Our Thoughts and Prayers Go Out to Orlando!

All of us at Florida APCO send our thoughts and prayers to those affected by these senseless acts of terrorism. Thank you to all the professionals that answered the call and acted so heroically during these tragic times. Your Florida Public Safety Telecommunications Family stands with you and appreciates your dedication, hard work and resiliency.
2016 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook

Named storms: 10 - 16
Hurricanes: 4 - 8
Major hurricanes: 1 - 4

Outlook probability:
- Near-normal 45%
- Above-normal 30%
- Below-normal season 25%

Be prepared: Visit hurricanes.gov and follow @NWS and @NHC_Atlantic on Twitter

See Page 8-9 for ideas to make sure you are ready for hurricane season
Please join our contest to find the cutest pets of APCO. All you have to do is send your favorite picture to FloridaAPCO@gmail.com with your name, agency and your pet’s name in the e-mail.

Winners will be announced in the next edition of the RoundUp.
The Top 10 Reasons You Need to Attend APCO International in Orlando

10. Provides an opportunity to earn up to 16 CEUs
9. Nine Professional Development Tracks to choose from
8. Networking including four special events
7. Over 250 vendors representing the latest and greatest in public safety communications products and services
6. Attend a Florida Chapter Meeting
5. Ability to attend APCO business meetings and have your voice heard by voting (if qualified to vote)
4. Attend PSAP tours to see how other agencies work
3. Learn more about healthy living
2. Explore Orlando and take advantage of special discounts

And the number one reason to attend APCO International is…

1. The memories you will make and relationships built will last throughout your career!

Visit the Conference Website for all the details
http://www.apco2016.org/
THE APCO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IS COMING TO FLORIDA IN 2016!

FL APCO past presidents Debbie Gailbreath and Joann Brown have been selected as conference committee co-chairs for the conference, which will be held August 14-17, 2016, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando.

Volunteers Still Needed!

Subcommittee chairpersons and volunteer descriptions:

**Volunteer Services: Robin Schmidt**
Assist with bag stuffing, crowd control at events, provide information to attendees, and proctor class sessions.

**Local Flavor: Fran Self**
Work with APCO staff to provide advice on event themes, decorations, family programs and entertainment to best represent the local community.

**Communications Services: Ricky Rowell**
Work with APCO staff to secure, install and coordinate communications systems, providing onsite radio management, battery replacement and other communications needs.

**Logistics: Lynn Burnside**
Assist conference co-chairs, other subcommittees, volunteers, and APCO staff, as needed.

Volunteers will receive one (1) day pass for each four (4) hour block of volunteering during the conference. Volunteers may purchase additional day passes at 50% discount. A conference shirt and breakfast and/or lunch for each day of volunteering will be provided.

The Florida Chapter will receive $100 for each FL APCO member volunteer who works a minimum of four hours. The Chapter will use this money to supplement the annual Florida APCO/NENA conference, provide training, and other costs associated with Chapter business. Non-member volunteers are also welcomed and encouraged to volunteer.

Need to get registered so you don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!

For general information email us at 2016orlando@apco-florida.org

For volunteer information email us at: schmidtke@pbso.org
Men and Women in Uniform Get a Free Exhibit Hall Pass

As a **THANK YOU** to the men and women who serve our community in the field of public safety, APCO International invites you to visit the Exhibit Hall during our 82nd Annual Conference in Orlando, FL August 14-17, 2016.

The Annual Conference is APCO’s premiere event, featuring the largest tradeshow of its kind with more than 250 industry-leading exhibitors showcasing the newest products and services in the field of public safety communications.

To receive your Exhibit Hall badge for entry to the Expo, please wear your uniform and check in at the conference registration desk in the Orange County Convention Center’s West Building, A/B Lobby during the registration hours listed below.

The badge is your ticket to learning about the most innovative products and solutions for today’s public safety practitioners. We hope you’ll join us!

