

APCO/NENA Legislative Committee Report to the Executive Board

January 6, 2010

The Committee and Scott, our Lobbyist has been busy since our last report. We have been meeting with House, and Senate Legislative leadership, that included many individual, as well as group meetings, and we met with the Governor's Office. We feel very good about where we are this year as we approach the beginning of the session next week (Jan. 11th).

We have been actively meeting with organizations that are stakeholders and/or have a vested interest in 9-1-1 and have gotten commitments of support from all that have been contacted. We have met with and received commitments of support from wireline and wireless carriers, fire service, law enforcement, Association of Counties, Association of Cities, Speech and Hearing Impaired, AARP, Pierce County and the City of Tacoma, and many others. Scott has been working with lots of lobbyist's who are those who influence legislators on behalf of jurisdictions and organizations to make sure that we get active support in this short 60 day session, rather than just passive support on this bill.

We've sent to the committee and membership: the summary of the bill; a leave behind message that all can use; a set of talking points for them to use based on the amount of time they may have to speak with legislators; Script for speaking with organizations; the 'Next Generation 911 Plan' that was adopted by the A/C in October has been sent to all in November, that supports the bill, and is available if someone missed that; and we've worked with the State Office to produce an easy to read overview of revenue and expenditure projections demonstrating the need for the bill (this hasn't been sent yet, but will this week); We now have final Code Reviser language that will be sent out to all this week as well.

We've also built an APCO/NENA Legislative Facebook, to keep membership up to date as we approach and enter the Legislative session. Information is also being posted to a twitter site.

With KD's and Scott's assistance we have firmed up our Legislative Day, that we want as many members as possible to come to Olympia for January 20th. There will be a legislative briefing by Scott and a luncheon from 11:00 – 1:00PM at the Washington PUD, 212 Union Ave, Olympia. **We will need everyone planning to attend to RSVP by January 15th to kdseeley@hotmail.com for meal planning.** The meal is at no cost to members as it is included in the Committee's contract with Scott.

Now is the time for meetings with legislators to be scheduled for that day by all. Please keep in mind that meeting times will be dictated by legislative staff. It may not be at the time you desire, so take what you can get on that day! We will need to be flexible and meet with legislators to be effective. If meetings are scheduled before the briefing, we will get the information to members prior to their meetings. Just let JQ know at: jim.quackenbush@capcom911.org

Now is when the work by everyone needs to kick in for us to pull this off in this short session! We need letters of support from you police and fire chiefs, your Sheriff's and your local elected officials for the bill to be sent to Legislators, and ask for a copy that can be shared by you during you meetings with legislators.

Yours and their phone calls to legislators letting them know how important this is will be needed to avoid this bill from appearing to be self serving.

So lets make this happen!!!!