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Washington Chapter of APCO-NENA Announces the 2016 Public Safety Communications Award Recipients

Moses Lake, WA – Washington Chapter of APCO-NENA

The Washington Chapter of APCO-NENA is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016 Public Safety Communications Awards. The recipients were chosen from a field of excellent nominees for their commitment to professionalism in the public safety communications industry and for their service to their agencies and communities. Award winners will be honored at the Awards Banquet at the WA APCO-NENA 2017 Public Safety Communications Conference in Kennewick, WA on June 29, 2017.

It is our pleasure to announce the following award categories and winners:

TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR FOR SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

Emily Garner, Public Safety Telecommunicator II, Kitsap 911 (CENCOM), Bremerton, WA

TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR FOR EXEMPLARY HANDLING OF A CRITICAL INCIDENT

Jennifer Abruzzo, Dispatcher, South Sound 911, Tacoma, WA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR FOR SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

Stacey Fritz, CAD/E911 Technician, Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA), Vancouver, WA

TELECOMMUNICATOR TEAM OF THE YEAR

Thurston 911 Communications (TCOMM 911), Olympia, WA

Amber Albright, Public Safety Telecommunicator

Jennifer Rodgers, Public Safety Telecommunicator

Laurie Shefler, Public Safety Telecommunicator

Dana Libby, Public Safety Telecommunicator



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“The important work of answering 911 calls, dispatching appropriate resources, and maintaining the systems that are needed is performed by hundreds of public safety communications personnel in over 65 agencies across the state of Washington” said Chapter President Karl Hatton. “It is a privilege to honor our awards recipients who work behind the scenes to provide outstanding service to the residents and visitors to the state.”

The mission of the Washington Chapter of APCO-NENA is to join together as public safety communications professionals to lead, learn, and leverage our influence for the benefit of our profession, the public safety workforce, and ultimately the public we serve. We do this by providing training, networking, and leadership opportunities, asserting political influence and voice for issues related to our industry, and sharing information and answering questions.

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