**Registration Hours are as follows:**
Saturday, August 13, 2016 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Sunday, August 14, 2016 8:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Monday, August 15, 2016 7:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, August 16, 2016 7:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, August 17, 2016 8:00 am to 10:00 am

**Exhibit Hall hours are as follows:**
Monday, August 15, 2016 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Tuesday, August 16, 2016 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

*Please note that only on-duty law enforcement personnel are permitted to carry weapons in the Orange County Convention Center. Off-duty law enforcement personnel, security personnel, etc. are prohibited from doing so.*
Attend the Florida Chapter Meeting during the International Conference in Orlando

Florida Membership Chapter Meeting
When: Tuesday August 16
2:00- 3:45
Where: Orange County Convention Center, Room W307AB

Please join us for our Florida Chapter Meeting during the International Conference in Orlando. This is a great way to learn more about what FL APCO is doing, meet new people, and get more involved in your chapter and profession! We hope to see you there.
Hurricane Season Preparedness

Prepared for a Hurricane?

The time to prepare is NOW!

Plan before it's too late!
Hurricane Season Preparedness

For Public Safety Communications Professionals hurricane season poses a unique set of challenges. We must care for the citizens, first responders, ourselves and our loved ones! The secret to balancing all of this is to be prepared in case we are called to action during a state of emergency.

**Basic Preparedness Tips**

- Know where to go. If your family is ordered to evacuate, know the local hurricane evacuation route(s) to take and have a plan for where they can stay if you get called in to work. Contact your local emergency management agency for more information.
- Put together an emergency preparedness kit for your family, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, and copies of your critical information.
- If you are not in an area that is advised to evacuate and you decide to stay in your home, plan for adequate supplies in case you lose power and water for several days and you are not able to leave due to flooding or blocked roads.
- Many communities have text or email alerting systems for emergency notifications. To find out what alerts are available in your area, search the Internet with your town, city, or county name and the word “alerts.”

**Preparing Your Home**

- Hurricane winds can cause trees and branches to fall, so before hurricane season trim or remove damaged trees and limbs to keep you and your property safe.
- Secure loose rain gutters and downspouts and clear any clogged areas or debris to prevent water damage to your property.

**What to do when a hurricane is 36 hours from arriving**

- Turn on your TV or radio in order to get the latest weather updates and emergency instructions.
- Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit.
- Plan how to communicate with family members if you lose power. For example, you can call, text, email or use social media. Remember that during disasters, sending text messages may be more reliable and faster than making phone calls.
- Review your evacuation plan with your family. You may have to leave quickly so plan ahead.
- Keep your car in good working condition, and keep the gas tank full; stock your vehicle with emergency supplies in case you are called in to work.

**After a Hurricane**

- Listen to local officials for updates and instructions.
- Check-in with family and friends by texting or using social media.
- Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.
- Watch out for debris and downed power lines.
- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and fast-moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Avoid flood water as it may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines and may hide dangerous debris or places where the ground is washed away.
TERT stands for Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce. TERT was established in response to man-made or natural disasters resulting in inadequate staffing within communications centers. TERT develops teams who are specifically trained, can be mobilized quickly and deployed to assist communications centers during disasters.

TERT Basic and Team Leader Training

Are you interested in participating in training to be prepared to deploy to areas which have been affected because of a FEMA declared emergency? Join us on

Mon, July 25th (Basic) & Tues, July 26th (Team Leader)

8 am – 5 pm

Orlando Police Training Facility
100 George DeSalvia Way
Orlando, FL 32807

Instructor, Natalie Duran
Florida TERT State Coordinator

NOTE: You must complete the TERT Basic course before registering for the TERT Team Leader course.

For free registration, please email me.

Contact: Christine Wade
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407-836-9919 (office) 321-593-2621 (mobile)
The Professional Communications Human Resources Taskforce, will gather information, study, and prepare reference materials of communications human resources and recognition issues from across the country. These include professional recognition, certification requirements and retirement eligibility, all of which will poise APCO to be a resource for our members while assisting directly with those issues that are national in scope.

