

**FLORIDA APCO
MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL
SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.**

In attendance:

Eddie Williams

Ricky Rowell

Clara Woody-Redmon

Lori VanGilder

Tom Sorley

Cary Sargent

Sue Pettingill

Priscilla Miers

Randy Kerr

Robin Schmidt

Natalie Duran

Debbie Gailbreath

Executive Council Report – Tom

APCO International Alliance update: Affiliation between U.S. and international countries is just about complete. Official signing of agreements to take place in October with Canada & British affiliates. Australia already signed. Natalie asked that we become more involved with South American countries and Tom will inquire with International about this status. APCO institute is ANSI accredited. Tom received conference photos and will follow-up with Intl about the money due to the chapter. Mid-year conference will be held in February in Jacksonville.

Treasurer's Report – Randy

Account balances:

- Conference: \$5,362

- Chapter: \$9,330

- Savings: \$5,231

Tom to find out when the Orlando conference money will be deposited.

Secretary Report – Debbie

No hotel space is available in the Lake Mary area due to Oktoberfest.

The Florida Hotel & Conference Center, located at 1500 Sand Lake Rd, Orlando has been secured for the October chapter meetings.

Schedule as follows: Thursday, October 19 1:00 p.m.: financial audits

Friday, October 20, 9a.m. – noon: Committee meetings

1:00 p.m.: Chapter business meeting

Room rates of \$99 available by asking for “government rate”. The hotel is charging \$100 for the Thursday meeting space and \$150 for the Friday meeting space. Board approved these costs.

Disaster Committee – Natalie

Fortunately, it's been a slow hurricane season! Question about Bonnie Maney's email titled “FL APCO IDT”. This is NOT a FL APCO project and she should not be using the chapter name. Eddie to contact Bonnie ref this issue. (following this call, Eddie did contact Bonnie & found the “FL APCO” was automatically added to the subject line because it was on a FL APCO yahoo group – Bonnie did not intentionally add it).

Natalie to attend TERT meeting in Chicago, October 10 – 13. Discussion about what training should be mandated for TERT team members. What, if any, training should be required prior deployment? Should EMD be a requirement or be a “special request” but not mandatory? Can training be offered on-line or should it be the responsibility of the agency providing the staff? Training topics should include ICS/NIMS, hurricane preparedness, on-line FEMA classes.

Training Committee – Cary

Osceola County is wanting to host chapter classes; Cary to coordinate. Laurie Piatt is currently establishing a list of trainers.

Public Affairs Committee – Robin

Robin spoke with Dick and thanked him for doing the Roundup again. Articles of the next issue are due tomorrow (9/22). Eddie still confirming with Shawn Hogan about taking over for Dick.

Standards Task Force – Lori

Meeting tomorrow (9/22) at Lake Mary PD. Will have an update at the October business meeting.

Retirement Task Force – No update but Eddie will contact Barry and discuss the lobbyist we want for the next legislative session. Lori provided Robin with the info from the Property & Evidence employee’s legislation from last year.

Vendor Update – Priscilla

Nothing new to report

Conference Committee – Ricky/Natalie

Gulf Coast expo provided a draft vendor set-up with only 63 spaces. There should be spaces for 80, the same amount from the Jax conference. Ricky to contact the Doral about appropriate vendor space and Sue to review the Doral contract. The contract should include vendor space of 12,000 to 15,000 square feet.

Natalie has created a conference committee and they will be meeting soon. Coordination of the training sessions has been divided up:
Telecommunicator tracks – Sharone Falcone
Vendor tracks – Priscilla
911 tracks – Bill Stevens & Susan Nelson

The conference committee will begin holding monthly conference calls.

Call ended at 10:00 a.m.
Debbie Gailbreath, Secretary