

The Ohio NENA Chapter

OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSOCIATION

February 25, 2015

Minutes

Worthington Holiday Inn

Vendors Displays and Networking

10:00 – 11:45 Vendor Exhibits Open

B&C Communications, Sound Communications, VPI, EmergiTech, General Dynamics IT, BIS Digital

Lunch sponsored by B&C Communications

Joint APCO and NENA Business Meeting

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Patrick Goldschmidt, President of Ohio NENA and Jay Somerville, President of Ohio APCO, opened the meeting thanking the vendors for their support. Kelly Davidson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Report:

Janet Boland advised the September 10, 2014 NENA Minutes were posted on the website. She asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. Holly Wayt made the motion to accept the report and Kelly Davidson seconded the motion. MMMC

Treasurer Report:

Valerie DeRose advised the checking and savings account balance of \$5,669.57

Kim Brandt made the motion to accept the report and Bo Keck seconded the Motion. MMMC

Joint Conference Committee:

Rose Chambers advised the conference will be April 12-15 at Kalahari in Sandusky. Information is available on the APCO and NENA websites. Welcome reception is Monday evening with a DJ and photo booth. There will be a fitness challenge contest during the conference for attendees to compete for prizes based on the most physical activity, taking advantage of the size of the venue to encourage walking, etc. Vendor show is on Tuesday - we still need vendors to register booth space. Members are encouraged to reach out to their vendors to show up and represent themselves at our conference. They are still looking for Bronze level sponsors. The late signup fee for vendors will be suspended through the month of March. Hotel rooms \$104/night including 4 waterpark passes.

Gold Star Awards Committee:

Alan Fish - thanked his boss, **Holly Wayt**, and committee members **Thomas Paige, Kadey Pinkston, Chris Zigo** for their support with the Gold Star Awards Committee. There were 7 double gold (24), 10 solid gold, 15 GSC, and 2 gold ribbon award nominations submitted for 2014.

The Gold Star Selection committee met this morning: Solid Gold Winner - Ashland County SO Brook Massie - Double Gold - Ashland County Susan Kelly & Vickie Miller.

- **Commercial Advisory:** **Chris Zigo** thanked the vendors for their support for today's meeting.

No District Reports

ESINET Steering Committee Update:

Jay Somerville advised there was no announcement in reference to who the State 911 administrator will be.

Hopefully it will be announced at the next ESInet meeting in March. PSAP Operational Standards were

completed by the standards task force and have been adopted by the steering committee. They have passed the

Good Government in Business subcommittee. Next the standards will be sent to the schedulers this week to set up hearings for the rulemaking process. Jay strongly urges PSAP managers to attend at least one of these rulemaking meetings. These standards will have a huge impact on Ohio PSAPs and many stakeholders/constituents will be present. Jay will send out the meeting dates as he becomes aware of them.

Final copy (v9) is available on the ESINet steering committee website. Operating Standards will take effect two years after adoption, per the Ohio Revised Code.

Jay has fielded quite a few calls on county final plans. ORC 128.12 - HB 360 contained a clause affecting how a county final plan was changed - any change can now be voted on by the already established planning committee as opposed to achieving a majority vote of the subdivisions. Jay encouraged our membership to review their final 911 plan to ensure it is current and up to date. The County Prosecutor is the sole authority for ruling on the compliance of the county plan with ORC 128, they should be familiar with the county plan and ORC 128.12 to ensure the county plan meets the requirements of the code.

Norberto Colon, Cuyahoga County, advised that they have posted a summary of legislative changes pertaining to 9-1-1 on their website.

Discussion of SMS to 9-1-1:

There are limited deployments in Ohio but regulation is being reviewed at the state level. Most counties that have adopted SMS to 9-1-1 have more problems with hang-up calls than SMS calls. SMS did prove useful as a method to reply to 9-1-1 hang-ups inquiring on the nature of their call. They were seeing a better response to SMS inquiries as opposed to callbacks.

AT&T Outage:

Patrick Goldschmidt discussion on the phone outage that affected the telephone outage that affected 9-1-1 in Northeast Ohio. This outage affected more than just 9-1-1 systems and most Summit County area departments were aware a problem may occur although it happened a lot sooner than expected. Summit County radio system was instrumental in providing point to point communication between PSAPs, hospitals, and other EOC personnel. Location Accuracy Requirements. Patrick will keep us updated with any new information.

NENA Technical Director Roger Hixson gave a presentation covering the NENA and APCO carrier location accuracy roadmap. They are making an effort to change from plotting an X-Y location back to a civic address location, adding a Z axis for vertical reading, with quicker and more accurate location identification for 9-1-1 calls. The presentation further discussed the processes, methods, and timelines for improving 9-1-1 location accuracy from wireless devices. Cooperation between NENA/APCO memberships, the FCC, and wireless carriers is crucial to cultivate further advancements in this area.

For the Good of the Order:

Lin Malott thanked Mike Banks for the Public Safety Communications magazine article on Mary Jo Graves, highlighting her efforts in organizing the Sea of Blue law enforcement support rally in Cleveland.

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2015 Chapter Meeting Dates

May 13, 2015

September 9, 2015

November 4, 2015

Motion to Adjourn

Jay Somerville made a motion to adjourn. Pat Goldschmidt seconded the Motion. **MMMC**

Authored by Janet Boland, Ohio NENA Secretary