

Associated Police Communication Officers

Detroit Police Dept.
September 16, 1937.

To APCO members and friends:

Gentlemen:

The fourth annual convention of the Associated Police Communication Officers will be held at the New Yorker Hotel in New York City, October 11th thru 14, inc.

The very fact that the convention is in New York City immediately tells you that there will be plenty to do and lots to see, in addition our convention manager Inspector Morris asks you to come expecting great things and states you will not be disappointed.

Because of the number of things that there are to be seen we have tried to keep the convention program as closely knit as possible, even holding committee meetings at lunch to conserve time. The result is that no convention business is scheduled for any evening and except for Monday the eleventh, the afternoon sessions will be over at 3 PM. Unless later developments force a change there will be no session Tuesday afternoon.

The trips arranged will be of considerable value to you in your work. New York City is the radio center of the world and if we stayed there for weeks we could not inspect everything that we would like to see. The convention committee however, is arranging things so that we can see the more important things in a body and then smaller groups who have particular interests will be accommodated. In this way then, no one therefore need leave without inspecting whatever plant, studio or building he is particularly interested in.

The official sessions of the convention will be of great importance to you as there are several important police communication matters to discuss as follows:

A. The final day for long distance relay by police radiophone of messages closely follows our convention and we must be prepared to meet the new requirements. Representatives of the Federal Communications Commission will be there to assist us and answer our questions.

B. Several important changes in radiotelegraph procedure will be discussed. You will have to be present to bring out your own ideas and guard your own interests.

C. Several matters regarding transfer of police messages between the 8 state police teletype system and

the police radiotelegraph and radiotelephone nets will be discussed. To assist in this discussion the Teletype Supervisors of the 8 state system are holding their annual meeting in conjunction with our convention.

D. A survey of the tests being made at present whereby the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dept of Justice is sending answers to rush requests for identification of prints (or other rush data) back to the originating departments by means of teletype and police radio networks, will be had. This as you know is being handled without cost and if made permanent may prove extremely valuable. We expect a representative of the FBI at the convention.

E. A survey of the past year of operation will be given at the convention. Some of the findings will be of assistance to you in planning a new system or changing the old.

F. Little heralded as yet, but nevertheless steadily making progress, are plans for an international police radio system. We cannot tell the details now but you will be surprised to find how much has already been done.

G. Last but not least, our frequency allocations committee will have a message to deliver. It is an interesting one and we believe will outline facts quite favorable to our service.

Other things will be taken up but space does not permit our noting them here, You yourself may have some points you wish to bring up. Needless to say you would have to be present to assure yourself that they receive proper attention.

You will shortly receive a reservation card from the hotel. We are informed that for the best accommodations the card should be returned immediately. Single rooms with bath (and they are nice rooms, we inspected them) start at ~~\$2.50~~, a number at that price are available. We feel that you should make every effort to reserve your room immediately and to stay the entire four days of the convention.

\$3⁵⁰

On behalf of the convention committee and the officials and executive committee of the Associated Police Communication Officers, I cordially invite you to attend our convention.

Yours very truly,

E. C. Denstaedt

E. C. Denstaedt,
President, A.P.C.O.

ASSOCIATED POLICE COMMUNICATION OFFICERS

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CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
NEW YORK CITY

October 4, 1937.

***** Convention Flashes *****

Dates: October 11, 12, 13, 14.

Place: Hotel New Yorker, New York City
Thirty-fourth Street and Eighth Avenue.

Time: Opening program 10 A.M. EST - Monday October 11th.

Speakers: Hon. F. L. LaGuardia, Mayor, New York City.

Mr. John Valentine, Commissioner of Police, New York City.

Lieutenant E. K. Jett, Acting Chief Engineer, Federal Communications Commission.

Mr. R. E. Vetterli, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Dept of Justice, Special Agent in Charge of New York City Field Division.

Mr. E. P. Coffey, Supervisor of Communications, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Dept of Justice.

Captain Donald S. Leonard, Michigan State Police, Chairman IACP Radio Committee. Representing the Chiefs of Police.

Inspector Gerald Morris, Superintendent of Telegraph, Police Department New York City. Chairman of the Convention Committee.

Lieutenant E. C. Denstaedt, Supervisor of Radio, Detroit Police Department.
President of the Associated Police Communication Officers.

Chairman of each APCO Committee.

And several others on special subjects.

- Trips:
1. Brooklyn Navy Yard.
 2. Cruise around New York Harbor.
 3. Major Bowes Amateur broadcast or Al Pearce "Watch the Fun Go By."
 4. Inspection of Trans-atlantic Liner.
 5. Tour of New York, start from hotel.
 6. Visit to Rockefeller Center, Music Hall etc.
 7. Visit to World Fair Site.
 8. Visit to Empire State building and model reproduction of World Fair.
 9. Visit Hayden's Planetarium Museum of Natural History and Art.
 10. Tour through Police Headquarters, witness police line-up.

Condensed
Program:

Sunday October 10th.

Registration and Welcome.

Monday October 11th.

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| 9:00 A.M. | Registration. |
| 10:00 A.M. | Opening session, adjourn 12:30 P.M. |
| 12:30 P.M. | Meeting of APCO Executive Committee. |
| 2:00 P.M. | General discussion of Radio-Telegraph problems led by Committee Chairman, Capt. R. L. Batts, Indianapolis Police Department, Radio Supervisor. |
| 7:30 P.M. | Meeting of Resolution Committee.
Meeting of Intercity Committee. |
| 9:00 P.M. | Meeting of Procedure Committee. |

Tuesday October 12th.

- 9:45 A.M. Speakers.
- 11:00 A.M. Committee reports - Intercity - Teletype Contact - FBI contact - Frequency Allocations - Resolutions - Procedure - International Police.
- 12:30 P.M. Meeting of Nominations Committee.
- 2: 00 P.M. Trips.
- 7: 00 P.M. More Trips.

Wednesday October 13th.

- 10:00 A.M. Combined meeting of 8-state teletype Supervisors and APCO.
- 2: 00 P.M. Election of Officers.
- 3: 15 P.M. Trips.
- 7: 30 P.M. Banquet.

Thursday October 14th.

- 10:00 A.M. Report of Resolution Committee. Decision upon next Convention city, and dates of convention.
- 12:15 P.M. Closing of Exhibits.
- 2:00 P.M. Final business session.
- 5:00 P.M. Official closing of business sessions.
- 7:00 P.M. Trip.

All indications point to the fact that this will be the largest meeting of police communication officers ever to have been held. Help swell the total. The speakers, the business sessions, the exhibits are each alone worth your attendance to say nothing of the trips planned.

May I see you in New York,

Yours very truly,

E. C. Denstaedt

E. C. Denstaedt, President.

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February 21, 1936.

