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Kearney, Nebraska
Sept. 12 - 14, 1980

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Mid Town Holiday Inn
Grand Island, Nebraska
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 1980 PRESIDENT

by

Jim K. Lawson
Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Department

This is our first Nebraska APCO newsletter and I hope you like it. I think this will be more informative and widely accepted than our usual mailings.

I would like to thank all persons who wrote the articles and helped sell the advertising. A BIG thank-you goes to Brenda Crary at the State Division of Communications in Lincoln for "putting it together".

I've been very busy since the Omaha Conference keeping the Executive Committee "fired up". APCO isn't going to be an organization that "comes alive" at conference time and then is dormant for the rest of the year.

We defined our objectives in Omaha and I re-aligned the committees for maximum productivity and effectiveness. We've got the right people in the key positions to accomplish these objectives.

I've distributed 25 APCO brochures (printed for us compliments of Jerry Brazda and Mike Weber at Northwestern Bell) and an equal number of membership applications to all members of the Executive Committee and all miscellaneous committee persons. It will be their responsibility to see that these are distributed throughout the Nebraska Public-Safety Communications network. We will all have to do our part to reach as many people as possible and "spread the APCO word". This newsletter is being sent to all Nebraska Sheriffs, all Nebraska State Patrol troop stations and most of the Police Departments in the State of Nebraska not to mention Civil Defense, Emergency Medical Services and the Fire Service.

I've been in close contact with the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and the Nebraska State Patrol setting up the 1980 Fall Conference at Grand Island. It will be held October 20 thru 23 at the Mid Town Holiday Inn. Again this year, we'll feature 24 hours of Operator Training by the State Patrol and 24 hours of Supervision/Management Training by the Training Center.

Setting the date this early will allow all agencies to arrange and plan their schedules accordingly. If we start advertising soon enough, maybe we can get the jump on those departments who set up their own communication schools which in turn, affects our attendance.

I sent a letter to Marv Kohout at the Nebraska Highway Safety Office in Lincoln and officially requested funding to reprint the Nebraska Law Enforcement Radio Operations Manual. This project was funded, the manuals have been printed and distribution will start July 15, 1980.

Be sure to send in your 1980 dues, or better yet, ask your department to pay them (the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office pays mine) and take the time to sign up a new member. I've signed up two since the first of the year.

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FREQUENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

ANNUAL RADIO CONTRACTS RENEWED

By
Michael D. Hogan
State of Nebraska - Division of Communications

As some of you may already know, the State of Nebraska establishes annual contracts for certain models of mobile and portable radios. These radios are available at State Contract prices to all services under state or local political subdivisions, except where local statute requires entities to purchase such equipment through the local purchasing agency.

The Attorney General for the State of Nebraska has indicated that state and local competitive bidding requirements are met in the procedures used by the Division of Communications in establishing the annual contracts.

Anyone interested in purchasing from these contracts (at prices considerably under manufacturer's list prices) should contact one of the following for further details:

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HISTORY

The Nebraska APCO Chapter was formed at an organizational meeting of all interested persons on April 10, 1978 at the Ramada Inn - Lincoln, Nebraska.

The group met again on June 5, 1978 at the Holiday Inn - Kearney, Nebraska. Chapter officers were elected and a constitution and by-laws were adopted.

The first FALL CONFERENCE was held at the Airport Holiday Inn - Lincoln, Nebraska on October 16, 17, and 18, 1978. National APCO President Nathan D. McClure III attended.

The National Guard Armory - North Platte, Nebraska was the site of the first SPRING CONFERENCE which was held April 16, 17 and 18, 1979.

October 8 thru 11, 1979 were the dates of the second FALL CONFERENCE which was held at Howard Johnsons - Omaha, Nebraska. Supervisor and Operator Training highlighted this conference.

The second SPRING CONFERENCE was held March 17 and 18, 1980 at the Holiday Inn - Ogallala, Nebraska. The format of the spring conference was changed slightly to gear it more toward committee workshops.

Plans are now being made for the third FALL CONFERENCE to be held in Grand Island during October, 1980. Plan to attend!

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* Radio Operating Procedures
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Instruction includes:
* Personnel Management
* Delegation
* Leadership Development
* Motivation
* Supervisor-Subordinate Relations
* Discipline Problems
* Selection and Recruitment
INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE REPORT

By

D.W. Schamp
Nebraska State Patrol - Lincoln

The number of Criminal Justice agencies that currently participate in the Nebraska LETS System consists of 20 terminals in sheriff's agencies, 23 police departments, 14 State Patrol, 5 Criminal Justice agencies, plus the Motor Vehicle Division and Offutt AFB for a total of 64 terminals.

It has always been a goal to make the entire system as updated in hardware as possible to keep the service as rapid as modern technology will permit. The biggest obstacle has always been budget allocation to meet the cost. The system now has 28 CRT and printers that operate at 1,200 words per minute. When this upgrade started in August of 1977, the terminals cost $301.00 per month plus line mileage. In August of 78 they took an increase to $370.00 per month. This slowed development considerably and now the phone company has made application to the Public Service Commission to increase the monthly lease rate to $402.50 per month per terminal or 10.4% increase for current terminals and $433.00 per month for new terminals and a $425.00 one time charge for installation. The present charge is $225.00 for installation. Any agency that feels such an increase would inhibit their possibility of acquiring the terminal equipment has the right to express their opposition to the rate increase to the Public Service Commission. There are no plans to discontinue any of the present system services or terminal equipment, so no one needs to fear that they cannot be on the system unless they use the CRT terminal. The older equipment is difficult, if not impossible, to maintain and get parts for needed repairs, but is still in operation.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

By

Gary Fliedhmann
Bellevue Police Department

The fall Nebraska 1979 APCO Conference was held at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Omaha. At this conference the first communications supervisors course was conducted by the Law Enforcement Training Center instructors from Grand Island. In addition the Nebraska State Patrol Communications personnel presented a "Radio and Teletype" school. A total of 50 students attended the training sessions.

