

**Florida APCO  
Monthly Conference Call  
December 21, 2006**

**In attendance:**

Eddie Williams  
Lori Van Gilder  
Sue Pettingill  
Clara Woody-Redmond  
Tom Sorley

Randy Kerr  
Debbie Gailbreath  
Lori Piatt  
Priscilla Miers  
Joyce Taylor

**Treasurer's Report – Randy**

Conference Account: \$5,261

Chapter Account: \$17,455

Savings Account: \$40,652 (thanks to the Orlando conference earnings!)

**Executive Council Report – Tom**

International has recommended a change in the “Technician of the Year” award category and wants to break it down into two separate awards; a “RP Technologist” and an “Info Technologist”.

FL Chapter will follow suit and have two awards in this category also. Nancy Dzoba to coordinate the five awards, with a due date of April 1, asking that all submissions be made to both the FL Chapter and to International. (Nancy sent out email announcement to the FL Chapter group on 12/22/06).

**Secretary's Report – Debbie**

Nothing to report. Eddie to forward notes from November conference call.

**Disaster Committee – Eddie for Natalie**

Report for Disaster (F.A.S.T.) Natalie is still working with TERT on finalizing the training for deployments. It is becoming a great plan and one that we will all benefit from. Natalie has been asked to co-teach the first training class in Illinois with Louisiana in February. Once the plan is finalized, Disaster Committee will partner up with our Training Committee to make sure we get this training out in time for Hurricane Season. Natalie sends her best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas.

**Training Committee – Lori P.**

Committee still working on instructor bios. Nothing else to report.

### **Public Affairs Committee – Eddie for Fran**

Fran is seeking volunteers to staff the Chapter booth at the Florida Police Chiefs conference in St. Augustine, January 8-9. Lori V. to check on her availability.

Debbie inquired about the status of the FL Sheriff's Association which resulted in discussion about the importance of attending the conference, in addition to speaking/presenting at the conference on the Retirement issue. Eddie to coordinate with Barry Luke about getting us on the conference agenda. The conference is January 28-31 at the Sandestin Golf & Resort.

Website: Ricky spoke with Eric Ferrari about the room layout at the Doral and vendors have signed up; and layout to be posted on website, anticipating approx. 108 booths. Clara is working on the conference registration form to be posted on the website. Debbie noted that there is currently nothing posted on the website about the conference. The conference dates and the hotel information need to be posted ASAP. Tom reminded Eddie that the first conference mailing should have already gone out and we should be preparing for a 2<sup>nd</sup> mailing. Eddie to do a mail-out immediately.

(also note that Priscilla is not listed as the vendor rep on website – this needs to be changed)

Shawn Hogan is planning to meet with Dick Nelson to learn the duties for the publication of the Roundup. We need to publish a February issue that will include the conference information and registration form.

### **Standards & Certification Task Force – Lori V.**

Lori, Debbie and Shannon Sewell met with Chuck Hagan of FL EM, Wink Infinger, the FL 911 coordinator and Carlton Wells of the State EITS division on November 27 to discuss their potential agency participation as an oversight for the Florida APCO communications certification process. All were in agreement that certification was a great idea and were surprised that the certification did not already exist. Although all were understanding of our quest, none were able to provide assistance for their agency/entity to take on the certification process. They did suggest that we speak to the Florida Bureau of Licensing for assistance from them. The Task Force is planning to look further at other State's certification and will contact the Bureau of Licensing for some possible direction.

### **Retirement Task Force – Joyce Taylor**

Joyce and Barry have been very busy contacting the FOP, PBA and FL Fire Fighters Association, all of whom are in agreement that the Florida Sheriff's Association (FSA) should take the lead on this legislation. Barry will be contacting Senators Oelrich and Snyder regarding submitting the bill for us this year. There has been some discussion by some in the senate/legislation to classify us as "executive class" raising the retirement to 2.2% but leaving the 30-year requirement, rather than changing the classification a special risk with a 25-year retirement. Sheriff Milner of Bradford County is the legislative leader for FSA and Barry will be contacting him for further discussions regarding our intent for the 25-year retirement legislation. The Forensic employees spent \$130,000 for a lobbyist to push their legislation last year; FL APCO does not have that kind of funding available. The green & yellow card campaign is continuing throughout the state and it is believed that all 67 counties are participating. Joyce to work on a cost comparison for the increase in retirement funding versus the cost of employee turnover rates. Eddie to follow up with Barry regarding our next steps and the need to get backing from our various Sheriffs.

#### **Conference Committee – Sue**

The Doral has a new event planner assigned to our conference group. Sue will be coordinating with her after the first of the year. Natalie needs assistance with the logo to prepare it for use on the conference bags, etc. Sue to send Eddie the contact person for the golf tournament.

Sue to follow up with the Marriott Waterside in Tampa next week for possible dates in 2008. We need to confirm and lock-in rates ASAP.

#### **Vendor Committee – Priscilla**

7 of the 9 vendor classes are scheduled/filled for the conference.

#### **February Workshop:**

20<sup>th</sup> – Training Committee Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> - Conference Committee Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> – Board Meetings

Sue to confirm with the Doral that we can have meeting space and check on room rates for those dates.

**Next conference call: January 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.**