Greetings to WA APCO/NENA Chapter members!

Thanks to all who attended the Summer Forum in Spokane in June. There were about 85 registrants and many great conversations occurred and connections made over the three days. Many thanks and appreciation to Richard Kirton and all who helped produce this opportunity to Lead, Learn and Leverage.

At the Chapter meeting during the Forum, President Karl recapped the efforts to achieve State-wide telecommunicator certification. Over the last year, several people have been communicating with legislators, police and fire groups, the Attorney General’s office and the State E-911 Coordination Office (SECO) to hear ideas, concerns and suggestions in crafting language. The push is on now to introduce legislation in the 2020 short session. He also gave a call to action for labor groups to speak up and help in this effort. PSAP employees who are represented by Teamsters are specifically asked to contact Karl, however, all labor groups are welcome. If you can help with this effort to further the professional status of Telecommunicators who perform the critical work of 911, please contact President Karl at President@waacponena.org.

The 2019 Public Safety Communications Conference is October 8th through 11th in Kennewick and we hope you are making plans to attend. There will be great training, inspiring speakers and a fantastic vendor hall (thank you, Sponsors and Commercial members and partners!) for you to experience. The registration link is live at https://eventleaf.com/PSCC. I’m looking forward to seeing you there!

Lora Ueland, RPL, CPE
WA APCO/NENA Vice-President
#911SAVESACT – efforts to reclassify 911 professionals has new life thanks to @NormaJTorres!
@WA-APCONENA supports. @OMBPress we SUPPORT! 911 folks, take action:

Senators Burr and Klobuchar have introduced a Senate version of the 911 SAVES Act! Even if you’ve already written your Congressmen and Senators in the past few weeks, use this form to send another message urging their continued support and sponsorship.

https://p2a.co/PzAhdr2
https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/APCO/Campaigns/63585/Respond

For Updates Go To: www.congress.gov
Fall Conference
REGISTRATION IS open

The Public Safety Communications Conference will be held on the week of October 8th, 2019!

https://eventleaf.com/PSCC

October 8th - Director’s Meeting
October 8th - Chapter Meeting
October 9-11th - Conference
October 9-10th - Vendor Floor
October 10th - Awards Banquet
October 11th - Washington State E911 Advisory Committee Meeting

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The APCO, International Conference & Exposition is just around the corner. We hope to see you in Baltimore, MD August 11-14. Elections are being held for the 2nd Vice President position with Kimberly Burdick (Montana) and Jason Kern (Illinois) running. Learn more about the candidates at:

Kimberly Burdick - https://burdickforapco.org
Jason Kern – http://jasonkern911.com

APCO members can vote at the following link: https://www.apcointl.org/about-apco/vote/

The Board of Directors has forwarded 2 Policy Manual amendments to the Executive Council for consideration related to Joint APCO-NENA chapters. These amendments would include a clear pronouncement that chapters must demonstrate that they support the mission, purpose, policies, and practices of the Association, AND require chapters to be a chapter of APCO only (allowing for those joint chapters already in existence to retain joint status), AND allow the Executive Council to consider cancellation of a chapter charter if it fails to demonstrate that it supports the mission, purpose, policies, or practices of the Association.

The chapter Executive Committee has asked for and received feedback from chapter members on this topic (thank you to those who responded). A task force has been set up to discuss a strategy for sharing information about the benefits of joint chapters to inform Executive Council members from all chapters in advance of the meetings in Baltimore. I will be participating on this task force and intend to represent our interests while also being open to hearing the reasons why the amendments are being considered. Regardless of the outcomes of future votes, there are no plans to require existing joint chapters to change their structure.

I hope you are all having a great summer and I look forward to seeing many of you at the APCO Conference in August!
Call for Papers is Open!
Ogden, UT
April 6-9, 2020
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