



July 10, 2018

## **Executive Council Communiqué – June 2018 Activities**

### **Executive Committee and Board Activities**

#### **FirstNet PSAC**

On June 4, President Martha Carter attended the FirstNet Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) meeting in San Diego, CA.

#### **NENA**

On June 18, Ms. Carter, First Vice President Holly Wayt, Second Vice President Tracey Hilburn and Executive Director & CEO Derek Poarch participated in the NENA conference in Nashville, TN.

#### **Group Leaders Meeting**

While in Nashville, the Mses. Carter, Wayt and Hilburn and Mr. Poarch met with the Group Leaders to discuss the status of APCO's committee work and to prepare for the year ahead.

### **In the News**

In June, APCO was mentioned in 330 traditional media articles, and had 138 social media mentions with an advertising value equivalency (AVE) of \$160,210 and 17,319,892 in potential reach.

- [APCO Seeks Comments on Draft Minimum Operational Standards for the Use of TTY/TDD or Similar Device in the Public Safety Communications Center](#)
- [APCO Seeks Comments on Draft Public Safety Grade Site Hardening Requirements Standard](#)
- [APCO Announces Approval of Revised Core Competencies and Minimum Training Standards for Public Safety Communications Instructors](#)

### **Government Affairs**

#### **Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) 2018 Annual Stakeholder Meeting**

Mark Cannon, Jeff Cohen and Mark Reddish attended the PSCR Public Safety Broadband Stakeholder Meeting in San Diego, CA, from June 5-8. This four-day meeting convened representatives from public safety, federal agencies, industry, and academia to discuss critical issues related to public safety broadband communications and the deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network. A copy of the meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

#### **FirstNet Combined Committee and Board Meeting**

On June 20, GRO monitored a combined meeting of the FirstNet Board and its committees, during which the Board received updates on construction of radio access networks, outreach to states, localities, and public safety agencies, FirstNet subscribership statistics, new public safety technologies being evaluated

at the FirstNet Innovation and Test Lab, the FirstNet Core, FirstNet device availability, and other issues. Additional information about the meeting can be found [here](#).

### **IWCE NG9-1-1 Webinar Series**

Jeff Cohen served as a panelist on a June 28 webinar hosted by IWCE titled “Operational Considerations for NG9-1-1.” Jeff discussed findings and recommendations from the operational, workforce, and training sections of Project 43, and the need for NG9-1-1 deployments to be seamlessly interoperable. Additional information about the webinar can be found [here](#).

### **Washington, DC, Office of Unified Communications 9-1-1 Center Tour and Roundtable**

On June 29, GRO attended an event hosted by the NG9-1-1 Institute, which included a tour of the Washington, DC, Office of Unified Communications 9-1-1 Center, the Joint All-Hazards Operations Center and the Emergency Operations Center. The event also included a roundtable discussion with local 9-1-1 leaders, moderated by FCC Commissioner Michael O’Rielly and NG9-1-1 Institute Executive Director Patrick Halley. Additional information about the event can be found [here](#).

## **Spectrum Management**

### **AFC @ the APCO Pavilion**

AFC staff and local advisors will be stationed at the APCO Pavilion to meet APCO 2018 attendees and answer questions. AFC staff will also assist with any applications pending at FCC or APCO.

### **Local Advisors Resource Room at APCO 2018**

AFC will open its Local Advisor Resource Room (AFC Lab) on Monday, August 6, at 8:00 a.m. PT. The Lab is open only to AFC's volunteer local advisors to conduct training and provide networking opportunities.

AFC will be conducting its annual local advisor training, open only to local advisors, on Wednesday, August 8. The training covers agreed upon LMCC/PSCC standards and any regulatory changes instituted by the FCC. AFC staff will also cover frequency coordination and licensing issues and will provide an overview of changes in engineering and coordination software.

### **National Regional Planning Council (NRPC)**

AFC continues its support for National Regional Planning Council through Department of Homeland Security, Office of Interoperability & Compatibility grant funding. NRPC will hold its annual training sessions for 700 & 800 MHz regional planning committees in conjunction with APCO 2018 on Tuesday, August 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PT.

### **Project 25 Open Session at APCO 2018**

Project 25 CAP AP will conduct an open session on Wednesday August 8, from 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. PT in the Venetian-Palazzo, Casanova room 605-606, Level 1, followed by a P25 CAP ISSI/CSSI testing work session from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. Conference attendee participation in the open session is encouraged.

## **Training and Certification**

### **CAC/Silent Key Scholarships**

This year the APCO Commercial Advisory Council (CAC)/Silent Key Scholarship Program funded 78 general scholarships for a total of \$53,959 in awards. Distribution included awards to 44 managers and supervisors as well as 34 frontline and other communications personnel. Additionally, 30 scholarships

were awarded to those seeking financial assistance to attend the Certified Public-Safety Executive (CPE) program. Those awards totaled \$44,500, which brought the total amount of scholarships to \$98,459.

### **Certified Public-Safety Executive (CPE)**

The CPE program continues to show impressive growth with Class 05 ready to start the online courses in July. Over 11 states are represented in the new cohort, coming from all four corners of the country.

Class 04 is wrapping up the online portion of the program and will conclude with the capstone seminar in Daytona Beach beginning July 9.