Mr. Herbert F. Wareing,
4547 North 21st Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Herbert:

It is with pleasure that I inform you of your appointment as Chairman of the Technical Committee of the Associated Police Communication Officers. Your duties will begin at once, conditional upon your acceptance, as stated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the APCO.

I, personally, hope that you will see fit to accept this appointment. Your interest in APCO matters and your cooperation during the past year in all matters pertaining to the organization, have convinced me that our organization would suffer a distinct loss should you not accept.

Your immediate reply would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Robert L. Batts
Robt. L. Batts,
President.

RLB:pk



JOHN P. SMITH
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
AND SUPERINTENDENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF DETROIT

HEINRICH A. PICKERT
COMMISSIONER

February 29, 1936

Mr. H.F. Wareing,
Radio Engineer,
Milwaukee Police Department,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir;

Am advised by Captain Batts that he has sent you a letter appointing you chairman of the Technical Committee of the APCO. He urges you immediate acceptance.

I assume you will accept so may I be the first to congratulate you.

Yours very truly,

Lieut

E. C. Denstaedt
E.C. Denstaedt
Supervisor of Radio

Radio Bureau,
1747 N. 12th. St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.
March 2, 1936.

Captain R. L. Batts, President,
Associated Police Communication Officers,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of Feb. 21, 1936, advising me of my appointment as Chairman of the Technical Committee of the organization. I assure you I fully appreciate the honor. I herewith accept the responsibility.

Sorry I could not reply immediately as requested, but it was necessary to have the approval of Chief Laubheimer.

Will you notify me when the other members of the Committee accept their appointments? Please inform me of the method of getting out the reports. I am unable to use any Department equipment or supplies in connection with this work, or to permit it to interfere in any way with my work here. Who does the mimeographing? In what form is the material sent to this person?

I think a good starter would be some dope on methods of checking frequency against WWV, and on visual frequency monitors. What dope have you from last year on this subject?, or could I get your complete Technical Committee files - to be turned over to my successor together with my own. What is the deadline for the Bulletin?

Will get started while waiting for further information from you.

Yours truly,

H. F. Wareing,
Radio Engineer.

H. F. Wareing

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR PARTY!

Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

I don't know of any truer axiom than the above, and it certainly is an appropriate time and place to bring it to the front.

Gentlemen, we must cooperate NOW! With the many government agencies springing up and the limited frequencies on hand, these new agencies will be asking for assignments -- then what? We will again be check-mated with the old story "no more frequencies" because the new agencies had to have assignments.

At each National Convention, each and every one of the members has the same object -- more frequencies -- but after the convention, it is forgotten until the next year.

Although this may not be the function of your committee, it should be brought before the committee members at every opportunity. Get after the Chiefs to back up the APCO, and also request the Chiefs to bring it up at their National Convention. With a number of Chiefs presenting the same requests, the IACP will have to do something. Not only the Chiefs, but the APCO must do something on it. We have reached the point where frequencies must now be shared three and four times. From all appearances, we (the APCO) are falling down on the job in not pushing these requests.

Also, the Bulletin is not getting the support from the members that it should -- most of all, the different committees. After all, the organization must rely on the committees for suggestions and actions. Each committeeman should contact his committee once a month and thereby each committee would or should have some news for the Bulletin every other month. We must have news in order to keep the Bulletin up in size, or we will lose our advertisers. The editor certainly has done a wonderful job in

keeping the Bulletin together, but don't forget he has other work to

keeping the Bulletin together, but don't forget he has other work to do and cannot spend all his time trying to fill up the pages by himself.

Also, how about checking your committee members as to their possibility of going to the California Convention and let the Bulletin know, who in turn will advise the committee chairman of such.

COME ON -- LET'S GO!! Again, we MUST do something to protect what little we have now and fight to get MORE! Don't lay down and let George do it! Come to the aid of the party NOW!

Martin W. Joyce
Martin W. Joyce
President, APCO

May 12, 1941

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4547 N. 21st. St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.
Dec. 27, 1935.

Capt. R. L. Batts, President,
Associated Police Communication Officers,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear O.M.:

Just sent my 1936 dues to Kelly, so thought I'd drop you a note too.

After the fine work you did for the Technical Committee last year, I'm surprised that no bulletins have been received. I heard nothing from anybody at all, and didn't know whether or not the convention was held, or if the organization was still in existence at all. So finally I wrote to Fisher, and got some news from him.

Sorry I could not attend the convention, but you bet I will save four days of my vacation time for the convention next year.

Noticed in Communication and Broadcast Engineering that the committee for maybe trying some day to do something about reducing interference to radio reception had been brought to life again. This committee has existed for about two years, if I remember correctly, but I certainly never saw the slightest evidence of its even having talked the matter over.

The new committee is under the American Standards Association, and the Secretary is Virgil M. Graham of Sylvania at Emporium, Pa. About everybody is represented on it but APCO. I think we should be represented, as we certainly suffer enough from QRM. As the Society of Automotive Engineers is represented, we might be able to get a few things done to automobiles that would make our existence less painful. After having my own station W9NY on five and ten meters only for over four years now, I can feelingly say "Hear the Fords go by".

By the way, if any of your boys are interested in 56 mc. dx. cw., I would be pleased to arrange skeds with them.

Cul and 73,

H. F. Wareing.

Letters of appointment sent to other committee members:

Mr. Lawrence Geno.

Mr. E. J. Scroggin,
4101 Montgall Avenue,
Kansas City, Mo.

February 21, 1936.

Mr. Lawrence N. Geno,
104 Phyllis Avenue,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Geno:

It is with pleasure that I inform you of your appointment as a member of the Technical Committee of the Associated Police Communication Officers. Your duties will begin at once, conditional upon your acceptance, as stated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the APCO.

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Your immediate reply would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Robt. L. Batts,
President.

RLB:pk

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Des Moines

December 13,
1940

RADIO COMMUNICATION DIVISION

Address Reply to:
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Mr. Herbert F. Wareing
Radio Engineer
Police Department
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Herb:

Just a reminder for you to forward to me as soon as possible a letter which I understand was directed to you, requesting the Association to appoint a delegate to the national defense sub-committee.

It is impossible for me to officially notify the party who made this authorization until I receive this letter. I would appreciate it if you would forward to me the correspondence file which you maintained during the time you were president of the organization.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible regarding the above.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



E. F. BROWN, President
A. P. C. O.

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Police Radio Bureau,
4715 W. Vliet St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.
Dec. 18, 1940.

E. F. Brown, President,
APCO, Inc.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Gene:

Just got back this morning from a swell vacation trip down south. Just slid into Milwaukee between bad weather spells, so consider myself very fortunate. Came back by way of Mobile, Ala but just couldn't take the time to go over to New Orleans, although I wanted badly to see Maurice.

