

# **CONSTITUTION**

**OF**

## **THE WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC-SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS- INTERNATIONAL, INC**

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## ARTICLE I      GENERAL

### Section 1    Name

- 1.1      The name of this organization is: West Virginia Chapter, Associated Public-Safety Communications Officials International, Inc. (APCO WV)

### Section 2    Purpose

- 2.1      Its purposes are:
- 2.1.1      To promote cooperation between discrete levels of government within West Virginia, and their various agencies, as may particularly enhance radio communications; to include law enforcement, fire, highway, emergency medical, rescue, civil defense, forestry, conservation, and other government users, and such private vendors and service agencies contributing to the public communications environment;
  - 2.1.2      To foster the development and progress of the arts of public-safety communications through research, planning, training, and education; aiding and assisting the development of methods and systems for the rapid and accurate information exchange relating to criminal activity and civil crisis, or other such similar public safety needs;
  - 2.1.3      To provide assistance to public-safety organizations within West Virginia in the matter of their communications requirements, and in the framing of legislation, regulatory policies and procedures pertaining to public-safety communications;
  - 2.1.4      To lend support to, create interest in, and foster expansion of the Associated Public-Safety Communications Officials International, Inc., providing for membership therein in accordance with the current statements of its Constitution and By-Laws, and such future criteria as may be established by the national parent organization;
  - 2.1.5      To pursue the highest professional performance in serving the public need for safety of human life, protection of property, and timely response of government to citizens.
  - 2.1.8      To make formal petitions, by way of resolutions in the proper format, and following established requirements, at such time as it is felt that changes are needed in the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the Association;

## **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

### **Section 1 Membership**

- 1.1 Membership categories established by the Associated Public-Safety Communications Officials International, Inc., as defined in its Constitution, Bylaws and Policy Manual shall apply to this chapter.
- 1.2 Membership may not be denied on the basis of sex, race, color, creed, national origin, or numerical limitation.

### **Section 2 Dues**

- 2.1 The dues rate for each membership category is established by APCO, International and listed in the APCO Policy Manual.

## **ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

### **Section 1 Officers and Terms of Office**

- 1.1 The Officers of this Chapter shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Council Representative, and Member(s) at Large.
- 1.2 The officers shall serve in such manner and for such terms as set forth in the By-Laws of APCO WV, which also establish procedures for election and removal.

## **ARTICLE IV CHAPTER MEETINGS**

### **Section 1 Chapter Meetings**

- 1.1 A general membership meeting will be conducted at least twice annually, at such time and place set forth in the fashion determined by the By-Laws.

### **Section 2 Executive Committee Meetings**

- 2.1 The officers of this chapter, meeting as an Executive Committee, shall assemble at least twice in each calendar year.

## **ARTICLE V      BYLAWS**

### **Section 1    Bylaws**

- 1.1      The Chapter Bylaws are hereby established.
- 1.2      The Chapter Bylaws shall further define the requirements of this Constitution and may contain other items of significant importance to the function and operation of the Chapter. In general, the Chapter Bylaws shall not define practices and procedures unless such are of great significance and failure to follow such practices and procedures would bring harm to the Chapter.
- 1.3      In the event there is a conflict between a requirement contained in the Chapter Bylaws and an item contained in this Constitution, this Constitution shall prevail. Such conflict shall be corrected by amendment of the Bylaws and/or this Constitution at the next meeting of the Chapter Quorum.

## **ARTICLE VI    AMENDMENT**

### **Section 1    Amendment**

- 1.1      Resolutions for amendment of this constitution must bear the signatures of five voting members, with a complete statement of the reason(s) for such amendment, and the proposed specific wording to be alternately adopted.
- 1.2      The procedures for submitting and approving amendments are defined in Article XIII of the Bylaws.