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MEMBER CHAPTER SERVICES Committee



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Calif. governor signs bill classifying dispatchers as first responders

Story by Laura French

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California Assembly Member Rudy Salas (center) introduced Assembly Bill 1945, which was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Friday, September 11th reclassifying public safety dispatchers as first responders. (Photo/Assembly Member Rudy Salas)

California's dispatchers will now be classified as first responders instead of administrative or clerical workers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a bill on Friday that reclassifies dispatchers as first responders.

[Assembly Bill 1945](#), which passed with bipartisan support last month, will change the classification of public safety dispatchers from administrative or clerical workers to first responders, [according to a press release](#) from the office of Assembly Member Rudy Salas, who introduced the bill.

"The passage of AB 1945 marks a historic victory for the thousands of California dispatchers who have fought for the status of first responder," Salas said in a statement. "Our state depends on the incredible work of our emergency dispatchers who are the first to respond during a crisis and the last voice we hear on the phone."

Dispatchers in California answer approximately 27 million 911 calls per year. Employee classifications impact the retirement benefit plans available to government employees.

"On behalf of the California Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (CALNENA) and over 8,000 9-1-1 emergency dispatchers across the state of California, we are thrilled that AB 1945 has successfully passed the California Legislature with overwhelming support," said CALNENA President Lee Ann Magoski, ENP. "For too long, the women and men of 9-1-1 have gone unrecognized as the first of the first responders, answering the call for help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year."



Membership Information

Member Type	9/1/2019	9/1/2020
Associate Members	2,849	2,567
Full Members	4,800	4,469
Full Group Members	6,766	8,324
Online Group Members	19,788	18,991
Commercial Members	532	496
Commercial Group Members	283	209
Total Number of Members	35,018	35,056
Total Number of Group Agencies	1,135	1,254
Commercial Groups	54	44

Share what brings a smile to your face at your agency!

If this Doesn't bring a smile to your face....Recently at the Arapahoe, CO Sheriffs Office 9-1-1 Communications Center they received a visit from "Love Bug" and "Happy Times". The staff thoroughly enjoyed it.



Professional Development Events Committee (PDEC)

The Professional Development Events Committee (PDEC) is one of the most diverse and second largest committee that APCO has. Our primary goal is to rate, and choose speakers for the annual international conference.

While that sounds simple, it is quite the difficult task. We typically get approximately 400 submissions a year (we would love to see more!) with only about 121 slots to pick. We have a lot of great presentation ideas and it is very difficult to find the best sessions each year.

Another goal each year is to reach out to people who may be interested in presenting. This was a recent goal that we added to our committee to not only help recruitment but to make sure that we have a great set of topics from speakers at all levels in the field. Not only would we like everyone reading this to submit a presentation, we would love to have you on our committee next year! If you have any questions about our committee, we are always happy to answer them so please feel free to reach out!

Submitted by: Charles Vitale, Chair

Commercial Advisory Council (CAC)

Chapter Leaders; are you engaged with your Commercial Members?

Commercial Members, are you engaged with your Chapter?

Commercial members are here for more than 'just selling things'. They are experts in their respective fields who bring depth of experience and information that are up to date and relevant to your needs.

In addition, a healthy commercial membership brings much needed additional financial support to a chapter that allows for a variety of useful events such as training, product exhibitions, and award ceremonies.

Finally, through partnering, members who rely and utilize their Commercial Members' services strengthen those relationships and build stronger Chapters.

Submitted By: Ron Lyons



Kansas State Conference October 5th & 6th

This is open to any state at the price of **\$25 per person**. Please check out the full details on our website at www.ksapco.org. **Registration closes October 1st.**

We will be shipping out **swag bags to the first 300 registrations** and we are already halfway there. We hope you will join us! Feel free to share on your own social media. We have two keynote speakers on both days, Adam Timm from the Healthy Dispatcher and Jim Marshall from the 911 Training Institute. We are still trying to finalize a schedule so it's not posted yet, but should be soon. We are using the same company that Colorado used so all training is tracked in time spent in the sessions. All sessions will have 1-month access to attend. All tracks that are live, will be recorded and uploaded for viewing.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to bsnook@mitchellcountyks.gov

Upcoming Conferences 2021



North Carolina State Conference

APCO WRC—Idaho



Registration is NOW Open!

Join us in Boise, Idaho March 31st-April 2nd, 2021.

We are busy planning excellent training tracks and events.

Do not miss out on the Early Bird Pricing! APCO Members see PSCONNECT for discount code. <https://www.2021apcowrc.org>

Special Room Rates \$137 will go fast:
[APCO Western Region Conference Block](#)

Call for Papers will be out shortly. Do know a great speaker? Send them our way.

Travel discounts also available on our website.

Questions? IdahoAPCOWRC@gmail.com



APCO Announcements

APCO Announces New Executive Recruitment Service

APCO is excited to announce [APCO Executive Search](#), a comprehensive service that recruits top-tier leaders to take emergency communications centers to the next level of performance. Using a multi-step approach, the Executive Search team works with client agencies to develop executive profiles, conducts an extensive search for suitable candidates and screens for those that best match agency requirements. Based on the screening results, top candidates are chosen and their profiles are presented for the final interview process. [Learn more.](#)

Upcoming Webinar

Join us for this upcoming webinar - free to members and worth one CDE each.

The FirstNet COVID-19 Response

October 1 | 1:00 p.m. ET

Sponsored by FirstNet Built with AT&T

[Register](#)

For a list of more upcoming webinars, visit [//apcointl.org/webinars](https://apcointl.org/webinars)

Apply for the Next CPE Program by October 15

Don't miss the deadline to be considered for the next Certified Public-Safety Executive (CPE) class, which begins in January 2021. [Learn more.](#)

The Tech Forum Is Going Virtual

The [Emerging Technology Forum](#) has transformed into an all virtual experience!

While we had hoped to meet in person, we decided to move this event online for the safety and welfare of attendees, speakers, sponsors and staff. We can't wait to gather the public safety community as we learn and connect virtually. New dates will be announced soon.

Seeking Volunteers: Standards Development Committee

Getting involved in the [APCO Standards Development](#) process is an excellent way to contribute your knowledge and experiences as well as learn from your peers during the process. **You do not need to be an expert to participate, you just need to be willing to use your skills to accomplish a common goal.** If you are interested in joining, please complete the following survey: [Standards Development Committee Continuous Recruitment](#).

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