Florida Chapter Update:
As the 2016 state elections get closer it is starting to shape up great for our committees’ endeavors. There have been some political moves in the state that should help us bolster our legislative efforts in 2017. The legislature asked us for a fiscal analysis report to see how much it would cost to enact our legislation. The report from the Department of Management Services (DMS) was started in October of 2015 and was not completed until our committee became involved and asked the agencies to get with their respective HR or Fiscal Units to get the report completed and sent to DMS in Tallahassee. The report was completed by DMS in early 2016, but was too late for any action to be done by the legislature. We now have the valid data to use in our efforts for 2017. Our consultant will be in Orlando during the APCO International Conference and will try to set up a meeting with him.

This committee is always looking for a helping hand. This is a great project if you are going to go for your RPL over the next few years. ProCHRT is always involved with something.

911 Dispatchers are the First, First Responders!

To Get Involved and Join the ProCHRT Committee contact:
Jeanne Sentz at Sentzj@pbso.org
Nicole Armsey at armseyn@pbso.org
Thomas Ciampi at tciampi@coralsprings.org
Florida Chapter Update:

If you are attending the 911 PST meeting in Orlando, please join us!
Training Committee Meeting
July 12, 2016 @ 12:30
Miller’s Ale House

2017 Florida APCO/NENA Training Conference
Call for Papers:

The Florida Chapters of APCO and NENA are proud to announce our annual conference next year at the beautiful Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort. The conference will be filled with training classes and presentations, networking opportunities, vendor booths, and statewide recognition of some of the best 911 professionals in Florida. The dates are Sunday, May 21st- Wednesday, May 24th 2017. Training sessions will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Florida Chapters of APCO and NENA are in the process of putting together a great array of training classes for all attendees. We are calling for instructors who are willing to share their knowledge and creativity by presenting a training topic. The tracks we will be focusing on include: Telecommunicator, Supervisor, 911 PSAP, and Technical. If you are interested in presenting this year, please go to our website to complete the "Call for Papers," located at the bottom of the training page. Simply complete the application and submit. A member of the committee will follow-up with you after you submit the application. On behalf of FL-APCO and FL-NENA, we thank all who have contributed over the years and look forward to hearing from you soon!!

Link to submit: http://www.apco-florida.org/training-page.html

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Florida APCO Training Committee, please email: Natalie Heneks at heneksn@pbso.org
From: Fran Self

Date: April 6, 2016

Ref: Resignation from the position of President

April 2, 2016 I retired from Palm Bay Police Department after more than 32 years of service. I had a great opportunity to change my career path. As of April 6, 2016, I became a Regional Sales Representative for Synergon Solutions, Inc. located in Melbourne, Florida, where I will be marketing the new VAULT Logging Recorder throughout Florida. This is an exciting change for me, although bitter-sweet.

Commercial members are not voting members and are not permitted to hold an office on the Executive Board. As a result of my career change, I am stepping down from the position of President. Although I am no longer eligible to participate as a board member I will remain active and assist on the commercial side. I’m lucky that Synergon Solutions is very pro-APCO and will allow me to remain active with the Chapter.

I am pleased to report that Jacqi Yeager, St. Petersburg Police Department, will advance from President-elect to Interim President. Tom Ciampi, Coral Springs Police Department will advance from Board of Officers to Interim President-elect. Clare Smith, Volusia County, and Arleen Fernandez, Miami-Dade Fire, will remain active Board members. This will leave a vacancy on the Board until the 2017 Conference and Board elections. The Chapter needs more people to get involved with promoting APCO and participating on the Board and the Committees. Please consider running for a Board position at the 2017 conference or joining one of the many committees.

