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A P C O BULLETIN

Well, gentlemen, having received several nice letters about our last bulletin (and no adverse reports) I'm about sold on the idea of making it a monthly affair. I'll try to get it in the mail by the 10th of each month, so make the 5th your deadline. Send us in something and let us know you're on the map!

INTER-CITY COMMUNICATION

A great many letters have been received regarding the proposed plan for revision of the present system of inter-city communication. All, I believe, except two indicated that the plan was good and that we would receive support.... The letters were forwarded to Lieut. Scavarda, chairman of this committee.

And a letter from Mr. Scavarda under date of February 26, in which he states that information regarding inter-city communication will be forthcoming very shortly.

Regarding those old membership cards.... A few members have failed to return the new applications and the old membership cards. For the purpose of unifying our records, will you kindly fill in the new application forms and return them, together with the old cards? If the new forms have not been received, or if they have become mutilated or lost, we will gladly furnish new ones upon request.

Letter from Mr. S.N.Shure of the Shure Bros.(microphones) Co., in which he thanked us for courtesies extended his representative, and in which he also stated he would have plenty of display material at the next meeting...Thanks, Mr. Shure.

A dandy write-up in the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, about the APCO, and thanks to Mr. Moore, president, and to Mr. Searle ---those things help more than one imagines...

Lieut. DeShaffon of Kansas City, Missouri, is on the job, requesting three applications....and Mr. Kirchner of Grand Rapids, nearly bowled me over, requesting FORTY applications.... says they had a meeting (State) called by Mr. Scavarda, at which time the APCO was much talked about.... The laurels for individual results, though, must go to George Searle. He's been responsible for two members during the past month. And let me introduce Joe Thomason, Westinghouse Sales representative. Mr. Thomason has been "with us" for a long time (even before we were officially organized) coaching me in the organization work, etc. Then when it came time to "start the ball rolling" we had to count him out as far as membership was concerned, until it was decided to receive associate applications. His name is on the roster now, though, and he immediately requested six additional blanks (three active and three associate) and two of them are now pending approval of our executive committee. Most of you didn't meet him at the convention, but he's going to try to make it to Indianapolis. But, anyway he's the most Active Associate member we've got, and he DON'T specialize in police equipment!

THE F. O. C. A.

Gentlemen, permit me to announce the existence of the Florida Officers Communication Association. This association was organized at Orlando, Florida, on February 25, 1935, and is a state organization almost identical in its functioning, to the APCO.

Turn to the last pages of this bulletin and note how these men feel about the APCO. I have condensed the full report of the minutes, so that mailing costs would be minimized, but I believe all the most important details are given.

Congratulations are in order, APCO members, and I believe that in time the rest of us might follow the fine example and establish state groups. It certainly makes for one hundred percent representation.

I received the full report of the minutes of the meeting from Mr. George P. Allen, president of the F.O.C.A., together with Mr. Allen's application for membership in the APCO. All of the communications were, of course, acknowledged.

I am sure that the F.O.C.A. would appreciate individual congratulatory letters from APCO members, and I sincerely hope you will all take a few minutes and drop them a line....

Again, in behalf of the APCO, I wish to congratulate you gentlemen in Florida and to assure you of our earnest desire to cooperate.

Here's some things for you to think about, and I'd appreciate your ideas.... How about an identifying insignia about 4 x 6 inches, to be made of composition board, or metal, to be hung on the wall with replaceable year plates?

How about each member contacting non-members in cities closest to him, for membership in the APCO? Note:- the writer has taken the hint, and am trying to "drag in" Jefferson City and Springfield, Missouri. How about you?

How about a membership button? (This was brought up during the convention, unofficially, and I'm merely reviving it). If you like the idea, please give your ideas as to size, quality, etc.

THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

A letter received from Captain Batts of Indianapolis in which he indicates that the technical committee is now at our disposal, ready and willing to cooperate to the fullest extent, in solving problems and forwarding useful information. I believe the letter in its near entirety should be forwarded to you, and I'm taking the privilege of following Captain Batts' suggestion. The general text of the letter follows: and my answers are included:

"There are, however, a few things I wish to learn:

(1) As to the handling of some types of information and charts in distributing them to members:

(a) How will you copy and reprint circuit diagrams?

Answer:-Circuit diagrams will be traced from original drawings or blue prints, on mimeograph stencil paper and printed on mimeograph paper from the stencil paper.

(b) How will you copy and reprint curves and graphs?

