



CALL FOR PAPERS

2023 Public Safety Communications Conference
Washington APCO/NENA
October 17-20, 2023
Wenatchee, WA

The Washington State Chapter of APCO - NENA is accepting proposals for training presentations for our upcoming Annual Conference. This event offers an opportunity to share your knowledge and present new information and ideas relevant to the field of public safety communications. Presenters will gain visibility and credibility while making a significant contribution to the public safety community.

Proposals

Proposals should be of interest to public safety communication professionals on topics related to 9-1-1 call taking, police and fire dispatching, stress management, leadership, supervisory issues, training 911 professionals, health and wellness, public education, mentoring, diversity, team building, and conflict training. Technical track proposals should be related to IT, CAD systems, MSAG, GIS, radio systems, FirstNet, RoIP, SIP, etc. Presentations can be done by individuals, small groups or held in a round table fashion. We also welcome submissions on subjects that do not directly apply to the above topics but would be relevant and educational for attendees.

Why present at conference – YES you are good enough!

Your unique insight and excitement can light the spark for others. We understand it can be intimidating to think about presenting. Check out our conversation about presenting at conference on our YouTube channel. In it we discuss why you should consider presenting, the call for papers process and requirements, how to plan your presentation, what to expect at conference and more.

Submission Requirements:

- 1) Initial review is May 1st and a final review for any open spots will be June 1st.
- 2) **Presenter Info:** name, title, phone, email, agency/company, mailing address.
- 3) **General Info:** Target audience, general topic and method of presentation (round table, classroom etc)
- 4) **Biography** of the main presenter with overview of qualifications and speaking/training experience. List any additional presenters.
- 5) Suggested **course title and course summary**.
- 6) **Full description** of the course.
- 7) Requested **length** of time for the proposed presentation (45, 75, or 90 minutes).
- 8) **NEW:** Describe your **class takeaways** and how you can help attendees share what they learned. We highly encourage handouts or electronic copies of written takeaways for attendees to take back to their agency. We want to help attendees to competently share the information because overtime is high at agencies and they can't send as many people as they have been able to in the past.
- 9) **Reference information** to help us understand your presentation history. For example, video or link to video of previous presentations, previous classes you have taught and their content, examples of positive presentation reviews, or describe your interest and abilities around presenting at conference.
- 10) Email submissions or questions to: training@waapconena.org