

APCO International 2nd Vice President Candidate Mark Spross

By way of brief introduction, my name is Mark Spross from the Oregon Chapter and I am seeking your support as I look to represent you on the APCO Executive Committee as 2nd Vice President.

I am confident this brief handout will provide the information you need to show why I think I would be the best person to represent you on our Executive Committee and why you should **“MARK” Mark Spross on your ballot.**

The attached page will give you a quick professional snapshot of my 30 plus years of working in Public Safety. I have also been extremely active with APCO at both the Chapter and National levels. Some key roles have included serving on several Chapter Committees and chairing our Legislative Committee, passing several key bills. I have served on the Oregon Executive Board as Vice President, President, and Past President before servicing as the Co-Chair of the 2016 Western Regional Conference. Today I serve as the Executive Council Representative for Oregon and have been appointed by the Governor to represent all Oregon ECC's to the state agency that manages our 9-1-1 network and distribution of tax dollars.

Nationally I have served on task forces and in all positions on the awards committee including Chair. Today I serve as an APCO Group Leader where I am able to provide operational oversight of several committees and act as the liaison between these groups and the APCO Executive Committee. The Group Leader is a unique position that has allowed me to learn about all of the various APCO committees and provided me with an in depth view of the APCO governance structure.

Many have asked about my campaign platform. Although I have some ideas of some initiatives to look at, my focus is truly on projects we have in front of us today. I feel confident I can pivot as needed but I feel we really need to focus on three key areas where our work is not complete.

- Continue pursuing federal legislation for the \$15 billion in support of NG 9-1-1 networks across the nation.
- Work with our Government Affairs staff to push the 9-1-1 Saves Act across the finish line to properly classify our profession at the federal level.
- Expand our Health & Wellness initiatives to provide the best information possible to our Chapters and ECC's on all aspects of care and wellness.

There is much more work to focus on but another quick example is my desire to work with our partners at NENA to establish some definitions of NG9-1-1. In my opinion, we really need to add to the established technical standards by defining what NG9-1-1 truly is, or at least what the definition should be as we role this out across the nation today. This way we are all on the same page when discussing NG9-1-1.

I am truly excited about this opportunity and promise I will serve with an eye on providing a fair and balanced approach on matters coming before our organization.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions at mark.spross@metcom911.com or 503-982-2344.