Answer:-In the same manner, except that on very fine work it will be necessary to photograph the curves and graphs and use a regular printing press instead of a mimeograph machine for reprinting of photographs.

(c) In what form and what size sheet do you wish them sent to you?

Tracings? Blue Prints? Curves drawn on graph paper?

Answer: Diagrams, etc., should be made to the width of 8½"x14" paper, allowing for 1" margins on each side, and should use ¼, ½, ¾, or a full sheet (8½"x14"). Drawings should be forwarded in ink, on only one side of the paper, and regular drawing paper should be used. Graphs should be made on graph paper not smaller than 10 divisions to the inch, and width should be within the above limits.

(d) Can you reprint photographs of equipment, etc.?

Answer: Yes, but until our treasurer stops advising me about the condition of our treasury, we had better hold down on photographs. It would be necessary to have cuts made, then turn the mimeographed sheets over to a printer for printing of the photos.

(2) In determining what we will be justified in printing for distribution, will that be left to the technical committee?

Answer: Absolutely, and your material will be mimeographed verbatim.

(3) When a member writes the chairman requesting information the committee has on hand and does not consider that circumstances warrant space in the Bulletin, should it not be permissible for the chairman, with approval of other committee members, to send this information to that member individually?

Answer: Yes, our interpretation of Article 9 Section 1 gives the technical committee full power of forwarding information to members in any manner that they (the technical committee) may decide upon.

(4) Don't you think it would be a good idea to make the Technical Committee monthly report in four sections? For example:

Section #1. The committee findings or recommendations acknowledging sources and contributions.

Section #2. Investigations underway to date for presentation next month or as soon as possible.

Section #3. Requests on hand from members (unmentioned except by their permission) on which the committee desires comment and experiences of other members for distribution according to Article 1, sect. 2, of our Constitution.

Section #4. Contributions mentioned, from members and other sources to be given future space in the Bulletin. Mention to be brief.

Answer: Yes, We will devote as much space as you require under heading of "Technical Committee" and will sub-head the four sections, and a fifth "Miscellaneous" to take care of anything not covered in the four mentioned."

The next paragraphs of Captain Batts' letter are quoted so that you may be better advised as to what his committee, really means to all of us. It should be read as a statement from the technical committee:-

"The Technical Committee is about to begin to function. But, it can not do so efficiently without the cooperation of all members of the APCO. The Committee has to know three things; (1) What do you want; (2) What have you that all of us haven't, and how are you doing it; (3) What is new that all of us don't know, and where can we get it if you can't give it to us?

After all, the purpose of the APCO is to "provide a means whereby such persons may receive the benefits of each other's experience; to exchange ideas for the efficient operation, etc.", Article 1, Section 2 of our Constitution. The Technical Committee is one of those means or agencies. How else can the APCO accomplish its purpose?

We have received several inquiries and comments on a fully automatic gasoline-motor-AC generator emergency power supply of capacity to handle the entire station load, one of which has been in use about two years. Would you like to hear about it next month?

What tests or experiments are you conducting or have you conducted? We would like the results.

Write in and ask if we would like to know about this or that "gadget". Big or little, if it's new, novel and usable, time or money saving or increases efficiency, we want it to pass along.

What do you want to know? We will find someone who knows and pass it along.

If you don't want your name mentioned we won't use it, but we would like to acknowledge all contributions.

All of you have something that the rest of us haven't thought of. Don't think, because you have been doing something a certain way or using some apparatus in a novel way to accomplish a desired result a little faster or better for two or three years, that it might not be of value to the rest of us. Let us have it!

Give the Technical Committee a boost".

(Ed:- As W.W. would say "an orchid to the technical committee".)

If you want, we will run a half-sheet "personal" in the Bulletin covering anything of a personal nature you might want to enter. For instance, you might want a certain book, or piece of apparatus, or you may have something to trade, buy or sell. If so, send it in and we'll enter it. Just another service.....

