

NEWSLETTER



Member & Chapter Services Committee

December 2014

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>



Share Your Knowledge as a Presenter at APCO2015!



The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International invites you to participate in **APCO 2015, August 16 - 19 in Washington, DC.**

This is your opportunity to be part of this premiere event - share your knowledge and expertise with the public safety communications community. We are looking for dynamic speakers that will engage attendees and leave them with valuable information that will enhance their experience as an attendee.

We encourage submissions from an interdisciplinary spectrum from the following topical areas:

- Frontline Telecommunicator
- Leadership Development
- Communication Center Management
- Emergency Preparedness, Response and Situational Awareness
- Radio Technologies, LMR and Spectrum Management
- NG9-1-1 and Emerging Technologies
- Current Edge Issues / Hot Topics
- NG9-1-1 and New Response Technology
- Social Media in the PSAP
- Industry Products and Tools

Visit: <http://www.apco2015.org/program/call-for-speakers/>

All submissions are due by December 31, 2014 and speakers selected for inclusion will be notified by March 31, 2015.

Once the APCO 2014 educational program is complete, it will be posted on the website. Additional information for APCO 2015 can also be found at www.apco2015.org. Please check the website frequently as it will be updated regularly.

APCO International Public-Safety Communications Award Program

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. Award categories currently include:

- 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
- Technology Leadership



<https://www.apcointl.org/apco-membership/awards/psap-awards>

Get your nominations ready! Nominations will be open **Jan 1, 2015 through April 1, 2015**.

Life Membership Nominations

It's autumn and that means the holidays are right around the corner, and then the New Year, and before you know it - the **February 1** deadline to submit a Life Member nomination.

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 PSCconnect.

Membership Information

Member Type	12/1/2013	12/1/2014
Associate	3453	3390
Commercial	1055	1019
Full Member	6728	6388
Group Online	6507	8398
Total Number of Members	20176	22490
Total Number of Group Agencies	397	563

Membership FAQ



QUESTION: I joined in the middle of the year and I thought membership was for a full year. Why are you sending me a renewal notice now?

ANSWER: Your renewal notice should be prorated.

Individuals who joined APCO in April through September are invoiced at the full applicable rate when they join. This membership will expire on December of the current year. The second year dues is prorated, to give a credit for the months in which there were no member benefits from the first year.

PSConnect

If you haven't been on PSConnect (www.psconnect.com) lately, visit now!

This is a great resource for APCO Members and Chapter Officers. You are encouraged to sign up for email subscriptions for any areas of interest. PSConnect was created for you so take a few minutes each day to explore the communities and see what's new. This is also a great place to ask questions and get a ton of helpful responses. Be sure to connect with your representative on the Member & Chapter Services Committee. We would love to hear from you!

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>

APCO Institute Schedule

Visit the APCO Institute Site for the most up-to-date course information!

<http://apcointl.com/training-and-certification.html>

Course Name	Dates / Time	Location	Contact:
Active Shooter Incidents #39500	Jan 19, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Amtrak 30th Street Station 2955 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19104	Cpt. Gary Heller Gary.Heller@amtrak.com (215) 349-6760
Active Shooter Incidents #39501	Jan 20, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Amtrak 30th Street Station 2955 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19104	Cpt. Gary Heller Gary.Heller@amtrak.com (215) 349-6760
Active Shooter Incidents #39502	Jan 21, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Amtrak 30th Street Station 2955 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19104	Cpt. Gary Heller Gary.Heller@amtrak.com (215) 349-6760
Active Shooter Incidents #39503	Jan 22, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Amtrak 30th Street Station 2955 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19104	Cpt. Gary Heller Gary.Heller@amtrak.com (215) 349-6760
Communications Center Supervisor #39470	Jan 7 - 9, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Duxbury Fire Department EOC 668 Tremont St. Duxbury, MA 02332	Michael Mahoney / Rob Reardon mmahoney@town.duxbury.ma.us (781) 934-1553
Customer Service in the Comm Center #39015	Jan 9, 2015 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Wrentham Public Safety 89 South St. Wrentham, MA 02093	Darrell True dtrue@police.wrentham.ma.us (508) 384-2121 ext.1008
Communications Training Officer #38909	Jan 12 - 14, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Martin County Sheriff's Office 800 SE Monterey Road Stuart, FL 34994	Rhonda Irons rcirons@sheriff.martin.fl.us (772) 220-7007
Communications Training Officer #39474	Jan 21 - 23, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Northwest Arkansas Community College 1000 SE Eagle Way Bentonville, AR 72712	Brianna Fields Brianna.Fields@bentoncountyar.gov (479) 271-1004
Communications Training Officer #39307	Jan 26 - 28, 2015 8 am - 5 pm	Georgetown Communications & Training Building 510 W. 9th St. Georgetown, TX 78626	Kelly Cruz/ Renee Koog Kelly.cruz@georgetown.org (512) 930-8469

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