

Happy Greetings WA APCO-NENA Member!
This is a 3-page newsletter update – lots of great things to share!



The annual [Public Safety Communications Conference](#) is coming, it's not too late to register.



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Science has shown that a sense of belonging – being included – strongly connects with an individual's ability to learn and their physical and mental well-being. We are interested in learning how 911 is doing to develop inclusive and safe work environments. Please take this 3-minute survey and share it with your co-workers to help us collect as much input as possible. No personally identifiable information is collected for this survey. We ask for social identity information to help compare and contrast responses across different social groups. No individual data will be shared with anyone outside the survey administrator. Your safety and privacy are our priority. The data we receive will help identify opportunities for future training development and ways the Chapter may support PSTs. If you have questions, contact president@wapconena.org.

Help us publicize our upcoming
911 Jobs Virtual Live Q&A to job prospects.

Thursday September 21 @ 2:00pm
Wednesday September 27 @ 10:00am
Thursday September 28 @ 1:30pm

911
WASHINGTON STATE 911 JOBS

Washington State 911 Jobs will host virtual LIVE recruiting events on September 21 (2:00pm), September 27 (10am), and September 28 (1:30pm)! Each 1.5 hour session starts with an overview of the work 911 dispatchers do every day, followed by breakout sessions for you to talk directly with recruiters.

Mark your calendar and join online: <https://loom.ly/VcfonZo>

#911isHiring #thingoldline #weare911



**Pre-order will be available soon for the 2024
Chapter Calendar**

**Submit photos to include in the calendar by
sending them to photo@wapconena.org**



Election ballots for Chapter positions will be coming to your email inbox soon. Voting opens 9/17/23 and closes on 10/16/23.

Slate of candidates:

Vice- President: Vacant

Executive Council: Mary Sue Robey

Eastside Ambassador: Karen Crawford

Commercial Rep: Victor Burton, Comtech and Della Mauler, Firstline Business Systems

Four or more members' can request to have a name added as long as it is received by 9/17/23, to do this send the request to vp@wapconena.org.

Wondering what's going on with PSERS?

We have contacted the Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) several times and offered to help in any way with the PSERS transition. So far, we were told to stand by while they work on it internally. So, while I wish I could give you an FAQ and some self-education opportunities, I can't. Perhaps if telecommunicators start calling DRS asking for information, that will spur the process, and they will partner with us. <hint hint>

Get ready for a 911 Step Challenge!

We have partnered with Step Bet to organize a personalized step challenge for 911 professionals. We are working out the dates and specifics, so you have time to get your walking shoes warmed up. This challenge will be different than previous year's challenges. Each person will "bet" on themselves by buying into the challenge and using the StepBet app to track their steps. You will have a personalized step goal set for you by the app that you will strive for each week. It sounds like a lot of fun, and based on feedback from folks who have done it already, it's a great way to encourage walking.

Once the dates and details are available we will send out a flyer.

Visit <https://waybetter.com/stepbet> for rules and FAQs.

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