

Minutes from APCO/NENA Joint Committee Meeting – 2/19/2025

Meeting started at 1000 with the Pledge of Allegiance

NENA Secretary and Treasurer Report - President Brian MacMurdo requested motion to waive reading of Secretary Notes from Joint Committee Meeting from 11/20/2024. Motion was approved to read online at the NENA website. Lydia Frey, Ohio NENA Vice President, read the Treasurers report:

Treasurer report approved

Joint Conference Committee Report – Erica Walsh, Committee chair, reported no new information to report. She requested anyone interested in joining the Joint Conference Committee to contact her.

Gold Star Committee Report – Brian Macmurdo – Brian advised that nominations for Gold Star are being accepted till 4/30/2025 for 2024 calls. Gold Star will be in September of this year and Gold Star committee was still working booking a venue for the event.

Ohio 911 Program Office – Patrick Brandt, reported 7 counties were live for NG911. Required state training from the 911 program office was released on February 1st. Patrick requested training suggestions for future state training to be given to his office. Patrick introduced newly hired staff within his office: Support and Compliance – Ginger Hatfield and Lori Baldrige. NG 911 Manager – Ken Stewart who will working with GIS. Patrick advised that any county plans that need modifications can be updated and submitted by 90 days. He expressed that agencies' can submit any trainings in their counties to their office to be sent out statewide.

Support and Compliance for 2025, 17 were sent out and 9 completed for county plans

President Brian MacMurdo spoke about 911 goes to Washington. He reported on who was attended from Ohio this year and encouraged other to participate in this opportunity in the future.

District Reports -

District 1 – No report

District 2 – Trustee Lisa Rapitis – reported an officer at Columbia Twp was involved in a officer involved shooting in E. Liverpool, to keep Columbia Co 911 and Sheriff's Office in your thoughts and prayers.

Chagrin Valley Dispatch will be hosting a training with Ricardo Martinez, Keep Broadcasting Your Message on Tuesday February 25th, 26th at 0800 – 1600. Same content both days/

Columbia County will be getting ready to cut over to the State's NG911 core system from a pilot project county while training all their dispatchers on the new call handling software.

Medina County Sheriff's Office will be hosting The Public Safety Group Trainings Difficult Callers on 3/6/2025 0800-1600 and Lead, Follow or Get out of the Way on 3/7/2025 0800-1600

Twinsburg PD officer suffered a cardiac arrest incident while on duty Thursday February 6th. Was found down, a co-worker applied the AED and administered CPR. He was transported to the hospital and is doing well.

District 3 – No report

District 4 – Trustee Teresa Imler – reporting Athens County 911 will be holding their ribbon cutting ceremony for their new 911 center on 3/11/25 from 1300 – 1600. Tours will be given of the facility as well.

Hocking County will be holding an Alzheimer's training soon, but no date has been set.

Athens City will be hosting a Dispatcher Legal course at the Athens County 911 on 8/5/25 at 0800 – 1200

Athens County 911 will be holding a NENA Course Advanced Caller Management at their facility at 75 Connett Rd, The Plains on 7/22/2025

NENA National – Leah Hornacek spoke about the available webinar for 911 goes to Washington and the opportunity to attend this event. Registration for National NENA conference ends at the end of February. She reported some scholarships are still available with Women in 911 for the National Conference deadline date 3/15/25. The NENA standard for 9-8-8 has been published.

Brian MacMurdo spoke about the NENA Health and Wellness resource for Wellness Continuum and its availability for telecommunicators, encouraged participation in NENA Working groups. President MacMurdo introduced two new committees for Ohio NENA Chapter: Ohio NENA Chapter Membership Engagement Committee and the Social Media committee. Anyone with interest to join and participate in these committees should contact Lydia Frey, Chapter Vice President or Liz McQuade Chapter Secretary.

ENP Testing Dates in Ohio are:

Exam Period	Exam Dates	Application Deadline
Spring 2025	April 5 - April 19	March 7, 2025
Summer 2025	July 12 - July 26	May 30, 2025
Fall 2025	October 4 - October 18	September 5, 2025
Winter 2026	January 24 - February 7	December 19, 2025

MARCS – New website marcs.bda@das.oh.gov

They are currently not accepting Class B BDAs, advised FCC licenses are expiring or a lot of agencies and advised they can be contacted about licenses that are due to expire if information on this is needed by counties, this includes water treatment sites, sirens systems etc. Or go to fcc.gov under the ULS section to check licensing.

Rapid SOS – Angela Paulini, Regional Manager spoke on the updated RapidSOS unite system

REMINDER – National Telecommunicator Week is 4/13-4/19 2025