



Name of Committee: Public/Government Affairs Committee (PGAC)

Purpose of Committee: Represent and provide a voice for the Washington Chapter of APCO and NENA at the Washington State and Federal Legislature, reflecting the desires and interests of the Chapter membership.

Long-term Goals:

1. Establish the Washington Chapter of APCO/NENA as the authoritative voice for the 911 community in and for Washington State.
2. Establish working alliances with other Washington State public safety associations.
3. Succession planning within the committee to provide for continuity of future leadership changes.

Committee Objectives:

1. Continue monitor and defend the State Enhanced 911 fund from legislative actions for use of funds for non-911 purposes.
2. Continue to seek ways and means to establish statewide mandatory public safety telecommunicator certification and training.
3. Monitor Public Duty Doctrine activities watching for an opportunity to act or react in a meaningful way.

Date Committee was established (if known): Minutes reflect discussion of a Legislative Committee as early as 2005. Regular meetings began in October 2007.

Past Accomplishments:

- Coordinated multiple agency and vendor meetings to develop a campaign, language, meet with legislators and provide testimony that resulted in the passage of an increased excise tax to support 911 (2008-10).
- Provided information regarding the need for modernization of the Washington State E911 system, which resulted in no reductions to or sweeps of the Washington State 911 fund.
- Organized a “Meet the Legislators Day” to help educate legislators on the accomplishments, demands, and challenges of PSAPs statewide and to establish an ongoing working relationship with the legislature (2010).
- Supported the Blue Alert Bill (2010).
- Established a relationship with APCO International Government Relations Office in order to work together to influence national legislative efforts (2012).
- Supported passage of the public disclosure law to protect private databases (2015).
- Supported the passage of the Kelsey Smith Act (2015).

Goals for 2017:

1. E911 Fund preservation

Members (with their agency):

Black	Lucinda	Valleycom
Boggs	Joanne	Pend Oreille County
Caldwell	Lisa	Columbia
Cantu	Brenda	Grays Harbor
Carslay	Yvonne	Valleycom
Castonguay	Scott	Valleycom
Coughenour	Brad	Yakima 911
Davis	Marlys	King

Deanna	Wells	Cowlitz
Demel-Rasmussen	Helen	Skagit 911
Devore	Kris	CRESA
Dittoa	Steve	Snopac
Elliott	Molly	RiverCom
Evans	Mike	MACECOM
Flewelling	Keith	TCOMM 911
Fode	Angie	Adams 911
Fosse	Jim	RiverCom
French	Arica	Grays Harbor
Fritts	Stephanie	Pacific
Fuller	Dave	CRESA
Germain	Kim	MACECOM
Gravitt	Toby	Valleycom
Grupp	Criselia	RiverCom
Hannah	Tim	South Sound 911
Hatton	Karl	Jeffcom
Hogue	Sandy	
James	Cory	NORCOM
Johnson	Alice	Zetron
Jones	Jackie	MACC 911
Kirton	Richard	Cencom
Klein	Gerrit	MACC 911
Kuhlmeyer	Joannie	Wahkiakum

Lenk	Tim	Pierce
Marsden	Patty	Lewis
Maycumber	Ray	Ferry
McCaughan,	Katherine	Port of Seattle
McCormick	Amy	Spokane 911
Mizell	Lorlee	Spokane 911
Mullen	Sheryl	Redmond PD
Myers	Katy	CRESA
Olsen	Eric	Zetron
Ransier	Mary	MACECOM
Rife	Mary	
Rossmiller	Greg	CRESA
Salinas	Jenny	MACC 911
Sigmon	Scott	
Slaybaugh	Kathleen	Garfield
Thoroughman	Vicki	Snohomish
Ueland	Lora	Valleycom
Viebrock	Misty	RiverCom
Wantland	Wayne	Yakima