

APCO Awards: Do you know someone who is a star?

Don't wait to nominate YOUR shining star...nominate today!

APCO International presents awards to public safety communications personnel who have demonstrated the highest levels of personal and professional conduct and performance in the line of duty. Nominees must have been employed in the applicable category by a public safety agency at any time between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2015. Nominees **do not** have to be members of APCO.

PSAP award categories:

- Telecommunicator of the Year
- Communications Center Director of the Year
- Line Supervisor of the Year
- Radio Frequency (RF) Technologist of the Year
- Information Technologist of the Year
- Trainer of the Year
- Team of the Year



Award recipients will enjoy VIP treatment starting with a fully paid trip to the 2015 APCO Annual Conference & Expo; including registration, travel expenses, and hotel accommodations. During the conference, the recipients will be brought on stage to receive their awards in front of their peers from around the nation. They will also be featured in a press release announcing the winners and in an article in APCO's *Public Safety Communications* magazine.

Nominations for the **Technology Leadership Award** are also being accepted. This award is designed to recognize an emergency communications center's use of technological advancements and demonstrated benefits received to their employees and the citizens they serve. Nominations should detail modifications to policies and procedures necessary to make operations more efficient. Nominations should also show how the project benefits center employees and the public served. Examples of projects include but are not limited to Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), radio, 9-1-1, public safety IT, broadband, electronic crime reporting, mapping, GPS to name a few.

The Award Recipients for the Technology Leadership Award shall receive a complimentary "day-pass" registration to APCO 2015 for the day of the award ceremony. A representative from the winning PSAP(s) will be recognized at the annual conference, in *Public Safety Communications* and on the Web site.

Visit <http://apcointl.org/apco-membership/awards/psap-awards.html> for more information. Nominations are being accepted in the online format until **April 1, 2015**.

APCO Scholarships

The APCO Scholarship Application Timeframe is January 1 – March 31

Scholarship programs available are the **SILENT KEY SCHOLARSHIP** which was initiated as a means of remembering and honoring individuals who have participated in APCO, contributed to APCO, and meant a great deal to APCO members. By remembering these individuals who mean so much to us, they continue to contribute to our organization even beyond the years we were privileged to have them in our midst.

The **COMMERCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) SCHOLARSHIP FUND** was initiated by the Commercial/Corporate Advisory Council as a means for its commercial members to give back to the public safety community. Scholarship funds may be used for the APCO Institute or the APCO Virtual College. The funds may apply to books, tuition, and/or registration costs for approved classes and programs. Up to \$500 of the award may be applied to travel or living expenses to attend an APCO International educational event. Applicants must bear responsibility for payment of all costs, and will be reimbursed only upon satisfactory completion of the course or class.

Applicants should meet the following standards:

- Currently employed in the Public-Safety Communications field.
- Have accumulated at least one year of experience within public-safety with at least eight months of continuous service.
- Current APCO Members and maintain APCO membership throughout the scholarship period.
- Demonstrate a commitment to high career standards with long term goals in public-safety communications.
- Demonstrate commitment to continuing education and self-improvement.
- Submit a completed application within the prescribed time frame.

For more information visit the website below and select “Scholarships”

<http://www.apco911.org/training-and-certification>

Life Membership Nominations

It's now 2015 and the deadline for Life Member Nominations is right around the corner. Remember nominations must be submitted by **February 1**.

It takes 15 years of membership and at least 5 significant contributions toward meeting the global needs of the association to qualify for the Life Member designation. Any Full, Associate, or Commercial member that meets the criteria may be nominated. You may find the Life Member eligibility requirements and nomination procedures in the Policy Manual - download the most current copy from www.apcointl.org/governance.



Past President and Credentials Committee member, Gary David Gray, continues to volunteer his time to assist any chapter's executive board with successfully completing nomination forms for their members. Contact Gary through PSConnect.

Membership Information

Member Type	1/1/2014	1/1/2015
Associate	3478	3349
Commercial	1063	1014
Full Member	6748	6392
Group Online	4128	3985
Total Number of Members	17082	16509
Total Number of Group Agencies	303	568
Commercial Group		5

Note: January and February are traditionally the lowest months reported for membership numbers due to incoming renewals. We expect to see this number continue to grow and within a month or so return to its normal level.

Upcoming Member and Chapter Services Webinar

February 24 at 2:00 p.m. EST

March 12 at 10:00 a.m. EST

Get in the know! Please submit your suggestions for agenda topics through your Chapter's Leadership to the Member & Chapter Services Representative for your Chapter.



Membership FAQ



QUESTION: Can I add a chapter event to the PSConnect calendar?

ANSWER: Yes!

Go to www.psconnect.com and login with your username and password. Click the "Events" tab at the top and then click "Add an event" at the top right. Enter as much information as you can and click the "Finish" button at the bottom.

81st Annual APCO International Conference & Expo

Save the Date!
August 16 - 19, 2015
Washington, DC
www.apco2015.org



Georgia Emergency Communications Conference

March 9 - 12, 2015
The Classic Center
300 N Thomas Street
Athens, Georgia



Visit our website to find out more: www.gecc2015.org

Missouri Public Safety Communications Conference



MEET ME IN ST LOUIS!

at the
Missouri Public Safety Communications Conference
Hosted by Missouri APCO & NENA

March 29 – April 1, 2015

St Louis Union Station a Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
SAVE THE DATE! Call for Papers is Open!

www.monena-moapco.org

Mid-Eastern APCO Chapter Spring Training Conference

Save the Date!
April 9 and 10, 2015
www.mideasternapco.com



NENA / APCO Ohio State Conference



SAVE THE DATE!