I have truly enjoyed my time on the board. Although I didn’t get to complete all of the goals I set during my time in office, the Chapter will be in good hands and will continue to move forward with updating policy manuals, supporting retirement and planning great conferences. I’ve learned a lot from all of you and I am proud to consider you my friends, and APCO family.

Thank you all for helping me grow personally and professionally. See you at the conference in Orlando.
I want to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Florida APCO President Fran Self for her dedication, guidance and hard work during her time as President. While her time was not as long as she had anticipated, she was still able to accomplish so much for this amazing organization over the past year. Fran is able to keep so many projects and initiatives moving forward that I have very large shoes to fill. She is friendly, kind and inclusive and helped provide many opportunities for those who worked with her on the Board of Officers and as APCO members.

Thank you Fran! We are all so grateful that as you move forward in your career in the private sector, you will continue to be involved with the Florida Chapter as a Commercial Advisory Member. I know I will be looking to your experience and expertise as I learn this new role and embark on this new adventure.

Florida APCO serves to educate, advance and recognize the public safety communications professionals who are so often overlooked due to the nature of their responsibilities. As your president, it is my commitment to continue in the direction laid out by those who have come before me; to promote our profession and working conditions through legislation, assist our fellow dispatchers when in need, and to provide educational and development opportunities for our members.

I hope you will consider becoming more involved in our chapter activities. There are many committees and initiatives for you to choose from, all of which will result in valuable professional networking and a lot of fun. Visit our website for additional details at http://www.apco-florida.org/.

I hope to see you at APCO International in Orlando, August 14-17, 2016. There is a chapter meeting scheduled on August 16 from 2:00-3:45 p.m. in room W307AB of the Orange County Convention Center. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the Florida Board of Officers.

Jacqi Yeager, RPL
President Florida APCO

In May of 2016 President-elect Jacqi Yeager assumed the Interim President position due to the retirement of Florida APCO president Fran Self. Luckily for the chapter, Fran has graciously offered to stay involved as a Commercial Advisory Member.
Small Steps to Take to Improve Health:

- Cutting Back on Salt and Sodium
- Be a Health Role Model for Children
- Following a Vegetarian Diet
- Going Green with MyPyramid
- Choose a Harvest of Colorful Vegetables
- Make Half of Your Grains Whole
- Focus on Fruits
- Cut Back on Sweet Treats

One size does not fit all. An important part of a healthy lifestyle for you should be a diet that is personalized to your needs according to the USDA Guidelines and should include daily physical activity. The MyPyramid includes variety (5 food groups and oils), proportionality (different widths vary by food group), and moderation (as seen through the narrowing in each group as you move from the base, with the wider base for foods with little or no fats or added sugars).
GETTING MORE OUT OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Member Outreach, Resource Education

WANTED!

FL APCO MEMBERS TO SERVE AS REGIONAL AMBASSADORS

FL APCO is recruiting volunteers for our new Membership Committee! Under the direction of the committee chair, focus will be on recruiting and welcoming new members, educating members about committee work and opportunities, relaying information about Chapter awards, scholarships, training opportunities and the many other benefits of APCO membership.

The committee will liaise with the FL APCO Board of Officers and our membership.

PREREQUISITES
- An interest in the membership of FL APCO
- A willingness to learn more about APCO and share your knowledge
- Time available to participate on monthly committee conference calls
- Time available to ACTIVELY outreach to Public Safety Telecommunications professionals in your region, by phone/email
- Time available to participate in a training session
- Agency/supervisor approval

See www.apco-florida.org for further information about our chapter
Or contact Nancy Morris at nmorris@pgorda.us or 941-575-5511
Check out the FLORIDA APCO website and all that it has to offer

http://www.apco-florida.org/

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Learn about Scholarships

Upcoming International Conference in Orlando

Get Involved!!! Learn about committees and how to join.

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Training Conference
May 21-24, 2017
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CALL FOR PAPERS
Interested in presenting at the conference? Visit our website to submit your information and proposal.

http://www.apco-florida.org/training-page.html

From the Editor's Desk

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