



APCO Member & Chapter Services Monthly E-Newsletter

January 2012

To APCO Chapters that I support as part of my duties as your chapter representative on the APCO Member and Chapter Services Committee.

**Arkansas
Florida
Georgia**

Membership Numbers for December 2011

The membership numbers as of January 1, 2012 are being provided in a different format. I know everyone is used to seeing prior year to current year numbers but with the new Group Membership we are not able to provide the information in that format at this time.

Here are the current numbers by category:

Full Members	7,918
Associate Members	4,360
Commercial Members	1,202
Group Members	
Full	390
Online	829
TOTAL:	14,699

These are what we are calling soft numbers in that the creation of the Group Membership Category has created the need to adjust between categories as groups are added. So to put it bluntly, some cleanup of the database is still taking place. It is hoped that by the end of February we should have some good hard numbers again.

For this same reason the Chapters adding the most members and the categories with the largest growth are also not available.

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## **Project 33 Certification**

What is P33 Certification?

P33 Certification is an APCO standard that identifies the minimum training requirements for both new and veteran Public Safety Telecommunicators. It identifies the minimum training requirements for all personnel assigned to any public safety communications function.

Is your agency looking at P33 Certification? Currently there are 23 applications pending for P33 Certification ( 4-Already Certified, 4-In Review, and 15-Awaiting Completion). If you and your agency are not familiar with the program, check it out. Go to the APCO Home Page ( [www.apcointl.org](http://www.apcointl.org) ), click on 9-1-1 Resources/APCO Project 33 Training Program Certification to learn more.

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FCC Narrowbanding Deadline

There has been a fair amount of Internet “chatter” in November 2011 among Part 90 licensees when Rep. Steve Rothman (D-NJ) offered a bill (HR 3430) to delay the FCC narrowbanding deadline. However, few in Washington expect that bill to be given serious consideration and it appears to have little chance of becoming law. Therefore, it would be a mistake for any licensee to delay narrowbanding efforts based on the mere introduction of the Rothman bill. Licensees should move forward with narrowbanding to meet the deadline of December 31, 2012. Licensees who need more time can seek a waiver with proper documentation as per the [FCC's Public Notice DA 11-1189](http://www.fcc.gov/public_notices/da_11-1189).

APCO-AFC can assist public safety licensees with their narrowbanding applications. APCO-AFC is the oldest and largest certified frequency coordinator with 10 full time employees dedicated to providing assistance and expertise to ensure licensees bring their licenses into compliance with the FCC's narrowbanding mandate. APCO-AFC has reduced its frequency coordination fees with regard to narrowbanding to \$25 per call sign for applications filed using Spectrumwatch. For more information, see APCO-AFC's [narrowbanding website](http://www.apcoafc.com/narrowbanding).

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## **LOOK WHATS COMING UP**

### **2012 Dakota 9-1-1 Conference in Pierre!**

Mark your calendars – MAY 7–10, 2012 in Pierre, SD for the next South Dakota – North Dakota APCO/NENA 9-1-1 Conference. Hosted by the Pierre Police Department, your own "Happy Camp" will be at the [Best Western Ramkota Hotel](http://www.bestwestern.com/ramkota).

Click for further information:

<http://www.dakota911.org/news/2012dakota9-1-1conferenceinpierre>

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APCO 2012 Western Regional Conference

February 28th – March 2nd
Anchorage, AK

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 Rondy is rated as the **#1 winter carnival in the world!**

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

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

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### **Need Money for Training?** **\$68,250 was awarded last year to 112 applicants!**

**Call for Applicants:** Beginning January 1 through March 31, 2012 the APCO Institute will accept applications for CAC/Silent Key Scholarships. These scholarships are available to qualified applicants who desire to continue their education in the field of public safety communications.

Scholarships awards can be applied to all APCO Institute courses, APCO Virtual College (Jacksonville University) and attendance to an APCO International educational event such as the Annual Conference in Minneapolis (up to \$500). Please help spread the word to the Chapters in your region.

