

APCO/NENA MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2019

Barry County Central Dispatch

2600 Nashville Rd. Hastings, MI 49058

Meeting called to order at 10:02 by **President Chris Collom**. Thanks to Stephanie Lehman and Barry County Central Dispatch for hosting. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Request for **Approval of Agenda** as prepared by APCO President Christine Collom. *Motion to approve by Stephanie Lehman and seconded by Michelle James, motion carried.*

Introductions those in attendance by Sgt. Arms Rhonda Seigel to include:

Joni Harvey	Chad Chewing	Stephanie Lehman	Chris Collom	
Aaron Schule	Phyllis Fuller	Kim Ostin	Tammy Smith	Rich Rybicki
Kim Grafton	Terry Vogel	Rhonda Siegel	Cindy Homant	
Rich Feole	Rhonda Siegel	Jason Bernard	Karen Chadwick	Jim Hansen
Eric Mulvaine	Jeremy Ludwig	Whitney Hostefler	Tim Jones	David Rapacz
Kelly Flynn	Jim Hansen	Dave Plumb		

APCO New Member Report presented by APCO 2nd **Vice President, Chad Chewing**. The chapter has received 26 new members, bringing the total to 456.

APCO Minutes presented by **David Rapacz** – Secretary. Presented from the February meeting. Motion by Rhonda Seigel and seconded by Smith to table until reviewed. Motion carried.

APCO Treasurers Report prepared by APCO Treasurer, **Phyllis Fuller** Chapter balances as of March 31st, 2019 are as follows: Checking account balance: \$47,914.46. Schwab account balance: \$89,981.77. Total balance of accounts: \$164,740.28. *Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented made by Sandra Nielsen and seconded by Rich Feole, motion carried.*

APCO President Chris Collom: advised if you have not received an email from MichiganAPCOpresident@gmail.com that will be the new email I am will using for communications to the membership to keep my work email and APCO email separate. Please check your whitelists to make sure that the email address is not blocked as I am getting emails bounced back still that are being sent out to the membership. All members are encouraged to go to APCO on the International site and make sure you have a profile and all the information is all updated in your profile. Please encourage your members to go to the International site and become educated on the Reclassification effort that on the strong push nationwide.

Presentation: Jim Valentine of Ionia County 911 gave an overview of the Dispatch Internship program they currently have with the local school district. Jim explained they work with the local school district, all discipline Police, Fire, EMS, Prosecutor Office, MSP Divisions and a local companies at a large open house. The place the interns through a condensed CTO program where they also give them life skills, oral boards, job skills and shadowing so that when they enter the work force they are better prepared and possibly think of a career in 9-1-1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training/Membership Activities Kim Ostin: Great location and thank you to Jeff Troyer and his staff for hosting us in their center. We had 27 in attendance on Monday and 26 on Tuesday. Based upon the evaluations received and personal observations, the attendees received quality training from both of the presenters, who had styles completely different from each other. A profit of \$5783.85 was made from the training held in Kalamazoo.

Looking forward to planning the next training, which will probably take place in the fall.

Technical: No Report

Frequency Coordination/MPSFAC/700MHz: Michelle James: MPSFAC met on March 21, and discussed a number of applications. The committee is considering designating some of the 700 TAC channel (e.g. the 7TAC50 series) for open, wide area use and another group (e.g. the 7TAC70 series) as available for fixed sites. The committee would appreciate input on this discussion from APCO members.

The next MPSFAC meeting is May 16th @10am Clinton County 911 in St Johns MI.

APCO National Reported by **Kim Ostin**.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO UPDATES

BALTIMORE AUGUST 11-14

To sign up to volunteer is now open, however it will be run differently this year. You will register for your day passes at the conference in the volunteer room.

Opening General Session – Bret Baier, Fox News Chief Political Anchor and Host Distinguished Achievers Breakfast – Brian Billick, Fox NFL Analyst, NFL Network Contributor and Former Super Bowl-winning Head Coach, Baltimore Ravens (1999-2007)

Food for Thought Luncheon – Carey Lohrenz, Pioneer Military Pilot, Author, Leadership Speaker and Business Consultant

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CALL TO ACTION: RECLASSIFICATION EFFORT UPDATE

As mentioned in [a recent eNews](#), there is progress in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate for legislation that would reclassify public safety telecommunicators as Protective Service in the Standard Occupational Classification. Congresswoman Norma Torres (D-CA) and Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) introduced the **9 1-1 SAVES Act**, a bill that would appropriately reclassify public safety telecommunicators with other "protective" occupations.