Re the letter from the Defense Communications Board asking me to appoint a representative of APCO to Committee Nr. 8 - there just aint any. Have searched this place, but cant find any such letter. Called the day opr. who is off today, and he saw no such letter while I was gone. Just called Headquarters, and they know nothing about it. Also just called home, but ND there also - although I think the PO is holding our mail. However, dont believe the Commission knows my home address. Will have my home mail tomorrow anyway, and will shoot anything right along if I find anything in it.

So - guess you will have to figure out what to do. This year I can sit back and criticize. Guess mebbe I will find time tomorrow to drop White a line, and ask him whats to be done about it.

Re APCO correspondence: I received absolutely nothing from Morris last year. Guess I have about 500 letters I wrote, mostly more or less personal letters in an effort to get new members or material for the Bulletin. Dont know that they would do you any good. Might get a chance to go through them, and pick out anything important for you.

How about the permanent address of the corporation? We are an Indiana Corp - mebbe you better look into this, unless Morrow went over this with Virden. I feel you ought to notify Jett as to our representative to Defense Communications Committee. I am really breaking you in badly - answering your letter the day it was received - mighty few times it happened to me last year. Best of luck in your new job, OM.

CC.M. B. O'Neil.



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~~FRANK W. MORROW, SECRETARY, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.~~
December 23, 1940

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Dear Herb:

Thanks for the copy of the letter which you forwarded to Colonel White on December 20. Please be advised that I have already forwarded a similar letter to Colonel White. It seems strange to me that in view of your conversation with White at Orlando that their letter had failed to reach you. This has, no doubt, been due to some error in the Federal Communications Commission's office at Washington.

I have been giving considerable thought to the replacements in the various committees and I will be calling upon you to continue to serve the Association on several of them.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

E. F. BROWN, President
A. P. C. O.

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State House, Des Moines, Iowa
FRANK W. MORROW, SECRETARY-TREASURER IN CHARGE, IND.
December 27, 1940

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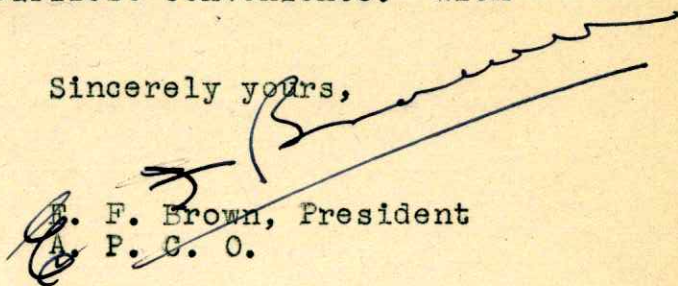
Dear Herb:

We have finally located the letter from the Defense Communications Board requesting us to name a representative for committee No. 8. The letter had been mislaid on Frank Morrow's desk and was signed by Mr. James Lawrence Fly, Chairman of the Defense Communication Board. I am officially notifying Mr. Fly today of the action taken by the Association.

At this time I wish to advise you that I am appointing you as a member of the Executive Committee and Frequency Allocation Committee of the Association. As past president of the organization, you will be in a position to lend good advice to both of these committees.

Please let me hear from you regarding the above at your earliest convenience. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


E. F. Brown, President
A. P. C. O.

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State House, Des Moines, Iowa

FRANK W. MORROW, SECRETARY

December 30, 1940

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Mr. Herbert Wareing
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Herb:

This is to inform you that Deputy Inspector Batts of Indianapolis has accepted the chairmanship of the Frequency Allocations Committee during the coming year.

Although I have not received an official notice of your acceptance as a member of this committee, I feel confident that you will not decline this appointment. I am informing Inspector Batts of your appointment to this committee, and you will, no doubt, receive some correspondence from him at an early date.

Yours very truly,


E. F. Brown, President
A. P. C. O.

efb;lk

Police Radio Bureau,
4715 W. Vliet St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.
Jan. 2, 1941.

E. F. Brown, President ,
APCO, Inc.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Gene:

Just got back to work today after being in bed for the last three days. Guess that Florida vacation spoiled me for this weather.

Your letter of Dec. 23 came a day or so before I got sick, but was not feeling any too good anyway. However, I was going to answer the last paragraph, and ask you to leave me off committees. Received yours of Dec. 30th this morning on return to work, also yours of Dec 27th appointing me to Freq. Allocations and Exec. Committees. Doggone it, you beat me to the gun that time. Dont forget that I am already a member of the Resolutions Committee.

There are several reasons I did not want to be on any other committees (than resolutions). I was criticized last year for naming the same men to more than one committee, also for re-appointing the same old committee chairmen. As you remember, six members of each committee were re-appointed by Gerald Morris the last day of the 1939 convention, and he did it by taking the first six names on each list. This left the same men on several committees. I ~~also~~ re-appointed the chairmen at that time, without thinking the matter over at all. You will doubtless receive some criticism also.

The complaint in some quarters was that APCO was being run by a clique. I tried to spread out all later appointments to reduce this complaint somewhat. However, I also had to try and pick men who would at least reply to a letter, although I was all wet in some cases. You will find out..... Thats one reason I didnt want any committee assignments. Then, another reason is, that I cant afford to spend any money on APCO this year. Not that I spent a lot last year, but it was enough to hurt. The KC convention was all my own expense, then the Jeff. City meet in Nov (although Lowe picked me up in Chi and took me back as far as Springfield), Then the two day Feb meeting in Chi., then Chi again in Oct to attend meeting of Illinois Chpater, then Chi again in Nov for the same, then Gary also in Nov to go over Orlando program with Morrow. Also Wis Chapter meetings

in Watertown, Madison, Green Bay, Oshkosh, Waukesha three times and Milwaukee. Of course, these latter ~~7~~ would have attended anyhow. Perhaps you dont know that we are paying double pension, due to being excluded from the Police Pension fund for nine years by a City Ordinance which was declared unconstitutional in 1939. So they now make us pay double (about 9½% of our salary) until we catch up. As you can imagine, such a salary reduction comes hard on a guy, particularly coming about two months after I built a home; and that any other outside expenses are tuff. I would hate to belong to a committee, and then not attend any meeting which might be called (I know how I felt about some of the men last year), so, it would be far easier not to be placed on one. You know how it is Gene, I would go anyway, provided the boss would let me off, and suffer for it later - like I'm doing right now. Then too, with the West Coast having the '41 Conference, mebbe they feel they ought to be on the Exec. Committee. So have a heart, OM, and see if you can think of ~~s~~somebod y else.

Dont think I am not interested in dear ole Apco. Not by a long shot. But my personal problems would work out better if I laid low this year. And, another thing, how in hades am I going to get to Calif???? Surely all good committee members must attend the '41 Conference. My old hack got sick on the way back from Fla, and we limped home the last 300 miles at not over 30 mph. Busted a wheel bearing or something by the sound and feel of her. However, glad to report she still limps along - or I would be taking the street car right now. Anyway, I asked the Chief, in ~~my~~ report on the Orlando meet, if I could hold my '41 vacation period until the time of the Conference at Oakland, just in case I could figure out a way to make it. Hope springs eternal, eh?? (I wont feel this optimistic in a few days when the gas and oil bills for the Florida trip come through, HI.) Well, the old lady and I are going into a huddle on a budget in the next few days, so dont take this gripe too seriously, except the part about taking me off those committees.