APCO has two general scholarship funds: **Silent Key** and the **Commercial Advisory Council (CAC)**. Silent Key was created to remember and honor individuals who have close ties to APCO through charitable donations. CAC funds come from our corporate sponsors who generously support the public safety community.

#### **What do you need to do?**

Download the scholarship information below or go to the Forms and Information link on the APCO Institute web page for complete details and instructions.

[www.apcointl.org/institute/forms\\_information.htm](http://www.apcointl.org/institute/forms_information.htm).

Here are some quick points to remember:

- Scholarships are available to all APCO members so if you are not a member, join today!
- You have one year to enroll in classes and/or use your scholarship money
- Agency information is required however, scholarship money is paid directly to the member, not the agency
- **You must submit your application by March 31**

*If you would like to discuss scholarships, contact your representative on the Member & Chapter Services Committee or the Institute Advisory Committee. You may also contact the APCO Institute staff.*

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APCO-International Public-Safety Communications Award Program

Just a quick reminder that APCO International 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. The nominations are now open for these National APCO Public Safety Awards. There are many people who qualify and deserve this recognition along with the VIP treatment and fully paid trip to the APCO 2012 International Conference in Minneapolis, MN. this coming August. But they can never be recognized unless someone submits a nomination.

Award categories currently include Telecommunicator of the Year, Communications Center Director of the Year, Line Supervisor of the Year, Radio Frequency (RF) Technologist of the Year, Information Technologist of the Year, Trainer of the Year, and Team of the Year.

2012 nominations can be made now and will be accepted until April 1, 2012. For more information on the APCO awards program go to:

<http://www.apco911.org/new/membership/awards.php>

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## **Event Assistance - Chapter Conferences**

When your chapter conference is coming up, please use the [Chapter Event Assistance Form](#) to request APCO brochures and give-aways. This form ensures that we've got the correct shipping information and understand the quantities you need. Also, have your chapter conference listed on the APCO calendar by contacting Ann Russo in Membership services.

For more information go to: <http://www.apco911.org/new/membership/calendar.php>

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APCO Institute

The APCO Institute has many classes available for your training needs. Many of these classes are being held throughout the area. Listed below are just a few of the co-hosted classes and I am sure the agencies co-hosting the class would appreciate your support in making their class a success.

ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS COURSE

Falmouth, ME. 3-7-2012

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER SUPERVISOR COURSE

Bryan, TX. 3-27-2012 thru 3-29-2012

CUSTOMER SERVICE IN TODAY'S PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS COURSE

Atlanta, GA. 2-20-2012

Denver, CO. 3-26-2012

COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING OFFICER COURSE

Rock Hill, S.C. 2-22-2012 thru 2-24-2012

Provo, UT. 3-19-2012 thru 3-21-2012

COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING OFFICER INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Worcester, MA. 3-5-2012 thru 3-9-2012

Nashville, TN. 3-12-2012 thru 3-16-2012

DISASTER OPERATIONS AND THE COMMUNICATION CENTER COURSE

Portland, TX. 2-20-2012

FIRE SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS COURSE

Talladega, AL. 3-5-2012 thru 3-8-2012

FIRE SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Worcester, MA. 3-5-2012 thru 3-9-2012

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR COURSE

Mayflower, AR. 2-4-2012 thru 2-8-2012

Denver, CO. 3-19-2012 thru 3-23-2012

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Worcester, MA. 3-5-2012 thru 3-9-2012

To view all classes being held and register for an onsite or online class, go to www.apcointl.org. On the left side of the page click on “Training & Certification”, then “Schedule & Registration”, then select a course to open the drop down menu for class locations and dates. You can also register for any of the classes’ right there online.

APCO Institute has the most cost convenient and cost effective Training Programs available!

Online Classes – Available 24/7

We’ll come to you, contract or co-host a class at your agency.

<http://apcointl.org/register>

To request an Institute Course Catalog email your name and mailing information to:

institute@apco911.org