they will be available at the July meeting.

Kelly Palmer made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Melanie Neal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

Main account - \$2,179.51
TC Symposium account - \$7,648.09
Scholarship account - \$2,430.00
Money Market account - \$47,649.94

Total - \$59,907.54

Melanie Neal made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Candy Strenzinski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Historical Committee:

Randy Surratt report Greg Hauser with Charlotte Fire has a box of historical items that was given to him by Marcia Simmons (past president) that he will be giving to us.

Pro-CHRT:

Ray Gilleland reported that he talked to several states but they have not progressed very far because they don't have standards. The committee has a conference call planned next month and wants to talk about telecommunicators vs. other public safety personnel and how we are different and how we are the same. The committee is also looking at retirement benefits.

Inter-agency Communications: No report.

CJIN: No report.

911 Board:

The committee is working on a mass violence/active shooter response plan.

Legislative:

Candy Strenzinski reported that there are six bills being followed:

House Bill 352 (Standard of Proof) is on the Senate side at this time. It has passed the first reading.

House Bill 380 (Statewide School Safety Management) is on the Senate side at this time. It has passed the second reading.

House Bill 506 and Senate Bill 571 (Use of 911 funds) – Thomas Moore met with the sponsors of the bill on May 13th and the bills are still alive at this time.

HB 730 (County provided 911 dispatch service) – has been amended to grandfather in any current agreements or contracts for shared costs signed before this act until that agreement expires. This has passed the House and is now in the Senate. This bill says that the county has to provide 911 service and cannot charge any other entity. Lloyd Moskowitz said there is no good definition for the term “dispatch service.”

House Bill 512 (Amend/Clarify back-up PSAP requirements) is on the Senate side at this time. It has passed the second reading.

President Frazier talked about the Title XII DCI changes regarding Class B misdemeanors. This affects DCI certification for telecommunicators only (not law enforcement.) He is waiting to hear from the FBI to get more clarification. It is active at this time. Melanie Neal spoke to her congressman about this. Senator Tillis' office met with Guilford Metro to try and find out the reasons people want this rule changed. Right now they don't foresee this rule changing.

We need support with all this legislation. Please contact your legislators. If you aren't sure who it is you can look it up on the website by your address.

Training:

Jeryl Anderson reported the following:

The APCO CTO class will be held in Wilson on June 5th-7th. The cost is \$150.

The N'Sanity Retreat will be hosted by Guilford Metro 911 on June 19th.

The Burke County Emergency Communications Center will be hosting an EMD course July 6th-8th, an EFD course July 8th-10th and an EPD course July 8th, 13th-14th. Visit Priority Dispatch's website for details. They will also be hosting a Telecommunicator Certification Course August 10th -17th.

The Annual APCO International Conference Expo will be held August 16th-19th in Washington, D.C.

The 2015 NC APCO/NENA conference will be September 13th-16th, 2015 at Sea Trail in Sunset Beach. Registration is now open! Flash days are June 9th and July 9th – register on one of these days and receive \$25 off your registration fee. Sponsorships are available for this event.

Reminder! The deadline for the 2015 telecommunicator in-service 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. Training is also offered on-line through Wake Tech, Richmond Community College and Alamance Community College.

If you have a training request/need, please contact Jeryl or Crystal. If you would like to be a host site, please let them know.

Jeryl would like to acknowledge the sponsors for the 2015 TC Symposium that was held in April – NC APCO, Carolina Recording Systems and RACE Cars. Thanks to all who attended or sent staff. We had 90 attendees. Our 2016 dates are April 10th-12th and the theme will be “Hats off to 911.” Our normal venue, the Clarion in Greensboro, is undergoing construction so we will be looking at a different location. More information to come.

President Frazier reported the Denise Amber Lee Foundation is hosting classes in the state. You can check their website for more information.

Executive Council: No report.

National APCO: No report.

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

Social/Digital Committee: No report.

Activities and Membership:

It is election time. Information about elections will be posted on the website. We will be doing electronic voting. If you need a paper ballot, let us know.

CCAM: No report.

Regional Reports:

Region A: No report.

Region B:

Richard Batchelor reported the City of Rocky Mount is hiring for a telecommunicator. Raleigh-Wake has hired Dominick Nutter as the director. He was previously the director in August, GA.

Region C:

Lisa Reid with Fayetteville said that the telecommunicator who helped the elderly cancer patient that has been on the news does these kinds of things on a regular basis. She has a “heart of gold.”

Region D:

Melanie Neal with Guilford Metro reported as of June 1st they will have four vacancies. They are in process of hiring a network analyst.

Anna Curtis with Burlington PD reported they just completed a remodel. They are hosting a course through PowerPhone on September 25th on protecting law enforcement responders. They are fully staffed at this time.

Janet King reported:

Davie County is going through a reorganization/realignment. They have five new employees in training and will be hiring part-time in July.

High point is fully staffed with three in training.

Randolph County has two new console positions for high volume situations. The goal for their new headquarters is to be moved in by November 2016. They have eight part-time vacancies and are currently accepting applications. On April 24th Janet's team was recognized by the 911 board for tracking a high priority wireless call through several counties.

David Dodd said to let the 911 board of any 'good calls' so that people can be recognized. The education committee has been approved to do some radio spots and the recognitions will be part of these as well.

Region E:

Ray Gilleland reported:

Cleveland County just completed a two week overhaul of the communications center. They moved out of their center and into the EOC while new carpet, tile, sheetrock, paint and new Watson Mercury furniture was installed. This was their first major upgrade in 16 years.

Burke County has an IT Manager opening and an operations manager retiring. Both positions have been advertised.

Catawba County has steel up where their new center is going (Oct 2016!) They are in the early stages of moving side B of their 911 system to Hickory PD to make it truly geo diverse.

Kannapolis PD Communications is building a new police department with a new 911 center. It is scheduled to be open November 2015.

Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office and Union County 911 are in the process of installing radio equipment with CAD & phone equipment to follow for Union County back up site at the Cabarrus site.

Region F: No report.

Old business:

No old business.

New business:

Jerry Boggs with Catawba County retired. He is not here today but we will make sure he gets his retirement gift from NC APCO.

Here is the election office information:

2nd VP – Anna Curtis and Melanie Neal

Executive Council – Frank Thomason (unopposed)

Region A – Herman Weiss (unopposed)

Region C – Tracy Trogdon (unopposed)

Region E – Ray Gilleland (unopposed)

Melanie Neal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Dodd seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Capparelli, NC APCO Secretary