So Fly's letter was mislaid on Franks desk, Eh?? Guess you know thats not the first time that's happened. You wont have to worry about such things this year, as I really believe Virden will take care of things promptly. Guess you know we have had trouble before. Whats worrying me is what will happen to all the membership blanks I sent out last year. They will come into Indianapolis. (If at all.) Anyway, mebbe Frank will take care of them now that he will not have the responsibility.

Note new envelopes already. Gosh, I waited about three months for some last year.

Got Bobs letter to you under date of Dec. 28 re Freq. Allocations Committee. Boy, how do you do it? Last year I wrote Bob six letters between Oct. 13th and Jan 4th before I finally got an answer from him on Jan 13th. Knew Bob was busy though. Also thanks for copy of yours to Bab under date of Dec. 30th. I agree with both of you. Will write Bob.

Did you peruse the IMSA magazine for Nov. -Dec?? Very interesting to me. Noted that E. P. Coffey of FBI spoke at convention. Mr Hoover turned down both Frank and myself, sending only a local agent. Note two pictures of Col. White with Chatterton. Also two pictures of Wes Scott of Columbus, Ga. Will send you some letters from Scott - he is sincere. Note Chat is 3rd VP, member of Executive Board and chairman of Radio Committee. You doubtless remember, as I do, ~~that~~ that Chat was Sec. of APCO the year it practically folded up. Note Greenlaw is chairman of National Defense Committee. My file of letters to Greenlaw attached. His original letter of Aug. 9, 1940 sent to Wherritt, who did not return it. Suggest you get it from him.

Not through, but must quit now. '13 Wascind.

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January 6, 1941

JAMES VIRDEN, SECRETARY-TREASURER, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Mr. Herbert Wareing
Police Radio Bureau
4715 Vliet Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Herb:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 2, which was received about noon on Saturday. Since this office is supposed to be closed on Saturday, I did not take time to answer it on that date.

I note that you wish to be relieved of the duties of the Executive and Frequency Allocations Committees. I am of the opinion that these are the two most important committees of our organization. I realize that you have been carrying a large burden of the work of the organization during the past year, and are certainly entitled to a rest. One of the reasons that I appointed you to these committees is because of the fact that since you were a past president of the organization, you would be, no doubt, in a position to advise these committees on many subjects. However, if you feel that you would like to be relieved of the work of these committees, I will attempt to find someone who will at least answer some letters and take your place on the committees. If I am unable to locate the satisfactory substitute, I will leave the committees as they now stand.

Thank you very much for the correspondence which you enclose from Mr. Greenlaw. I will attempt to obtain the original from Wherritt in order to complete the file. Also, I note with interest your remarks about Chatterton.

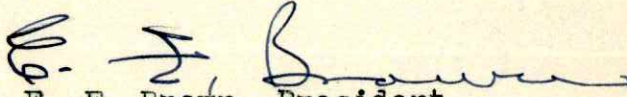
The Defense Communication Board is meeting today in Washington, and O'Neil, Murnane, and Batts are in attendance. Because of the fact that Fly's letter was mislaid in Indianapolis, we did not receive a great deal of notice on this meeting. I talked to O'Neil and Batts on the telephone

and, in the end, everything apparently came out all right. We will probably hold a meeting in Chicago within the very near future, and I trust that you will be able to attend. It will depend a lot on what happens in Washington today.

I did not receive the IMSA magazine for November or December; in fact, I do not believe I have ever seen one of their bulletins. If you will send this copy to me, I assure you that it will be promptly returned.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


E. F. Brown, President
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January 7, 1941

JAMES VIRDEN, SECRETARY-TREASURER, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Mr. Herbert Wareing
Police Radio Bureau
4715 West Vliet
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Herb:

In attempting to comply with your request to remove your name as an appointee to the Frequency Allocations and Executive Committees, I find that it is rather difficult to locate a satisfactory member of the organization to appoint to these committees. I am, therefore, going to compromise with you, and ask you to continue as a member of the Frequency Allocations Committee, and I am appointing Gerald S. Morris to the Executive Committee, in your place.

I trust that you will agree with me on the above, and continue to serve as a member of the Frequency Allocations Committee.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. F. Brown, President
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Police Radio Bureau,
4715 W. Vliet St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.
Jan. 8, 1941.

E. F. Brown, President,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Gene:

You are snowing me under... Yours of Jan 6 and 7 rcd OK. Re. Jan 7 letter, I really dont know what to say. I want to stay on one committee, preferably one that will hold no meetings. However, I realize you want these committee appointments straightened out within a few days, in order to get under the Bulletin deadline. So will accept the Freq. Allocations job, on condition that you will not be sore if I am unable to be present at a meeting; and further, on condition you take me off the Resolutions Committee.

To make the latter legal, I herewith tender my resignation as a hold-over member of the Resolutions Committee of this association. I realize that this committee will not be required to meet, except during a Conference, but feel that one committee is enough for anyone, and that some other bird someplace would appreciate the honor of the appointment. Also I have found out that, during a conference, it is impossible to be in more than one meeting at a time. This has caused trouble at every conference, and should be paid some attention to. Would suggest Wes Scott of Columbus Ga., as he is not held over on any committee. By the way, you will find Corny Smith of NC one of the best answerers. Ed Denstaedt of Detroit is another one of the best, but guess conditions in his department have changed for the worse in the last year, as he seems unable to get away for anything.

It seems to me that the best way to make a man more conscious of APCO is to put him on a committee. He probably will not work on it, but I think he will feel more responsible about the outfit. This man Hatfield from Seattle is the first representative we have had from the Great Northwest. Took a lot of hooking, too. His position on his department is not very highly rated, apparently, so wish we had some ranking officer out that way in the outfit. However, he is all we have, and can do a lot of missionary work if treated right. Suggest you put him on something, although I dont think he will even acknowledge the appointment. There always has been a strong feeling in some quarters that APCO is a Mid^West outfit. Of course,

there is a reason for this. The Mid-West boys seem to be the only workers in the bunch. That is, men who work all year. The rest of the crowd does a lot of yelling at the Conferences, but hibernates throughout the rest of the year. However, I believe that is no reason for making all committee appointments from among the well known workers. Maybe some of the others would surprise us if we really gave them some responsibility.

