

# Information on Various Committees

**ADA Committee** - Serves as a collective resource to the members and headquarters for technology and training issues involving public safety communications and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Provides information and feedback to industry in order to improve technology and performance, thus enhancing services for persons with disabilities. Provides education on ADA issues associated with the public safety environment. Seeks to develop collaborative working relationships with citizens who use TTYs.

**Credentials Committee** - Solicits an interview and recommends potential candidates for international office.

**Emergency Management Committee** - Areas of involvement: Communications aspects of emergency management and disaster preparedness, incident command systems, etc., and more.

**Emergency Medical Services Committee** - Discusses areas of concern in developing emergency medical service protocols, communications and training; work with APCO Institute on course offerings in EMD training, garners support of the medical community for emergency medical services, EMD dispatching and communications training, and more.

**Fire-Rescue Committee** - Studies, researches and reports on the needs and concerns of fire service telecommunications and data. Areas of involvement: The role of communications in firefighter safety, impact of wireless telephone usage at the scene of major fire service incidents, spectrum-management issues relating to fire communications voice and data, spectrum needs to transmit video,

building drawings and other important data to the fire scene, the role of hazardous materials information and its availability for use by emergency crews on-scene, new fire service telecommunications technologies, and more.

**Historical Committee** - Serves as a gathering point and clearing house for documents, equipment, pieces of memorabilia and other items that have a significant historical value.

**Law Enforcement Service Committee** - Studies and reports on areas of concern involving law enforcement telecommunications services. Areas of involvement include current and future spectrum requirements for advanced law enforcement communications, including voice and data applications; transmission of video fingerprints, mug shots and other such data, AVL technology, and more.

**Member Services Committee** - Studies and recommends member services and activities.

**National Plan Steering Committee** - Continues monitoring the implementation of national frequency assignments in accordance with the regional plans submitted to the FCC.

**9-1-1 Emergency Number Committee** - Studies, promotes, recommends and develops programs related to implementing enhanced 9-1-1, placing an emphasis on a total nationwide solution, fostering the needs of all public safety for further development of 9-1-1 as the emergency number for the United States.

**Operating Procedures & Training Committee** - Reviews and recommends educational and training programs of value to the membership; coordinates and promotes the annual International Public Safety Telecommunicator of the Year award program. Areas of involvement: training standards and maintaining and updating the APCO International Standard Operating Procedures Manual.

**Regulatory Review Committee** - Keeps abreast of technical, operational and regulatory policy proposals and changes pertaining to public safety telecommunications; assists Board of Officers in setting APCO policy and positions before regulatory and governmental bodies, in enhancing the association's position with the FCC, Congress and U.S. government in the area of public safety spectrum management; supports Project 25 and provides whatever technical assistance is needed; reviews with legal counsel and the board all FCC notices and proposed rulemakings and other pertinent documents, and more.

**Resolutions and Bylaws Committee** - Assists in accordance with the requirements of the bylaws in matters concerned with the constitution and/or bylaws; prepares amending-type resolutions as may be requested of the committee.

**State and Provincial Police Committee** - Provides a forum for consideration and discussion of state and provincial police communications systems management and development, new technology developments for state telecommunications initiatives.

**Telecommunications Management Committee** - Researches matters of interest to organizations involved in the operations development and maintenance of complex telecommunication services.