



The ***Technical Professional of the Year Award*** is presented to an individual whose contributions are instrumental in both knowledge and application of technical advances for a public safety agency in the field of radio communications and/or information technology.

### **Eligibility:**

Nominees must have been employed in the applicable category by a public safety agency between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

Persons submitting a nomination or being nominated must be residents of the United States or its Territories or members of the Texas Chapter of APCO, as contained in APCO Policy Manual Article XIII, Section 13.1.

### **Qualities:**

1. Knowledgeable of and manages the installation, operation, and maintenance of radio equipment.
2. Knowledge, maintenance and management of the critical applications that deliver core public safety services.
3. Application, communication, testing, troubleshooting and reporting of server infrastructure.
4. Possesses ability to provide information to assist in grant writing.
5. Prepares and maintains various records of maintenance and operation as required by the FCC including renewal of FCC licensing.
6. Maintains current experience in state of the art electronic equipment repair,
7. Plans for infrastructure additions, site expansions and improvements as necessary to insure coverage, systems reliability and security.
8. Develops and presents written and oral recommendations, budgets, and schedules for upgrading existing systems.

### **Instructions:**

- Save a copy of the downloaded version of this document. **Nominations will only be accepted using this form.**
- Provide the required information directly into the saved version of the document.
- Include specific facts or examples.
- Email the completed Microsoft Word nomination form as an attachment to [texasapco@gmail.com](mailto:texasapco@gmail.com)
- You will receive emailed confirmation of receipt within five business days.
- All nominations must be received by **April 2, 2021 at 5:00 PM.**

**Award Nominee Information:**

Name:	
Agency & Job Title:	
Agency Address:	
Address line 2 (if applicable):	
City, State & Zip Code:	
Agency Phone Number (including area code):	Email Address:

**Nomination Made By:**

Name:	
Agency & Job Title:	
Agency Address:	
Address line 2 (if applicable):	
City, State & Zip Code:	
Agency Phone Number (including area code):	Email Address:

**Criteria:**

Please answer **all** questions individually. You may do so by expanding the space after each question or adding pages as needed to answer each question separately.

1. Describe the nominee's public safety communications agency. Please include staffing levels, size, and discipline (Law, Fire, EMS, PSAP only, etc.).
2. Describe the nominee's daily duties and responsibilities.
3. How long the nominee has been at this job and any previous public safety communications positions?
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5. Describe how the nominee functions as a team player.
6. Provide an example of how the nominee goes above and beyond what may be required of an individual in this position.
7. How does the nominee keep his or her expertise current?
8. Describe how the nominee develops and employs good communication skills with all individuals and/or departments.
9. In one page or less, describe why the candidate should receive the 2020 Texas APCO Technical Professional of the Year Award.