We will find out in the way McMurphy takes on to the Conference Chairmans job. I wrote Mac four letters under dates of Oct. 31, '39, March 13, '40, June 6, '40, also sent him several letters addressed to the officers, and he did not reply to one. He further did not contribute a single item for the Bulletin, or apparently make any effort to get the N.C.P.C.O.A. (of which he was President) to affiliate. With a record like that, I certainly did not vote to have the next conference at Oakland. Dont forget that he had been honored by election to First Vice President at the time. We'll see what happens. I am under the impression that a man has to really work to arrange for a successful conference. Another surprise to me was the showing Buffalo made. Geno had not even been a member for two years, until he arrived at Orlando. He had kicked us all in the pants by dropping the teletype contact. He even felt that something was decidably wrong about the very idea of APCO. Yet he only lost the conference by one vote. Of course, Larry is a great politician, as you doubtless remember from older conferences. I saw Lathrop a week or so ago for a few minutes, and from what he said, Larry was going full blast at Orlando. So funny that the APCO mind is so shallow that a lot of BS spread on thick for four days will erase a whole years work.

The Chief called this AM and wanted to know where next years Conference was to be held. Said he was making up a letter to the Common Council to ask for expenses for a number of us to conventions. Oh, well, if they grant it I will probably have heart failure. They turned him down flat last year. The department has never paid my expenses to any meetings, except a few of the National Conventions.

I was surprised at Franks report. I had no idea he had spent everything that was taken in last year. About 750.00 wasnt it? All I got from him was the stationery and envelopes, and 300 - 3 cent stamps. Wherritt gave me a total of \$ 20.00 for stamps - all of which was spent and used for APCO correspondence. That came out of the Bulletin fund anyway. I didnt even make one long distance call, or send one wire - although several times I wished I had the ability to do so. Boy, I really could have gone to town with \$ 750.00. The department doesnt furnish me with stamps, except a couple of dozen a year to order frequency checks, etc with. And I cant even call the next town without making out a report on it.

Yours of the 6th states that your office is supposed to be closed on Saturdays. What kind of a department is that anyway??? I work from 8 to 5:30 every day in the year except Sundays, including Xmas, New Year, July 4th, Lbor Day, Memorial Day, etc. At that, I am one of the few men on the department who has every Sunday off. Of course, that is only the minimum scheduled time, as I also must be here at any time of the night any day of the year when there is trouble of any kind, when one of my men is sick etc. Do youse guys belong to a union, or something??? Would like to hear about the DCB meeting, also how Jesse is fixed for publishing the Bulletin now. How about Lowe?

Encl. copy of letter to J. E. Hoover + reply re Conference attendance.

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January 9, 1941

JAMES VIRDEN, SECRETARY-TREASURER, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Mr. Herbert F. Wareing
Police Radio Bureau
4715 West Vliet
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Herb:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 8, and the IMSA magazine, and the other correspondence between yourself and Scott. Thank you very much for your promptness on the above matter.

In view of the fact that I have already typed up and mailed complete lists of committees to the editor of the Bulletin, it will be impossible for me at this time to accept your resignation as a member of the Resolutions Committee. I will, however, take care of this matter in the very near future, and follow your suggestion by appointing Scott in your place. This will leave you on only one committee, the Frequency Allocations Committee, and because of this, it will be expected that you work doubly hard on this committee. I have attempted to spread the appointments to these committees over the entire country, and I am enclosing herewith a copy of the standing committees for your files.

I have not seen or heard of Frank Morrow's report as yet. I can't possibly conceive where he would spend so much money during the past year. I had expected that there would be \$400 or \$500 in the treasurer's fund. It seems to me that you, as President, should have some voice in the manner in which the Association's funds were spent. I already have a claim of about \$15.00 to present for payment. However, I am most certainly will not ask Virden to honor this claim until it has been approved by the Executive Committee.

I note with interest your last paragraph regarding the extreme hours which you have to apparently report to your office in Milwaukee. I believe you rather misunderstood my last letter

when I said our office closed on Saturday noon. Please be advised that we probably work down here as much as you do in Wisconsin.

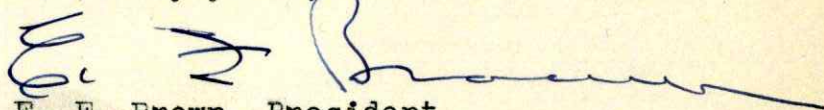
I have considerable correspondence from Denstaedt, as he is preparing a manual of all telegraphic contacts. You will note by the sheet enclosed that Denstaedt is chairman of the Operating Procedures Committee. Ted Lowe has taken a leave from the state of Illinois, and is in the Naval Signal Training School in Chicago. He does not know how long he will be thus engaged, and I will probably have to replace him as chairman of the State Committee.

As soon as I receive some information regarding the DCB, I will pass it on to you immediately. We will probably have a joint meeting of the Executive and Frequency Allocations Committees in Chicago in the very near future, so you can start to make your plans to attend.

Again, thanks for your promptness in handling your correspondence, and if I can not get other members to write, we will handle the matters of the Association between ourselves.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. F. Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

E. F. Brown, President
A. P. C. O.

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January 10, 1941

JAMES VIRDEN, SECRETARY-TREASURER, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Mr. Herbert Wareing
Police Radio Bureau
4715 West Vliet
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Herb:

Since writing my letter of the 9th, which is enclosed, I have made arrangements to remove you from the Resolutions Committee in accordance with your request. A copy of my letter to Kadow, advising him of this action, is enclosed herewith.

I am following your suggestion and appointing Wesley Scott to fill your unexpired term. I feel that your services are of greater value to the Association as a member of the Frequency Allocations Committee than of the Resolutions Committee. A list of all committees will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Sincerely yours,

E. F. Brown, President
A. P. C. O.

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Police Radio Bureau, 4715 W. Vliet St.,
Milwaukee, Wis. Jan. 24, 1941.

E. F. Brown, President,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Gene:

Still got your letters of the 9th and 10th on my desk, so better answer them and file 'em. Thanks listing of committees. Will comment on some of 'em for your private info.

EXEC. Virden and Morris probably wont be able to get to a meeting. Lowe is out, so that makes one less attender. Kelly wouldn't work with me last year - guess I jumped HOK too hard - he requested to be taken off all committees as said he had no time. HOK is all right at a meeting, but apparently is rushed too much in Minneapolis to be able to do anything while there. Kinsey did not reply to three letters last year, and did not pay his dues, so I yanked him off a couple of committees. He was a mighty good man in his work for APCO a few years back - mebbe you can get him going again. Guess, from what he said at Orlando, things are much better for him now. Hope so, anyway, or you will never get a quorum of the Exec committee except at Oakland.

FREQ. ALLOC. Imagine we will lose Fred Schnell to the Navy at any time. Heard a rumor the other day that the Mayor of Chi had requested the President to defer his transfer to active duty. Dont know how much of such things to believe. One of my Radio Mechanics is a Lieutenant Commander also. Ed Denstaedt is a swell worker, and has been for years. Darn nice job he got out pronto on the Communications Directory. Ted Lowe had all the cuts last year, and got out nothing. Only trouble with Ed is, he seems to be unable or unwilling to leave Detroit lately. He was the only member of the Exec Comm not at the Chicago meeting last year. Anyway, you can depend on him to work, whether he attends meetings or not.

