

**FLORIDA APCO FALL BUSINESS MEETING  
ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, ORLANDO  
OCTOBER 21, 2005**

Board of Officers in Attendance:

Eddie Williams, President  
Lori Van Gilder, President Elect  
Randy Kerr, Treasurer  
Debbie Gailbreath, Secretary

Matt Stillwell, Immediate Past Pres  
Clara Woody- Redmon  
Ricky Rowell  
Tom Sorley, Exec Council Rep

Absent: Sue Pettingill

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Williams following lunch paid for by Convention Center.

Presentation by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
on 800 Mhz rebanding. (Eddie, I need this info, please)

**Executive Council Report by Tom Sorley:**

APCO International established a “Sunshine Fund” to assist public safety communications personnel affected by hurricanes. Including APCO International's \$20,000 in matched funds, the total pledged to the Sunshine Fund is over \$91,000. As of mid-October, we have received over 225 requests for funding from the Sunshine Fund, of which 92 were paid the maximum amount of \$500 resulting in \$46,000 in direct financial assistance so far.

The APCO Executive Director position is open and posted. This position now requires a public safety communications background. More info to follow as candidates are narrowed down.

2006 conference update: Committee met and also met with APCO International staff on October 20 at the convention center. Intl approved the opening event theme of “Mallory Square” in the pre-function area with and undersea, “Diving into magical world of Communications” theme in the ballroom. Ongoing discussion regarding events and family programs. Next committee meeting scheduled for January (prior to, or following the winter summit in Orlando).

**Treasurer’s Report – Randy Kerr**

RANDY, I need this Info electronically, please

### **Secretary's Report – Debbie Gailbreath**

Provided meeting minutes from the closing session of the May conference along with meeting minutes from all monthly conference calls to-date since May. Lori made motion to accept minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt, motion passed to accept the minutes.

Debbie shared the FL Sheriff's Association's announcement regarding support for legislation for dispatcher's retirement. Eddie to coordinate with Barry to send letter to FL Sheriff's Association thanking them their support and asking for amendment of 25-year and inclusion of ALL dispatchers, not just Sheriff's Office dispatchers.

International Chapter & Member Services Committee: the next Chapter Officers Training and Mentoring program will be offered on-line beginning in February. This class provides a lot of information on APCO international and how they relate to the Chapters. It is open to any APCO member. Matt made a motion to require all FL Board members who have not yet taken this course to be required to do so. Ricky 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; motion carried.

### **Disaster Committee Report – Ricky for Natalie Duran**

Natalie reported this morning Wilma is a Cat 1 and is suppose to be coming in around Naples Fl. Depending on the storm, Natalie is supposed to be going to North Carolina to the NENA conference to present the FL APCO Mutual Aid plan. APCO & NENA want to try to get a quick response team for response into hurricane's to evaluate the situation and want to have a representative from APCO (Natalie) when the State EOC is activated.

More info to follow after Natalie returns.

### **Training Committee Report– Clara for Sharon Falcone**

CLARA.... I NEED THIS INFO, please

### **Public Affairs Committee - Fran Self**

For Chapter Booth:

Jan 8-11, 2006 FPCA Mid Winter Conference in St. Augustine: we are registered for the vendor show, Jan 9-10.

Jan 27-28, 2006 Fire-Rescue East Conference in Jacksonville: Ricky will check into setting our booth up at this conference.

May 1-5, 2006 NENA Conference in Hutchison Island: Fran will follow-up on the vendor show.

May 8-12, 2006 Governor's Hurricane Conference in Ft. Lauderdale: Fran to follow-up on the vendor show.

July 11-13, 2006 CJIS Conference in Orlando: Fran will follow-up on the vendor show.

Fran will research the details of the Florida Sheriff's Association 2006 Conference and the Fire Chief's Association 2006 Conference.

We need volunteers to help with the transport, set-up, manning, and tear down of the booth at all functions - email Fran if you are interested. The only conference we are currently registered to attend is the FPCA mid-winter Conference in January.

Thanks to Eric for updating the web page with all the hurricane info and photos.

Thanks to Dick for the great job on the Roundup.

Thanks to Joe Cunningham for the photos taken at the Denver conference.

Other business:

Eric also provided a short photo video of the pictures taken in Mississippi during Katrina relief.

Meeting attendees agree to participate in the "Adopt an Agency" for Christmas in Mississippi. Debbie to coordinate and get "wish lists". A relief trip will be made before Christmas.