Greetings and Happy Father’s Day, Juneteenth Day, and Pride Month!!!!

What a busy time we have had, putting together the 2020 Forum held in May, planning for our Fall Conference in October, and preparing for upcoming Chapter elections. Work continues on our Chapter T-Shirt artwork contest and receiving photos of our members doing what they do for our 2023 calendar.

With the Juneteenth holiday and the celebration of Pride Month, I find myself wondering how our profession, our PSAPs and ourselves are approaching inclusivity? Are we reaching under-represented groups during recruitment? Are we allies to our LGBTQ+ and BIPOC co-workers and colleagues? How are we communicating with people that are different than ourselves when they call us on their worst day? Language is powerful. Our verbal, non-verbal, written communication and our actions affect everyone it touches.

I believe we are all responsible for diversity, equity, and inclusion. To affirm my duty toward these subjects I have re-committed to reflect on my actions (or lack of them) and my word choices. My purpose is to ensure my behaviors align with my beliefs. I want individuals within my sphere of influence to feel safe, valued, and respected.

I would love to hear what you and your center are doing on these critical subjects. How did you celebrate Juneteenth or Pride Month?

Katy Myers, President (president@waapconena.org)

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**Call For Papers**

The 2022 Public Safety Communications Conference is October 4 - 7 in Kennewick, WA

Come share your knowledge and great ideas for the profession! We are accepting proposals for training presentations!

For more info check out our website: [https://waapconena.org/conference/conference](https://waapconena.org/conference/conference)

We look forward to hearing about your great ideas!

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**Register** - TERT Team Member Training, October 24, 2022, 0800-1700, at KITTCOM in Ellensburg, WA

**Register** – TERT Team Leader Training, October 25, 2022, 0800-1700, at KITTCOM in Ellensburg, WA

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**Vote for your favorite Chapter T-Shirt Artwork**

**Voting ends June 30th**

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**RUN FOR A LEADERSHIP POSITION IN THE CHAPTER!**

**ELECTIONS THIS FALL WILL BE OPEN FOR:**

- West Side Ambassador
- Secretary
- APCO Treasurer

Contact VP Jason Fritz for more info!
Hey vendors, are you registered for the Fall Conference yet? Download the Vendor Registration Letter and reserve your space today!

PSAPs, don’t see your vendors on our list? Contact your vendors and refer them to our Conference Page

REGISTERED VENDORS AS OF 6/17/2022:
- ADCOMM Engineering
- ADSI Software
- Alster Communications
- American Power System
- Enersys
- FirstNet Built By AT&T
- NICE Public Safety
- Prepared
- Priority Dispatch
- RACOM
- The Sales Group
- The Spectrum Firm
- Tyler Technologies
- WesTek marketing
- Zetron

Contact the Vendor Liaison, Brenda Cantu or the Commercial Representative, Victor Burton for more information.

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022, 1430-1530.
IN PERSON AT APCO INTL, ROOM 211
OR ONLINE (LINK POSTED CLOSER TO THE DATE)

Upcoming Events:

Dates and Times subject to change!

- 8/9/2022 – 1130-1230: Chapter Meeting (hybrid – in person at APCO Intl and online)
- 10/4/2022 – 10/7/2022: WA State 2022 Conference
- 10/4/2022: Chapter Meeting - Hybrid
- 10/24/2022: TERT Team Member Training
- 10/25/2022: TERT Team Leader Training
- 4/18/2023 – 4/19/2023: 2023 In-Person Spring Forum
- 4/19/2023: Chapter Meeting - Hybrid
- 6/1/2023 – 8/1/2023: 2023 Summer Forum
- 6/14/2023 – Chapter Meeting: On-Line
- 6/15/2023: In person 911 Advisory Committee
- 8/X/2023 – Chapter Meeting (at APCO 2023, Nashville TN, August 6-9,2023) Exact date / time TBD

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Several opportunities are available to engage in chapter activities. Volunteering for the Chapter increases your professional network, expands your knowledge and skills, and shares your expertise with others

- **911 Advisory Committee** Alternate Position, representing NENA
- **State Interoperability Executive Committee** Alternate Position, representing APCO-NENA
- **Agency Ambassadors** – help spread information about Chapter activities within your agency

Contact volunteer@waapconena.org for more information!