New this year, the APCO Institute is offering CPE404 – Retreat Day at Conference. This is a special one-day course developed at the suggestion of CPE graduates who want to stay connected to each other and the program. The course is open to graduates who have been out of the program for six months or more and will take a deep look at advanced leadership topics, such as ethics.

### **Registered Public-Safety Leader (RPL) Program Update**

The Institute conducted an evaluation of the Registered Public-Safety Leader (RPL) Program, using RPL graduates, RPL facilitators and Institute administrators as members of its review panel. The group conducted an extensive survey to explore the RPL experience in terms of messaging, course content, and learning activities. The findings of the survey helped guide the discussions of the review panel who worked together over the past year on a plan to update the program.

The result was the development of five new courses that include current topics directly tied to management and leadership in public safety communications. The updated courses continue to focus on the five foundational topics of the original RPL Program, but also include new topics such as virtual and remote teamwork. In addition, audio and visual resources have been added to enhance the RPL learning experience. This updated program will launch in January 2019

## **Comm Center and 9-1-1 Services**

### **APCO Consulting Services (ACS)**

The team successfully completed and submitted the final report to the West Palm Beach Police Department. CC9S staff is working on writing the final report for a commission in Pennsylvania. Support work in Little Rock continues on their CAD replacement project.

### **Standards Development**

- The Public Safety Grade Site Hardening and Minimum Operational Standards for the Use of TTY/TDD or similar device in the Public Safety Communications Center standards have been approved by ANSI for public review and comments and will be balloted at the end of July.
- The Incident Handling Process standard is in quality assurance pending public review and comments.
- The Core Competencies, Operational Factors, and Training for Next Generation Technologies in Public Safety Communications has been successfully balloted and is awaiting final approval by ANSI.
- The Wireless Deployment Management and Effective Practices revision writing group has begun work to revise the guide.

- Calls for participation remain open for the Public Safety Communications Common Incident Types for Data Exchange revision and for several positions on the SDC subcommittees and SDC Main.

All other standards are in development at various stages of the process. The Occupational Analysis Committee continues to work on the technician validations and is preparing for an occupational analysis for Crisis Intervention Telecommunicator on the west coast. The Main SDC and Subcommittees are working on action items following the face to face meeting in April.

### **Agency Training Program Certification**

For the 2018 Conference Awards a total of 27 agencies will be recognized in Las Vegas.

For the 2019 Conference Awards, 25 agencies have purchased access to the application and are in various stages of completion.

### **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)**

NFPA 1061: Standard for Public Safety Telecommunications Personnel Professional Qualifications

This standard is currently open for public comment for First Revision changes. Staff is reviewing the document to determine what comments are needed. Scope: This standard identifies the minimum job performance requirements for personnel working in public safety communications.

### **CTIA Test Bed LLC TAC**

Testing for the z-axis in the CTIA Test Bed LLC has concluded and the draft report is complete. The draft report will now go to the participating vendors to check for factual inaccuracies. After 10 days, the report will go to the CTIA z-axis working group and then back to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) before finalization. In addition to the conclusion of the z-axis testing, Limited Functional Testing (LFT) has begun with participating tier 1 carriers to ensure proper connectivity between their systems and CTIA testing. The LFT testing is scheduled to conclude the beginning part of July in order to allow modifications to systems before Dispatchable Location (DL) testing begins.

## **Membership**

Comparative membership data:

<b>Member Type</b>	<b>6/1/2017</b>	<b>6/1/2018</b>
<b>Associate</b>	2,732	2,744
<b>Full Member</b>	5,214	4,867
<b>Full Group Members</b>	5,496	5,918
<b>Online Group Members</b>	14,701	16,252
<b>Commercial</b>	624	561
<b>Commercial Group Members</b>	202	146
<b>Total Member Numbers</b>	<b>28,969</b>	<b>30,488</b>
<b>Group Member Agencies</b>	854	998
<b>Commercial Group</b>	38	33

## Events & Corporate Outreach

### **APCO 2018**

#### **Housing**

Housing for attendees is 92% full at this time.

#### **Registration**

We currently have 2,392 people registered. As a comparison, five weeks out from Denver, we had 2,462 registrations.

#### **Executive Council Reception Reminder**

At this time, you should have received an invitation to the Executive Council Reception. The RSVP deadline is July 23. As a reminder it is Friday, August 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Mob Museum. Transportation will be provided from the Venetian-Palazzo.

#### **Exhibit Sales as of 6/29/2018**

- # 10x10s – 586
- # Exhibiting Companies – 274
- # of Repeat Exhibitors – 219
- # of New Exhibitors - 55

#### **Exhibit Hall**

The Career Advancement Center and Presentation Theater sessions have been finalized and posted on APCO 2018 website under Exhibit Hall. Appointments are now being scheduled for resume review.

Lunch is available in the exhibit hall on Monday and Tuesday. Lunch menus are available at <https://www.apco2018.org/exhibit-hall/lunch-credits>

K-9 demonstrations will be offered on Monday and Tuesday. See the schedule at <https://www.apco2018.org/exhibit-hall/dog-demonstrations>

#### **Emerging Technology Forum**

The Tech Forum will be Wednesday, October 31 – Thursday, November 1, 2018, at the Sheraton Pittsburgh at Station Square. Registration and hotel information will be posted when available.

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*Note: In view of the timing of the in-person Annual Meeting, a communique reporting on July activities will not be issued. The communique will resume the following month reporting on August activities.*