ENG & RES. Lehman did not reply to my letter of appointment last year, so dont even know if he is still there. Did you find out why Williams was not at Orlando? I tried to get engineers on this committee last year, but some of the boys got mad and thought we were getting high hat or something. This used to be the Technical committee until somebody changed it for the worse, but anyway should have the right kind of people on it.

State Stds. If Lowe is out of the biz, guess he wont do any good on any of the committees he is on.

As I said before, I will be surprised if Hatfield will answer your letter of appointment.

DEV & ACT. Conner used to be with Maryland SP - Bill Bouck is the Chief Dispatcher for Mich SP. Heard at one time that Conner was out, but later that he was back. Taylor did not answer three letters last year, so yanked him as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. He also did not belong for two years. Said at Orlando that he only got one of the letters, and explained his personal troubles, so mebbe he will do.

OPR. PROC. Hopper may not be there any more - heard he was looking for another job last year.

INT. REL. Franklin is a tough guy to get along with. He seldom does any work on a committee, but usually wires a protest about something or other when the committee has a meeting. He got mad at Wherritt a couple of years ago, saying he was mis-quoted in the Bull. Dont think Wherritt ever explained himself out of it either. He is mad at me now. I got a rush request from him for some material he wanted to make a talk on the next week, so I spent almost a day chasing stuff up for him and rushed it airmail to him. Guess that would have been the end as far as Bob was concerned, but I had to return this stuff to the various people I borrowed it from. Took quite a while to get it, and finally had to make him mad enough to put it in the mail. So he said at Orlando " Herb, you were a swell ham, but you're a hell of a President". Nobody knows just what to do with that committee anyway. Maybe Bob can figure it out. Just watch your step. Maurice did absolutely nothing with it last year, neither did Bob Batts, who had it for awhile. Mc Murphy never answered a single letter - mebbe you can find out how to make him work. Shinn is with FCC at Saulte Ste Marie Mich., so you can replace him. Geno was not a member for two years, and would not answer letters, so I yanked him off a couple of committees last year. Suppose you had an understanding with him at Orlando.

By the way, Elmer Zindars of the Walworth County Sheriff's Office at Elkhorn was chairman of the special committee on Chapter Promotion last year. He didnt do anything with it, but he feels bad right now because he was left out in the Wis Chapter elections. Might help him feel better if you gave him a job in the National Group.

Hi Gene, dont misunderstand all this tripe - I'm not trying to tell you who to appoint or what to do. Thought you might be interested in the mess I made of things last year.

Got Maurices report on first DCB meeting. See the boys are having secrets already. Seems kinda early in the game to pull that stuff, dont it?

My crack about Morrow's report was made on the strength of what I thought I heard at Orlando. Seems to me he made abrief statement as to his accounts. You were there, too, werent you? We should have quite a balance (over 1,000.00 it seems to me from other years, in the Secretary's funds). I thought he said that he had spent all the money taken in in 1940. I was not asked about a single bill or item. You recall the Executive committee meeting at Orlando the last night - I mentioned that we should audit the Secretary's books, but we all felt too tired. Nobody suggested doing it, anyway. Frank made his report the next morning or afternoon. Of course, Wherritt has been paying his own way in a separate fund. Jesse asked me if I thought it would be OK just after I got into office, as he had always had considerable trouble trying to get Frank to pay the Bulletin bills. I told him I thought the Executive Committee would approve, but that was beffre there was such a committee. There was none in 1939.

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January 27, 1941

JAMES VIRDEN, SECRETARY-TREASURER, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Mr. Herbert Wareing
Milwaukee Police Department
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Wareing:

This is to advise you that there will be a joint meeting of the Executive and Frequency Allocations Committees of the Associated Police Communication Officers, Inc., in Indianapolis, Indiana, on February 13, 14, 15, and possibly 16.

There are many serious problems to be considered by these committees. The decisions which will be made in Indianapolis will affect not only our Association, but your own department. Since you are a member of the Frequency Allocations Committee, you are therefore urged to make every effort to be in attendance.

Arrangements for a meeting place are to be made by Deputy Inspector Batts, and as soon as this matter is definitely decided, all members will be immediately advised.

Yours very truly,

E. F. Brown, President
A. P. C. O.

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Milwaukee 9 Wisconsin
January 22 1953

Walter Williams, President
APCO, Inc
Detroit, Mich

This stuff is re the letter of yours to the Exec. Comm. which I returned to you last week. Have a chance right now to think on this mill, so will just let my thoughts run riot on this paper. I haven't time to compose a short letter either, Hi.

You are absolutely right about the vital importance to APCO of the Bulletin. I really feel ashamed that I have contributed nothing for several years now. The present Sec. of the Wis. Chapter will, I feel, try to send Mix something after each meeting. Suppose APCO would have melted away when Wherrit's boss made him drop the Bull if it hadn't been for that dear ole WCK gang. The whole police communication field owes a tremendous debt to the fellows who have done all this work for practically nothing. I tried hard to help Wherrit get material for the Bull in the old days, and I think I have a faint idea of Mix's problems.

On the Constitution, - I appointed a Committee to Revise the Constitution too, Hi. Seems, though, as long as the officers and Exec. Comm. have an up to date version, the need for a booklet for general distribution is not so great. We need, I agree, to provide some sort of a non-contributing membership for retired-on-pension after a full length of service police communication officers - both for those who go into the commercial equipment field and those who don't. (Got less than 3 yrs to go myself). I felt, at San Francisco, that the absolutely opposite actions of the assembly in the cases of Batts and Meyers was completely unfair, and I hope Bob realizes that he was in unfriendly territory and doesn't feel that all of the members of APCO felt the same way about it. Certainly, APCO owes Batts a debt that it could never ~~repay~~ repay. One thing this committee should do is to ~~take care of~~ prevent recurrence of such things as the fact slipping over of the name change at SF. Seems to me that fast deals slipped over at a Conference in one area should be allowed to cool off and acted upon again at a Conference in another area before a adoption. Publication ahead of time of vital organization or by-law changes would not be the answer. Ouch - just noted that maybe you had not yet picked this committee. Sometimes anybody who offers ideas gets himself a job - just in case you should get ideas like that - forget I mentioned the subject, Walt.

Haven't heard of an Exec. Comm. mtg in yrs - except during Conferences - we used to have em. Remember good mtgs in Indianapolis, Chicago, Jefferson City.

Sheet 2 to WBW from HFW 1-22-53.

I agree with you completely that the success of APCO depends on a small nucleus of workers who are interested and willing - the small nucleus meaning a couple of guys named Williams and Mix in particular with maybe two or three others.

