

The Ohio NENA Chapter

OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSOCIATION

Joint APCO and NENA Business Meeting 5/20/2020 10:00 AM Virtual Meeting

Welcome Remarks

Ohio NENA Chapter President Nancy Kolcan and Ohio APCO President Lydia Frey welcomed participants to our virtual quarterly meeting.

Secretary Report

Minutes from the February meeting were posted on the Ohio NENA website. Motion to accept the minutes for the February 19, 2020 meeting was made by Rose Chambers, 2nd by Patrick Brandt.

Treasure Report

Current balance in NENA account is Checking \$7109.96. Savings \$1,000.

District Reports

No district reports were given due to some technical/agenda difficulties.

NENA National Report

- National Conference has been moved to September 24th – 29th in Long Beach, California.
- COVID-19 resources and the COVID-19 PSAP report can be found on the NENA website.

Joint Conference Committee Report – Rose Chambers

- Nothing to report on joint conference. Currently working with NENA national to help organize volunteer efforts surrounding the 2021 NENA National Conference

Gold Star Committee Report – Brian MacMurdo

- Gold Star luncheon has been postponed due to the Corona Virus. We are working to reschedule in December, tentatively 12/8 and 12/9. Will be confirming with the venue. Once the dates are finalized the information will be emailed out to members and posted on the APCO and NENA websites along with the Gold Star Facebook page.
 - 2019 Ohio Gold Star Award winners were announced.
 - Solid Gold Telecommunicator of the year – Brenda Wadle – Chagrin Valley Dispatch
 - Double Gold Team of the year – OSP Jackson
 - Supervisor/Manager of the year – Elizabeth Fahy – Grove City
 - Trainer of the year – Daniel Young – Portage County S.O.
 - IT/RF Technologist of the year – Kraig Kent – OSP
 - Technology Leadership Award – Hamilton County Communications Center
 - Director of the year – Nick DiCicco – Chagrin Valley Dispatch

- Brian congratulated everyone and advised we are all looking forward to celebrating these great accomplishments together in December.

Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office Update – Rob Jackson

- Grant Award notices have gone out to the counties that applied. The 2nd round will be announced very soon, there are still funds left to be distributed.
- The RFP will not be getting numbers out for a couple months, the virus has kept certain stakeholders/decision makers from being available to review all the particulars. Hoping to have an announcement in June or July.
- FCC surveys, deadline was last Friday, a handful of counties still haven't sent it in. please get it in this week if you are one of those counties.
- Lydia Frey thanked Rob for the weekly PSAP meetings that were held during the height of the pandemic response.

Ohio MARCS – Richard Schmahl

- During the initial stay at home mandate, they saw a big drop of PTTs in the system. Normally 1.5-2mil PTT's a day, that went down to 1 million.
- Allen County experienced tower interference. Bob Bill, FirstNet, and Motorola went to investigate. They were able to triangulate it to a house. A search warrant was served, and arrests made. If you have problems with portable communication, please contact the MARCS helpdesk to start investigating. The cause of this problem, this issue was only witnessed on portables.
- Dick Miller advised there are several on going projects. A 400ft tower in the Jesse Owens State Park. This will provide a lot of additional coverage throughout the park and locals in the area. A new tower is also being constructed in Millersport. This will cover the Buckeye Lake area. They also partnered with Richland County and turned on a tower that covers northern Richland county, and parts of Ashland, Huron and Crawford.
- Also working to improve coverage in southwest Guernsey county, currently in talks with Guernsey county commissioner. This would also help Noble County.

Ohio TERT Update – Monte Diegel

- No new updates

Commercial Advisory – Norberto Colon

- Norberto thanked everyone for their service and thanked our commercial partners. The commercial community will continue to support APCO and NENA moving forward. He advised everyone is figuring out the new normal, the way companies operate today will not be the same in the future. They will remain committed to supporting our associations and centers in every way possible.

Motion to adjourn from Nick DiCicco, 2nd by Patrick Brandt

Minutes submitted by Ohio NENA Secretary Brian MacMurdo