During the Fall Conference it was decided to take on the project of updating the Nebraska Law Enforcement Radio Operators Manual. Bill Liska of the Nebraska State Patrol is doing the re-write and a request for funding was made to the Department of Transportation for printing costs and hard covers for the manual. The manual should be ready for distribution July, 1980.

Speaking of the Fall 1980 APCO conference, make plans now to attend. This fall it will be held in Grand Island, Nebraska, October 20th through 23rd.

President Jim Lawson, the Traveling Scotts Bluff Sheriff Deputy, was again on the road, this time to be present at the formation meeting of the Wyoming Chapter in Casper on May 24th.

Fay Clark with the North Platte Police Department will be preparing a display board for our APCO activities.

During the Spring APCO workshop, "Pete" Peterson came up with the idea of a State of Nebraska APCO lending library and has volunteered to start it off. The library would contain job descriptions, agencies policies, training material, etc. More will be coming on this idea.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

By
Harold Peterson
Ogallala Police Department

Our Nebraska Chapter of APCO is finally "off the ground" and moving. This has been a long process and struggle but we have now established ourselves as a worthy organization for advancement of Public Safety Communications in Nebraska. Our past accomplishments only reflect our potential for the future.

The future of Nebraska APCO will be much brighter with an increased membership. We have proven ourselves so its time to recruit the entire state! It makes no difference the size of the department; APCO is geared to be beneficial to everyone. Sheriff's Departments, Police Departments, Fire, Ambulance, EMS, Civil Defense and all other users of public safety radio services are needed as members. Everyone's input into our organization will further enhance our goals and accomplishments.

Gary Fliehmann/Bellevue PD and myself have been selected to serve on the Membership Committee but all of us have to be responsible for securing additional members. We have a couple of ideas but your ideas and input for increasing our membership are needed also.

Current members already are aware of the benefits available through APCO and the progress we have made. If you are not yet a member, NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN!!!! There is a wealth of information available explaining the purposes and objectives of APCO. Just drop me a line and I will be most happy to provide you with all information possible. (Write to: 410 East 2nd Street, Ogallala, NE 69153)

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This information will be collected from agencies throughout Nebraska during the next few months. Once collected, a listing of what is available will be forwarded to all departments. Whenever you need any of the information, it will be available to you at any time for only the cost of postage and handling! Your agency will receive full recognition for any information you submit and need not be an APCO member to participate! Please participate and send information now. This will provide an organized means for us to help each other improve public safety communications in Nebraska. Send Information to: Harold Peterson, Jr. at the address listed above.

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The Associated Public-Safety Communications Officers, Inc. (APCO), a not for profit institution since January 21, 1935, is the world's oldest and largest public safety radio user group and is composed of administrators and communications technical, operational, and command personnel.

The purpose of APCO is to foster the development and progress of the art of Public Safety Communications and to promote greater correlation of the communications activities of towns, cities, counties, states, and federal agencies; to assist in the development of channels, methods, systems, and other media for the rapid and accurate collection, exchange, and dissemination of public safety communications; to represent such agencies before the Federal Communications Commission and other regulatory bodies.

APCO publishes a regular monthly magazine, THE BULLETIN, which is the official voice of APCO. It is the oldest and most revered magazine of its type and its subscription cost is included in Association dues. Its basic format includes special articles dealing with such subjects as emergencies, highway and traffic problems, conservation matters, regulatory and legislative news, and technical and operational articles.

APCO each year holds the largest land-mobile public safety radio conference in the world, featuring exhibits of industry leaders in the field. This annual event gathers together the administrators and communications personnel of Police, Fire, Highway Maintenance, Civil Defense, Forestry-Conservation, Emergency Medical, and Local Government radio services around the globe.

APCO's thirty chartered chapters meet regularly across the nation to carry on the purposes of APCO at the local level, featuring seminars and lectures by top-flight leaders in the field, as well as new products from the suppliers. The combined local chapters form the body of the national Association. Regional Conferences are also held each year for the benefit of those members, vendors and other interested parties who wish to learn more about APCO at a meeting level between that of the individual Chapters and the Annual National Conference.

APCO is recognized as the largest frequency coordination body for the Police, and Local Government Radio Services. It retains a Washington, D.C. attorney who is licensed to appear before the Federal Communications Commission. APCO regularly and actively participates in the various FCC dockets which speak to regulatory proposals for the Public Safety Radio Services. APCO is a member of the Public Safety Communications Council and of the Land Mobile Communications Council.

APCO's acclaimed Project Series Foundation has produced or is presently engaged in several projects. Those whose deliverables are currently available are: Project one - a documentary color film titled "The Little We Have" which pictures the public safety radio services frequency crisis; Project Two - the world renowned "Standard Operating Procedure Manual" for public safety radio users; Project Three - the "Police Telecommunications Systems" text which provides the criteria for measuring the present effectiveness of a communications facility and for planning and modifying for the future; Project Four - the vehicular sun visor version of the famous APCO TEN SIGNAL CODES; Project Five - The "Frequency Coordination Manual" for use by all coordinators and public safety radio users; Project Fourteen - "A Study of Aural Brevity Codes".

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APPLICATION
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CHAPTER NEBRASKA

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ADDRESS

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(6) Associate ()

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NOTE*: After two years in Engineer-Technician and in Operator membership classification these members become eligible for Active Membership.

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(6) ASSOCIATE: Those persons not eligible for, or restricted to, other classes of membership.

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THANK YOU!