



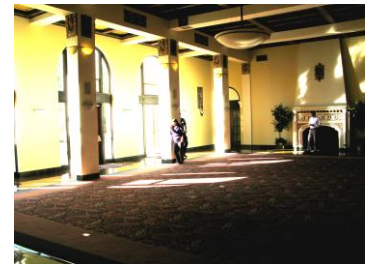
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS

BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE NAPCO MEMBERSHIP, APCO INTERNATIONAL, AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY INDUSTRY

Summary of Recent Monthly Chapter Meeting Sponsored by AVTEC and RELM Wireless/BK Radio



The February Chapter meeting was hosted in Woodland at the Historic Woodland Hotel. Our commercial sponsors AVTEC and Relm Wireless/BK Radio gave presentations on their current software and hardware lineups meant to improve Public Safety communications and dispatching.



During our committee updates, Desi Calzeda provided information from APCO International regarding the initiative to hold International Conferences at only a select few locations throughout the country. Northern California was not one of the selected locations.

Our keynote was provided by David Benoit, FEMA Regional Emergency Communications Coordinator. His presentation was extremely informative and provided great insight into what services and support FEMA can and does offer during emergency situations.

Presentations given are available on the NAPCO website, but as always, the in person live events are much more informative so be sure to make our meetings to get the full benefit of these great presenters.

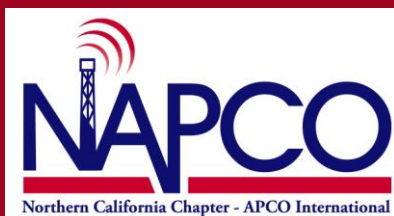
The APCO International show is also quickly approaching. Keep in mind that March 1 is the only day that the \$100 discount is being offered to those that register online through www.APCO2012.org.

February Chapter Meeting Sponsors, AVTEC Inc., and RELM Wireless/BK Radio

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APCO Applauds Congress on a Bipartisan Compromise to Provide Public Safety with the Spectrum, Funding and Authority to Launch a Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network



APCO International on February 16, 2012

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As part of a major legislative package for the extension of payroll tax relief and unemployment benefits, House and Senate conferees have come to an agreement that will provide public safety with the spectrum, funding and authority necessary to launch a long overdue nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network. While other legislative details of the larger package remain to be worked out, negotiators have signaled agreement on the allocation of D Block to public safety and related funding and governance provisions.

“APCO International thanks our congressional supporters on both sides of the aisle in both chambers of Congress for their dedication to responsibly achieving the build out of a Public Safety Broadband Network and in supporting Next Generation 9-1-1 technologies,” said Gregg Riddle, APCO International President. “We pledge our full cooperation in the implementation of this legislation for the betterment of our nation’s security and look forward to working with these dedicated congressional leaders in the future on important legislation to public safety and the citizens we serve.”

APCO specifically applauds the tireless dedication on this issue of Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Chairman John D. Rockefeller, IV (D-WV) and Ranking Member Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) and House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI6), Subcommittee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR2) and Ranking Members Henry Waxman (D-CA30) and Anna Eshoo (D-CA14).

“This is a momentous legislative achievement for our first responders and the citizens they serve with credit going to the Commerce Committee leadership in both the House and Senate and extending as well to the unwavering support of the Homeland Security Committee leadership in both chambers, the Obama Administration, the Federal Communications Commission, the nation’s governors, state legislators, state chief information officers, county executives, mayors and the police, sheriff, fire, emergency medical service and 9-1-1 communications professionals throughout the country,” said Richard Mirgon, APCO International Past President and liaison to the Public Safety Alliance. “This compromise is a victory for the citizens of the United States that will enhance mission-critical communications in a flexible and responsible way that supports nationwide interoperability and efficient use of available spectrum.”

Based on the details available at press time, the bipartisan compromise provides for the allocation of D Block to public safety to be governed through an independent board under the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), funding of \$7 billion for the build out of the network to come from proceeds of incentive auctions of spectrum, and the eventual give-back of spectrum in the 470-512 MHz or T-Band on a projected 11-year timetable for clearance of the channels with the costs supported for the relocation of these licensees. The legislation also includes funding for Next Generation 9-1-1 technologies.

About APCO International

APCO International (www.apcointl.org) is the world’s largest organization of public safety communications professionals. It serves the needs of public safety communications practitioners worldwide—and the welfare of the general public as a whole—by providing complete expertise, professional development, technical assistance, advocacy and outreach.

“Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.” – President Abraham Lincoln



2012 Chapter President, Scott Andrews, and sons

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

D Block!

At last, Public Safety is going to receive the much needed Broadband Spectrum that has been needed for many years, in the way of the D Block! This is truly an exciting event! Not only does Public Safety receive this much needed spectrum, the 700 MHz give back was removed, and \$7 Billion was allocated to start construction. Special thanks to all of those in our area that were vigilant in their unwavering support of this landmark Legislation.

Please join me on March 8th at the Shannon Center in Dublin for what will be a great Keynote on Communication Center Consolidation, "When it makes sense and when it doesn't." Zach Sterngold, Manager for DELTAWRX for the past 7 years, will share his experience and insight on this important topic. With ever shrinking budgets, this should be informative and timely!

I would also like to extend an invitation to our friends that serve on the Telecommunicator / Operations side of our industry. By many, APCO International has been viewed as a technical group only. However, we have a strong commitment to all those in Public Safety Communications, including Dispatchers, Operations Staff (sworn and civilian), and Managers. APCO is a great place for all of these disciplines to come together, share ideas and collaborate on the future of Public Safety Communications!

2012 AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE

Each year, NAPCO presents awards to public safety communications personnel who have demonstrated the highest levels of personal and professional conduct and performance in the line of duty and we are seeking nominations to the 2012 Chapter Awards Recognition Program which will be held at our Annual Board Meeting and Vendor Tabletop in December.

NAPCO has seven categories for the 2012 program: Telecommunicator of the Year, IT Technician of the Year, RF Technician of the Year, Line Supervisor of the Year, Trainer of the Year, Communications Team of the Year, and Communications Center Director of the Year.

All nominees will be submitted to APCO International for consideration for National Award recognition as well. Nominations must be in to NAPCO by March 23rd, 2012.

For submission packets, and more details, please visit: <http://www.napco.org/awards.htm>



Awards presented at the 2011 Annual Table Top
Photo courtesy of Dan White, Specialized Communications

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"Arbitrary power is most easily established on the ruins of liberty abused to licentiousness." – President George Washington



APCO's new branding for 2012

UPCOMING APCO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

APCO International 78th Annual Conference and Expo
August 19-22, 2012 Minneapolis, MN

Flash Day is coming.

On the first day of registration, March 1, Full, Associate and Commercial APCO members, in good standing, will have the opportunity to secure a full registration for the conference at the rate of \$325.

This special rate will ONLY be available on the first day of registration.

See details at:
www.APCO2012.org

Future Locations:
2013 – Anaheim, CA
2014 – New Orleans, LA
2015 – Washington, DC

2012 WESTERN STATES REGIONAL CONFERENCE, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 2, 2012

Highlights

- 5 Conference tracks to choose from.
- Visit the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous after the conference show hours
- Stay in town to witness "The Last Great Race", the Iditarod Sled Dog Race



The 2012 APCO Western Regional Conference is being hosted by the Alaska Chapter of APCO. This is the first time this conference has been held in the Last Frontier and we are excited!

The conference dates coincide with the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous — when the streets of downtown Anchorage come alive with winter sports, sled dog races, native art and cultural activities. Check out the January/February 2012 issue of the National Geographic Traveler magazine. The Anchorage Fur Rondo is rated as the **#1 winter carnival in the world!**

The Iditarod Sled Dog Race, commonly known as "The Last Great Race" will commence during this time as well.

Alaska has just released their conference schedule. Visit their site to see what training and classes are being offered in 5 different categories, Front Line, General Telecommunications, Supervision and Management, Technology, and Special Interest.

For information and registration:
<http://www.apconena.com/2012WesternRegionalConference.html>

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"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him." – President Abraham Lincoln

We are public safety communications professionals, representing the Northern California Chapter of APCO International. APCO boasts membership of more than 15,000 in 46 chapters, worldwide.

Chapter meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month

Next meeting date and details:

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2012

Location: Shannon Center

11600 Shannon Avenue, Dublin, CA

Host: Desi Calzeda, City of Hayward Police/Fire

Keynote: Zach Sterngold (DELTAWRX) - Communications Center Consolidation

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Feb. 27 – Mar. 2 2012
WSRC, Anchorage, Alaska

March 8, 2012
Dublin, CA

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April 12, 2012
Modesto, CA
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“I think there is one higher office than president and I would call that patriot.”- Gary Hart, Colorado State Senator (1975-1987)