We need your help. TAKE ACTION NOW. Email your U.S. Representative and Senators asking them to co-sponsor this common sense, zero-cost bill to reclassify public safety telecommunicators as Protective Service Occupations. Visit APCO's [Take Action page](#) to send your email through our advocacy software that makes it very easy. To make it even easier APCO has created a prewritten message for you and it will only take a few moments of your time. We also ask that you share this link over social media and encourage friends, family and colleagues to take action as well.

Occupational Analysis

We are currently looking to speak with anyone from any center that regularly deploys tactical dispatchers to support major incidents within their own jurisdiction. Examples would include, but not be limited to, Special Event support, SWAT incidents, Large Fire incidents, etc. If your agency, or an agency that you know of does this, please let me know as soon as possible.

Within the next few months we will also be looking for participants in panels for Public Safety Telecommunicator, Fire Dispatcher and Police Dispatcher.

These requests are sent out via PS Connect, so if you're interested, please watch for them. If they are near a chapter meeting, I will also let you know and I will put out an email blast to the chapter.

APCO is seeking public safety communications professionals to participate on these standards development committees: If you are interested in working with one of these groups, please submit your request on the APCO website

- Standards Development Main Committee (SDC)
- SDC Operational Subcommittee
- SDC Technical Subcommittee
- SDC Training Subcommittee

APCO Awards Sandra Nielsen reported: The 2019 Awards are open and on the website. Fill out the forms as early as possible and get them as they are accepted up to the deadline. All the 2018 nominees have been sent to the national for the National Awards in Baltimore.

APCO/NENA Joint Conference Tammy Smith reported: The committee has secured the keynote speakers for super sessions each day with Adam Timm, Katie Donavon, Doug Showalter, and Jim Marshall. We will have a comedian again on Wednesday night again in the Theater. This year the schedule was adjusted so the conference will end at noon on Thursday this year so that people have time to travel home after the conference as some come from a great distance. We currently have 146 full registrations at this time.

APCO Historical: No Report

APCO Commercial Jason Bernard reported nothing to report. For the membership if there is a vendor you work with the Commercial committee is looking for more members and would like to get them to the vendor show at the conference. Have them contact Jason for information.

State 9-1-1 Committee: Rich Feole reported SNC Subcommittee last meeting was March 13th, 2019. Currently working on certifications for Meceola County.

Training Subcommittee reports 1963 FTE in the Audit was confirmed.

Jim Lopez retired and was presented with a Plaque.

The next meeting is June 12th, 2019.

State 9-1-1 Administrator Cindy Homant reported: The State is hoping to have an answer in June on the grant for NextGen 911. If you have gone live with Text to 911 please send a message to Cindy so she can update the map and keep it as current as possible. The Tech forum was successful as they had 159 registered and 148 attended the event. The event is scheduled for Great Wolf Lodge again in 202 and in Mt Pleasant in 2021 and away from National Telecommunicators week in 2021. May 6th we will be have a emerging technology meeting to discuss the previous forum. The automation project update is at the informal vendor selection and they are working on contracts as the DTMB just gave the cost of the project.

MCDA Chad Chewing reported HB 4249 meeting didn't go as planned which was in regards to the elimination of the MLTS rules which all three groups opposed strongly. After long talks all the stakeholders agreed to remove the rules and replace with definitions on work space vs occupied space and will work on new subsequent rules. This language has not been finalized and additional substitutes are anticipated, including a revised definition of "communication device". To make sure is specifies device actually affiliated with the MLT. In the meantime, federal MLTS legislation is being developed that may supersede the state statute, even if the bill sponsor goes back to the original bill and simply eliminates MLTS rules. They will also move the compliance date to December 2020.

TIM – The committee has submitted the outline to the SNC for an approval number for training funds for Dispatch centers to send their employees to the training. There was a presentation

given on stress and the workplace and how public safety can deal and cope with stressors. Next meeting is June 5th, 2019 St Ignace MSP Post 9am.

Nominating Committee

APCO – No report

FirstNet – Chad Chewing: another meeting and continuing through the process and both AT&T and Verizon pounding on doors for providers. The only difference is what the best coverage and what works best for your agencies. They are still working on the authorization and who is going to control due to the fact you can walk in with an ID and they will give it to the customer. AT&T has no real plan on this, however in Livingston County Verizon is making calls to departments to verify responders.

APCO/NENA Old Business: Chris Collom: None

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APCO Old Business Chris Collom: Liability Insurance per Phyllis Fuller we have it now General and Officer Insurance.

Kim Ostin: Policies were just sent out to the Board and placed out next week. Policies sent out to the board sent out to get in line APCO International policies.

National Election paperwork still available.

APCO New Business: None

Motion to adjourn *the meeting was made by Phyllis Fuller and seconded by Stephanie Lehman.*
Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

The next meeting will be

Muskegon County Central Dispatch

June 28th, 2019 @ 10am

APCO/NENA joint meeting