

# Washington APCO/NENA Chapter Officer Elections

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## APCO Treasurer

Two Candidates

Richard Kirton  
Executive Director  
Kitsap 911



Hi, I'm Richard Kirton and I'm running for reelection as your APCO treasurer. It has been an honor to serve on your chapter executive committee and it's my hope you will give me an opportunity to continue this important work. For those of you who don't know me I'm the director of Kitsap 911/CENCOM but I got my start as a Communications Officer (Dispatcher) at Macecom and then worked the dispatch floor at Valley Com before moving to Kitsap.

I got involved in the chapter as a way to give back to our profession and to the association that's helped me so much in my career. Like many of you I didn't really set out for a career in 911... I found my first job as a dispatcher almost by accident but it didn't take long for me to decide that 911 was going to be my career. I knew I wanted to "move up" but there weren't a lot of tools out there to help me prepare. I had supportive bosses and worked for great agencies but through APCO I found training opportunities, mentors, leadership opportunities and everything else I needed to help me to be the best I could be and to advance my career. My main goal as your treasurer is to help the chapter remain financially stable and sustainable so that these same kinds of opportunities are available to telecommunicators, technicians, CTOs, and managers in our state, but personal development opportunities are only one piece of the picture. It's a sad truth that our profession is still seen in many quarters of this country and even this state as a "clerical job." Telecommunicators don't enjoy the same recognition as other first responders even though the job is just as stressful and takes a heavy toll on both our physical and mental health. As a profession and as a chapter we need to continue to fight for

this recognition and to secure early retirement for our telecommunicators. Again, in order for the chapter to do this work we need to be financially sustainable and as your treasurer I will continue to look for new and creative ways to keep this work funded. I hope you will vote for me for APCO Treasurer and also that if you aren't already involved in the chapter that you will find ways to get involved. Thank you!

Julie Buck  
Chief of Operations/911 Coordinator  
Klickitat County Emergency Management 911



Hello Washington state APCO / NENA Membership. My name is Julie Buck and I am running for the position of APCO Treasurer. Although I know it to be a long shot, I am very interested in becoming an active member of the Washington Chapter, bringing **FRESH ENERGY and NEW IDEAS** to the membership!

I am currently the 9-1-1 Coordinator / Chief of Operations for Klickitat County Department of Emergency Management. I have been in this position just over a year. I moved to Washington at that time from Colorado (my home state). Previous to that, I worked for the City of Aurora for 22 years, first for the Police Department and then for the consolidated Public Safety Communications Department. I started my career as a 9-1-1 Operator, then police dispatcher and finally the last 17 years as a supervisor. I decided fairly quickly that I belonged in this profession.

I joined APCO in 1999. In 2008 I first volunteered to help on the conference planning committee for the 2010 APCO Western Regional Conference that was held in Denver. I was hooked. The networking and camaraderie I experienced was exciting and I wanted to do more. In 2010 I ran for the Executive Board and was voted in as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. I served on the board for the next 4 years as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, President and Immediate Past President. In 2011, I took over as the Conference Chair for the State Conference with duties that included moving it to a new venue. In 2014 I took over the position of Treasurer that was being vacated mid-term. In 2015, I ran for the position and served as Treasurer until my move to Washington in 2017.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve the membership of the Washington chapter! I know the difficulties of getting new people interested in volunteering. I have learned so much from everyone over the last year, and I look forward to the continued learning I will be fortunate to have.

# West-Side Ambassador

Running Unopposed

Tim Martindale  
Director & E911 Coordinator  
PACCOM (Pacific County)



I started my career in public safety communications in 2005 when I started working for PACCOM as a telecommunicator. I rose through the ranks quickly, holding the positions of TAC, Training Coordinator and Communications Supervisor. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 I was appointed to the position of Director of Pacific County Communications and E911 Coordinator of Pacific County. I've been a member of the Washington Chapter of APCO and NENA since 2006. I've been involved in the WANT Certification Task Force and the ProCHRT Committee. I've also served on the APCO International Awards Committee and the APCO International ProCHRT Committee. I've also complete the APCO RPL course and carry that distinction with pride. I am honored to be nominated for a second term as the Westside Ambassador. If re-elected I promise to continue carrying out my duties to the best of my abilities and continue to support our chapter in whatever is needed.

# Secretary

Running Unopposed

Katy Myers

Technical & Support Division Manager

Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA)



Greetings! I have been with CRESA for over 23 years where I've worked as a dispatcher, training manager and most recently as the 911 Operations Division manager. Currently I serve as the Technical Services Division Manager, overseeing CAD, phone system, regional radio and IT. I have completed NENA CMCP, am an ENP and have a Bachelor's of Science degree in Information Technology Business Management. I serve on the state Strategic Planning committee, chair the state NG911 sub-committee, and am the Clark County E911 Coordinator. I currently serve as WA APCO/NENA Secretary and as such, led the movement toward electronic voting for our chapter. I am honored to serve the 911 community and hope to be able to continue do so. In addition to my professional roles I am mother of 2 young adults and a sweet old lady dachshund. I love to camp, hike and craft. All the best, Katy.