April 12 - 15, 2015

Kalahari Resort, Sandusky OH

CALL FOR PAPERS OPEN!

Visit our website:

http://ohioapco.org/?page_id=1748

2015 APCO Western Regional Conference

April 8 - 10, 2015
Sacramento, California

The Sacramento Convention Center will be Conference Central, with plenty of room for over 100 vendors, training sessions, keynotes, and outside there will be the largest collection of Command Vehicles in the state.



Visit us on the web for the most up-to-date news: <http://www.apcowrc.org/2015/news/>

2015 Pennsylvania APCO Conference

Save the Date!
April 19 - 22, 2015
Best Western Premier Eden Resort
Lancaster, PA



Presentation Proposals Open!

Visit our website for more information: <http://www.paapco.org/index.php/conferences>

2015 Texas APCO / NENA Public-Safety Conference

April 19 - 22, 2015
Galveston Island Convention Center
Galveston, Texas

The 2015 TX APCO / TX NENA Public Safety Conference will be held in Galveston, Texas on April 19 - 22, 2015. This will be our second year in Galveston, and things in Texas continue to get bigger and better! We will have amazing speakers, a full Industry Partner Hall, and excellent networking opportunities. More information regarding the conference can be found at www.texas911conference.com



APCO Institute Schedule

Visit the APCO Institute Site for the most up-to-date course information!
<http://apointl.com/training-and-certification.html>

Course Name	Dates / Time	Location	Contact:
Active Shooter Incidents #39432	Feb 20, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Stafford County Sheriff's Office 1225 Courthouse Rd. Stafford, VA 22554	Chris Conley Cconley@staffordcountyva.gov (540) 658-4475
Communications Center Supervisor #39472	Feb 11 - 13, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Bountiful Police Department 805 S. Main St. Bountiful, UT 84010	Jon Purcell jpurcell@bountifulutah.gov (801) 298-6036
Crisis Negotiations for Telecommunicators #39142	Feb 3, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Columbia County Combined Communications Center 263 NW Lake City Ave. Lake City, FL 32053	Scott Rooney srooney@columbiacountyfla.com (386) 944-2485
Crisis Negotiations for Telecommunicators #39147	Feb 10, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Columbia County Combined Communications Center 263 NW Lake City Ave. Lake City, FL 32053	Scott Rooney srooney@columbiacountyfla.com (386) 944-2485
Crisis Negotiations for Telecommunicators #39563	Feb 13, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Metro West Ambulance 5475 NE Dawson Creek Dr. Hillsboro, OR 97124	Richard Wright richardwright13@hotmail.com (503) 984-5649
Communications Training Officer #39718	Feb 23 - 25, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Lake Mary Police Department 165 E. Crystal Lake ave. Lake Mary FL, 32746	Suzanne Garfinkel sgarfinkel@lakemaryfl.com (407) 585-1322
Communications Training Officer #39708	Feb 25 - 27, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	APCO Institute 351 N. Williamson Blvd. Daytona Beach, FL 32114	Shannon Tucker Tuckers@apointl.org (386) 944-2485
Disaster Operations and the Comm Ctr #39016	Feb 13, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Wrentham Public Safety 89 South St. Wrentham, MA 02093	Darrell True dtrue@police.wrentham.ma.us Ph. (508) 384-2121 ext.1008

From the Member and Chapter Services Committee

Dear APCO Officers and Members,

The Member and Chapter Services Committee (MCSC) supports the membership at the chapter level by building relationships with chapter leaders. Each MCSC member is assigned to represent Chapters and throughout the year they maintain information flow with the chapter leaders. We are here to keep APCO members informed of association policies, governance guidelines, and other APCO programs. Just as important, we push issues from the local level to the APCO leadership level. We work for the people and strive to make sure you receive all that you can from your APCO membership.

MCSC members work diligently to get program questions or information out to the local chapters, gather the needed feedback, and get answers back to the APCO organization. We share information about programs, training, and initiatives supported by APCO International as well as upcoming events through the monthly MCSC e-Newsletter.

MCSC works to build relationships among chapter leaders through training classes and webinars hosted during the year. We also assist the APCO organization staff to provide chapter leader training and workshops at the annual conference. But, we need your help to make these things happen. You can assist us by:

- Keeping your Chapter officer list up-to-date with APCO headquarters.
- Submitting information about upcoming events or programs in your Chapter for the e-Newsletter.
- Keeping the contact information of your MCSC representative handy so if you have questions or need anything you can call on us to help.
- Participating in chapter officer calls, webinars, and training so that you are up-to-date with the current information.
- Letting your MCSC representative know who to contact in order to get information about your chapter if the President of your Chapter is not the primary contact person..
- Looking for the monthly e-Newsletter and providing us with feedback through your chapter.

We are very fortunate to have members on the MCSC who support APCO and are willing to volunteer their time to make sure that APCO can meet its vision to strengthen our communities by empowering and educating public safety communications professionals. As a committee, we look forward to continuing to work with you!

Sincerely,

Member and Chapter Services Committee