NEW MEMBERS

We take great pleasure in introducing:-

LEONARD C. KRON, 1719 29th St., Ensley Highlands, Birmingham, Alabama, Radio Operator-dispatcher, an active member. (through St.Louis)

CLAUDE M. GRAY, 613 5th St., SW Birmingham, Alabama, Radio Operator-Dispatcher, an active member. (through St.Louis)

JOHN A. LINDQUIST, Department of Police, Coffeyville, Kansas, Chief Radio Operator, an active member (through St.Louis)

HAROLD ANDERSON, 3420 Locust St., Kansas City, Mo., Radio Dispatcher, an active member (through Roy DeShaffon)

ROY E. McCONNELL, Police Headquarters, Evansville, Indiana, Chief Radio Engineer, an active member. (through R.L.Batts)

ALBERT B. MOORE, P.O.Box 753, Troy, New York, Inspector State Police, an active member. (through G.M.Searle)

JOSEPH J. THOMASON, 933 Tuxedo Blvd., Webster Groves, Mo., Electrical Engineer, Westinghouse Electric & Mfg.Co. an associate member (through E.E.H.Fisher)

STANLEY E. BENSON, 3664 Main Street, Springfield, Mass., Radio Engineer, United American Bosch Corp., an associate member (through G.M.Searle)

Eventually we hope to be able to create a free circulating library for APCO members books on communications (if we can get enough free books) but I'll explain that in a later issue, if you're interested.

But, above all, in order to ascertain your likes or dislikes, we want to hear from you. Let us know what you want. This is a new organization and we want to make it really worth while to belong to the APCO.

Very truly yours,

Everett E.H. Fisher

EVERETT E.H.FISHER, President,
Associated Police Communication Officers.

FLORIDA OFFICERS COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT ORLANDO FLA.

February 25, 1935.

The meeting was called to order 10:00 AM in room 139 San Juan Hotel by Mr. George P. Allen of Jacksonville. Mr. Allen proposed the appointment of a chairman and a secretary to act during this meeting. It was unanimously approved that Mr. Allen act as chairman and Mr. W.A. Mayhew act as secretary. Mr. Gray of the Orlando City Commission, welcomed the delegates to Orlando and extended to all the hospitality and cooperation of the city. Captain Glen C. Cole of Orlando outlined his views concerning the establishment of a system of state controlled radio stations to work in conjunction with a state constabulary.

Mr. Allen suggested procuring a definite and official interpretation of Rule 331 of the Federal Communications Commission.

Mr. Sample of Orlando, urged closer cooperation between state, county and city officials and suggested the appointment of committees to formulate schedules, obtain an interpretation of rule 331 and bring about closer cooperation between police radio stations and police departments. Mr. Allen concurred with Mr. Sample's suggestions and proposed that these committees to be appointed report their findings and make their recommendations at some time during the afternoon session.

Mr. Bourne of Miami, stressed the need for laws prohibiting the sale or use of radio receivers capable of tuning to police frequencies to or by any but authorized persons. A copy of a code in use in Miami was presented to the assembly and was placed on record.

A motion to appoint a committee to recommend rules for intercity traffic was made by Mr. Mayhew, seconded by Mr. Sample and passed. Mr. D.R. Sample, Mr. E.F. Bourne, Mr. R.G. Tittsworth and Capt. Sherman Cannon were appointed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Associated Police Communications Officers, held at St. Louis, Mo. in January, were read by the secretary. A discussion of these minutes was held following the reading.

The report of the Associated Police Communications Officers committee on inter-city traffic was read by the secretary. A motion to appoint a committee to study this report was made by Mr. Mayhew, seconded by Mr. Bourne and passed. Captain Glen C. Cole and Mr. Ralph Hollis were appointed.

A motion to organize permanently as the Florida Communications Officers Association, retaining the present officers until the next meeting, was made by Mr. Tittsworth, seconded by Mr. Acosta and passed.

A vote was taken to determine whether this organization should adopt the policies of the APCO. All of these were adopted, with slight changes in two of the items. A copy of these as adopted is attached to the minutes.

The report of the committee to study the report of the APCO on inter-city traffic was read. A motion by Mr. Tittsworth, seconded by Mr. Bourne, was passed. The motion was to accept the report, a copy of which is attached to the minutes.

A motion, to elect a President, Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Committee of five members, was made by Mr. Tittsworth, seconded by Mr. Allen and passed. The following were nominated and unanimously elected for the offices:

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| Mr. George P. Allen | President. |
| Mr. W. A. Mayhew | Secretary-Treasurer. |
| Mr. D. R. Sample | Chairman of Executive Committee. |
| Mr. R. G. Tittsworth | Member of Executive Committee. |
| Mr. E. F. Bourne | " " " " |
| Mr. E. L. Acosta | " " " " |
| Mr. Rex Sweat | " " " " |

A motion that the members of this organization be limited to executive law enforcement officers and radio officers of the State of Florida was made by Mr. Tittsworth, seconded by Mr. Bailey and passed.