

## H I S T O R Y

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 dated of the second FALL CONFERENCE which was held at Howard Johnsons Omaha, Nebraska. Supervisor and Operator Training highlighted this conference.

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

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## THE APCO STORY

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".