

UTAH A.P.C.O. CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. NAME AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

This organization shall be known as THE UTAH CHAPTER of the ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC-SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS INTERNATIONAL - INC. (Utah APCO) and referred to in this document as “Utah APCO”.

This membership shall be open to all persons of good character who meet the membership requirements of this Constitution and/or By-Laws adopted pursuant thereto.

Its voting privileges shall be limited to certain membership classifications which are hereinafter specified.

Definition – Public Safety is defined as that function of government which provides public services concerned with law enforcement, forestry conservation, fire highway maintenance, emergency rescue and medical services, emergency management, and other activities supported or endorsed by state and local governments.

Section 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of Utah APCO shall be to:

- A. Foster the development and progress of Public Safety Communications and supporting information technologies by means of research, planning coordination, training and education.
- B. Promote cooperation in communication activities of Town, City, County, District, State and Federal Public Safety agencies and other governmental authorities.
- C. Promote the rapid and accurate collection, exchange and dissemination of information relating to emergencies and other vital public safety communications.
- D. Represent its members, public safety communications and supporting technologies before regulatory and policy-making bodies as may be appropriate.
- E. Strive to protect the citizens and their property and provide for their welfare by these and other appropriate means.
- F. Provide for membership in the Utah Chapter of this International Association in accordance with the language of the Constitution and By-Laws as now and which may later be provided and in effect.

- G. As authorized by its Charter, issued by THE ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC-SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS – INTERNATIONAL, INC. the geographical area included within this Chapter is as follows: The State of Utah.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP DESIGNATIONS

The membership of Utah APCO shall be divided into the following classes: Active Member (which is Tier 1), Commercial Member and Member. A designation of Life, Honorary, Chapter Life, Chapter Honorary, Multiple and Senior Member may be added to a category.

In addition to the above membership classifications which are defined in the remaining sections of this Article, provision is made for members to affiliate with more than one chapter of the International Association under multiple memberships.

Applications for membership will be processed in accordance with the provisions of By-Laws Article I.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

General Eligibility Requirements

Members shall be admitted in strict conformity with the category requirements herein set forth. Membership shall not be denied on the basis of age, sex, race, color, creed, national origin, sexual orientation or numerical limitation. The category of membership shall reflect the current employment status of the member.

A. Active Member – (Category)

Personnel responsible for design, construction, installation, maintenance, command, and operation of public safety systems and supporting information systems. Such persons must be employed by, retired from, or volunteer of, a government entity providing the described services. Members must be actively engaged in or retired from the performance of the described services for the specific entity on a regular basis and may not have a conflicting commercial interest which provides a significant portion of their income. Examples qualifying positions include but are not limited to engineers, technicians, managers, supervisors and telecommunicators.

Members in the “Active Member” category may vote in the annual quorum, may enjoy all benefits and privileges, and except where otherwise limited, may serve in any capacity in the Association and its chapters, except where otherwise limited.

B. Member – (Category)

The following individuals are eligible for membership in the Association in the “Member” category and shall enjoy all benefits and privileges of the Association except that their voting privileges are as provided for in Article III of the International Constitution.

1. Individuals who perform a non-administrative and/or non-supervisory function within their agency and who otherwise meet the requirements of “Active Member”, and who, at the applicants discretion, select this category; or
2. Individuals not meeting the requirements of any other category.

C. Commercial Member – (Category)

Those persons who receive compensation in any form for services rendered in business and industry are eligible to be Commercial members. Except for the Commercial Advisory Committee Member on the Executive County, voting privileges are as proved for in Article III of the International Constitution. They may otherwise enjoy all benefits and privileges of the Association.

Officers in this Chapter are required to hold an Active Membership.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section 1. DESIGNATION

The following officers shall be elected in accordance with Article III, Section 2, of the By-Laws: President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer, serving two year terms. One one-year Board Member of the Executive Committee and two two-year Board Members of the Executive Council. One National Executive Committee Board Member, who may concurrently hold other Chapter office, for a term of four years.

Section 2. HOW ELECTED

Officers shall be elected by ballot in accordance with Article V, Section 1.5 of the By-Laws, or from nominations from the floor. Election shall take place in accordance with Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution and Article III, Section 1, of the By-Laws.

- A. Should an Officer of this Chapter lose their required Active membership qualification, they will no longer be eligible to hold office. Vacancies in office shall be filled pro-temp in accordance with Article III, Section 1 of the By-Laws.
- B. An active member in this Chapter may hold an associate membership in other chapters and members of other classes may hold similar membership in other chapters. This chapter shall offer reciprocity to other chapters in these matters as required by the constitution of the National Association.

ARTICLE IV
CONFERENCES

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The Chapter shall meet bi-annually. The time and place will be selected in the January Executive Committee planning meeting.

ARTICLE V
AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

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The Constitution and By-Laws of the Chapter may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of a Conference Quorum.