Re membership - I have always felt that Chapters were the only answer. I appointed a Chapter Promotion Committee when I was Prexy and, as you may remember, Wisconsin was the first Chapter of APCO. I say this after hearing it stated as a fact from the speakers table at the annual banquet at San Francisco that California had the first Chapter of APCO (Ero almost poked his elbow through my ribs at that one).

The matter of a permanent Sec. Editor has been the object of serious thought in previous years. Dont see how you can compare it with IMSA though - he must get many times the amount we could afford.- and, we dont want to run that kind of an organization wither.

Your letter states that we are, as a fact, the Associated Public-Safety Communication Officers, Inc. right now. It would seem to me that we are still APCO, Inc as before, from a legal standpoint, until the Papers of Incorporation have been changed by the Sec. of State of Indiana. I think you made a master move in delaying the changing of the name until the Detroit Conference has had a chance to act on the matter.

Note in "Mobile Safety Reports" (do you get them every week?) that a lot of people are making recommendations to the FCC, but dont see the name of APCO among them. Suppose maybe we dont even hear about these things until they are all done and wiped. All kinds of organizations and people tell FCC what they think about such things as the Bell wideband proposal, 450-460 mc allocation changes, 950 mc ditto, microwave, split channels 25-50 mc and 152-174 mc., reg. changes 72-76 mc, even theatre TV which wants some land-mobile frequencies. Decisions on all of these matters will affect us - the oldest user group - and most important one. Note new user and prospective user groups forming and making themselves heard. Also very active Freq. Coordinating groups in some fields. APCO will have to sit up nights to keep its former position of leadership with all the competition.

Perhaps we should have more stuff in the Bull and do a little more talking about Fire. Maybe some sort of Committee would help. Or a few pictures.

Noted a neat trick the American Assoc. of Railroads Communications Section has to get the mfrs to foot the bills for their conventions. These mfrs forma Ry. Tel. and Tel. Appliance Association. This Assn then handles all details of the social aspects of the meetings. Not that I am in favor of us begging anything of anybody at all ever...

Oil up your mill, Walt - and dont expect too many answers, - unless some of these birds have reformed. I found that some of these chaps who make the most noise at the Conferences do the least for APCO the rest of the year. I have full files on most everything APCO since the beginning, and will be glad to check anything you want. Will write you and Ero re RTG promotion shortly. 73

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Dear Herb,

Thanks for your very nice discussion of my letter to the Executive Committee--only wish that I had more of such from the Committee itself, and I do appreciate your point-by-point discussion of it.

I would like to comment on one point that both of us mentioned, and that is the matter of honorary memberships (life). I feel quite sure that Bob Batts was not offended at Frisco. The point is that the issue needs to be clearly defined, and you can feel safe on this thing, the Constitution Revision Committee has been clearly advised on this point. I would be the last in the world to deny Bob Batts any possible honor, however, if you remember, the issue was raised as a matter of principle at Frisco. I am practically positive that Bob will be voted an honorary life membership at the next Conference!

The Const. Committee is also looking over a deal to prevent the passage of ill-considered material at Conferences. This I also feel they will have an answer for this problem.

Your paragraph on "Mobile Safety Reports" and the absence of APCO in these notices is known to me, and I can assure you that I am very distressed about it. Have been working on this problem for two months now, but-----it seems that the mail goes only one way! That is--from Detroit out--and not back. But you dont need to be told this.

On IMSA--I also agree with you--we dont want an organizational set-up which is similar. But, we do need someone who can function all the time. To expect any one or two guys to carry on the APCO affairs in addition to their full time jobs is asking a little too much. Of all of the former officers have managed to do it. But these people get burned out, and it's no wonder. So---sometime not too far away, the Association should look for the right guy! I do hope they find him.

This is all for this time. Write when you have a chance. Give my regards to Hank, and the other Wisconsin boys.

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Dear Herb:

As you know, the hearings before the FCC will be up very soon and during one of my conferences with the attorney in Washington, he felt that I should be prepared to talk at some length if the question is raised concerning the history and make-up of APCO.

I know that you were one of the charter members of this organization and should be in a better position to give me some of the background of APCO than any one else I know that is still active. I have the dates of the first meeting in St. Louis but do not have the dates, locations, etc. when we were first incorporated.

Anything on the history of the organization would certainly be appreciated. Please let me hear from you soon, as you know the hearings are scheduled to start on May 28.

Sincerely yours,

Bill

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Dear Bill:

Glad to hear from you yesterday. Dug out my copy of the incorporation papers of APCO last night, and am enclosing copy for you. In the APCO Bulletin for July 1958 you will find a list of past presidents and a list of charter members on pages 12 and 19 which I dug up for Mix a year ago. These will demonstrate the nationwide representation APCO has always had.

One of the principal factors which brought APCO into being was the uncontrolled mushrooming growth of intercity message traffic handling on the channels set up only for base to mobile communications. Other factors are mentioned in the aims and purposes section of the constitution. Conditions were getting so bad that calls to mobile units were being interfered with by other departments handling intercity traffic, so, on November 9th 1934, Sergeant E. E. H. Fisher, Radio Supervisor of the St. Louis PD started a chain letter campaign to organize an association of police radio men. This culminated in the organizational meeting in St. Louis in January 1935, and the actual formation of APCO.

The IACP at its convention in July of 1935, officially recognized and approved APCO and encouraged it in its work. It also authorized its own radio committee to act in conjunction with APCO in dealing direct with the FCC. A committee had made recommendations at the January 1935 APCO meeting concerning the needs for an intercity police communication facility on channels separate from those used for base to mobile communications and had recommended the use of CW or ICW for this service. This committee report was approved by IACP during its July 1935 convention.

The result of this activity was that FCC authorized police intercity radiotelegraph operation in May 1936. Experimental stations were placed into operation by St. Louis, Detroit, Kansas City and Indianapolis on frequencies in the 2000 to 2800 kc range. The experimental licenses were soon replaced by regular zone and interzone licenses, and additional frequencies were made available. This was the birth of the National Police Radiotelegraph Network, which is still an invaluable police communication tool in many parts of the U. S.

Fisher published a mimeographed APCO Bulletin until Feb. 1937 (every month) and started a printed Bulletin in March 37.

Sheet 2 to W. M. Gamble

May 14, 1959.

It must have been shortly after that that Fisher left StL PD, and no more Bulletins were issued, as far as I remember, until one in February 1938 by Secretary Chatterton of Cleveland. Nothing after that until two by Bob Franklin of Houston beating the drums for the Houston Convention that year (1938). President O'Neil of New Orleans also issued one Bulletin in Sept. 38.

At the Houston Convention it was decided that APCO could not exist without a monthly Bulletin of some kind. Captain J. M. Wherritt of the Missouri Highway Patrol offered to take over this chore, the result being that an APCO Bulletin has been printed every month since that time. When the Supt of the Mo HP ordered Wherritt to discontinue publishing the Bulletin, it was taken over by Neal Jackson of Detroit PD. Robert Mix of Detroit PD took over its publication when Jackson dropped the job. Without a doubt, the Bulletin has been the most important activity of the association.

APCO representatives have appeared before the FCC on matters relating to frequency allocations, operator requirements, technical standards etc on a number of occasions. The organization was active in the work of Panel 13 of the Radio Technical Planning Board, and was represented on the Board of War Communications. Our members, of course, did the spade work which has resulted in the establishment of the large number of land-mobile radio systems occupying spectrum space today.


Our horizons have been broadened with the expansion of these land-mobile radio systems, since most of our members have set up and are in charge of the technical work for the other radio services established by governmental agencies, such as Fire, Utility, Local Government, Highway Maintenance, Civil Defense, etc. However, it is only the police service which requires nationwide cooperation in attempting to cope with criminal elements, and therefore we are primarily police communication officers.


If you do not have the information, I can dig out the dates of all Conferences. My file of APCO Bulletins and correspondence is practically complete. I happened to be the first to join up with Fisher and Padberg of St. Louis by paying my dues, so was #3 on the original membership list - and so have been the oldest member since 37 or 38 when these two left StL PD. Will be glad to help in any way I can, Bill. 73

Superintendent
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Resolution presented by Herbert F. Wareing
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- WHEREAS:** plans are now being formulated for the establishment of additional classes of land mobile radio systems;
- WHEREAS:** the narrowing of channel widths for such services is also imminent;
- WHEREAS:** the Federal Communications Commission has abandoned the former block pattern of frequency allocations and is now proposing to intersperse service assignments;
- WHEREAS:** these changes in the land mobile radio services will require a high degree of coordination if an effort is to be made to mitigate the degradation of communications service rendered by existing systems and future systems alike;
- WHEREAS:** the Wisconsin Chapter, Incorporated of the Associated Police Communication Officers, Incorporated has developed and furthered such coordination for the past nineteen years through its Frequency Advisory Committees;
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Wisconsin Chapter, Inc., of APCO, Inc. offer to extend the services of its Frequency Advisory Committees to all existing and prospective Wisconsin licensees of such systems;
- AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Communications Commission and other interested organizations.
- ADOPTED:** at the regular meeting of the Wisconsin Chapter, Inc. of APCO, Inc., at Madison, Wisconsin on March 18, 1958.


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Dear Walt:

Am sending a copy of this to Ero, as it relates to the letter you addressed to both of us re efforts to get more CW stns on the Nat'l Police RTG network.

As to attempting to stimulate the growth of the net, this is old stuff to both Ero and I. My work was in 1939 and for awhile after, while Ero really got out a lot of stuff on this subject later. I thought I was getting some place a little but the war knocked it all out anyway. Mass had three CW stns coming on the air, for instance, but it folded up when Marty Joyce left. The stations at Elkhorn and Racine here in Wis have folded up also since then. The full layout that Kelly had at Minneapolis never handled a message. Even Clovis got disgusted, I guess, eh Ero? There were others, too.

Washington, D.C. is the most important spot in the country but the PD has never seemed to me to be very active. The FBI is obviously the one that should provide the RTG service there, but they seem to prefer teletype. They have never taken any active part in helping the police with their radio communication problems that I have noticed - which is quite opposite to their attitude on most any other aspect of police work. We have never even succeeded in getting them interested in our Conferences either. An FBI CW stn in Wn would give the RTG net a big boost all over the country. Could youse boys think up a way to get them interested?

If the boss man isn't a code man, it has seemed to me that he often is afraid to have one of his men know more than he does, or else he doesn't know enough to appreciate the value of CW. Then again, nowadays the engineering is too often done entirely by the mfr who gets the contract for the mobile eqpt - and they either dont know or have no sale to make when it comes to CW. So we ought to get after them too. Maybe a little more emphasis in the Bull, like pictures of CW operating positions etc., might bring the subject more to the attention of these people. You cant help but notice how the CW station activity goes up or comes down with the boss. These are real barriers to break down in some cases. We have pretty well brought CW to the attention of the Radio Man, perhaps now we should bring it to the attention of the Chiefs through their publications - or the Motor Vehicle Commissioners - or even the Governors. If the Chief called in his radio man and wanted to know how come his department was not a part of and reaping the advantages of the National Police Communications

Network, the guy might get the lead out. It's a lot easier to get after something like that if it comes down from the top than if you feel that you are single handedly trying to push it up from the bottom.

I never could understand why Pa took out those 5 long wave CW stns without replacing them with zone and interzone stations - they must have had the operators at the time.

Note Fla SHP got CP for composite zone stn at Miami. Swell. After the Orlando Conference in 1940, we went down to Miami on vacation, and I talked to Demby about CW. They so obviously need it acct hurricanes if for no other reason, but also have such distances to go for info and action that CW seems the only logical medium for them. But Ben has never warmed up to it. Cant be the cost - you saw the way he spends the dough down there. Hope the State goes through with it. Anyway, seems Fla has county registration, hasnt it, so contact with the Capital isn't enough.

Noted recent CP to Cleveland for Viking transmitter for zone stn. This sort of equipment makes it much easier to get on nowadays.

Guess Ero and I better exchange copies of letters we write on this subject, or something. Will make an effort to get down to Chgo when the weather improves, and spend a few hours with Ero. Ero himself might even get lost someday and land up here - who knows?

By the way, the Intercity Relations Committee was named by Morrow - dont think anybody ever knew just what it was supposed to do. However, a glance at the members of the committee makes it doubtful that it was supposed to do anything about EEG.

Will get after friend Nylander at Duluth for some dope on present plans of Minn. State as far as interstate network is concerned. Also know Hauerfinger of Winona PD - will ask him too. Maybe will take a ride up that way come better WX and chat with some of these boys. Will also write Albiston of Idaho SP seeing as how Ero has talked with him already.

Think some feature type articles and photos in the Bull showing typical Police Radio Stations complete with CW might get at more people than writing to individuals. Most of the guys think they have everything from soup to nuts when they sign a contract with one of the mfrs - maybe we can change that viewpoint a bit. Here again, the Chapters might work on this matter at their meetings, too.

I couldn't agree with Winkler at all that TWX was the answer to the interdepartment problem. By the way, what was it all about - the letters of recommendation for George requested by the Fire Commissioner of Omaha. Also, did you hear any results of the salary reports requested by Whiting?

If you get the names and addresses of the people to write in the "backwards pass, send them along to us, please. I hesitate to write Durham, as I never got an answer from him last year after more than one request for information as to whether or not the Miami resolution re CW stn identifiers had been submitted to FCC or anybody.

End of the line for this time. Dont bother to reply, Walt - know you are busy - but those are the guys you get answers from, HI.

WJNY