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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
VIRGINIA APCO CHAPTER
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

1. Article I, Section 3
3.2 - Correct the spelling of Federal.
2. Article III, Section 1
The Board of Officers of this chapter shall consist of the following:
President, President Elect, First Vice President, Secretary, and
Treasurer.
3. Article III, Section 3
In the first paragraph, change "Second Vice President" to "First Vice
President." In the second paragraph, change the "Secretary-Treasurer"
to "Secretary or Treasurer."

BY-LAWS

1. Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 2
Delete the Word "Treasurer."
2. Article III, Section 2
Change the first and second sentence to read as follows: The offices
of Chapter President and President Elect shall be filled by advancement
in rank. The First Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer and
one (No changes beyond this point).
3. Article III, Section 4
Change "His" to read "His/Her."
4. Article IV
Change "His" to read "His/Her", "He" to "He/She" in all sections of
this article.
5. Article IV, Section 3
Delete "First Vice-President"; remove parenthesis around "President-
elect."

6. Article IV, Section 3, first line
Change "First Vice President" to read "President Elect."
7. Article IV, Section 4
Change "Second Vice President" to "First Vice President" and "First Vice President" to "President Elect."
8. Article IV, Section 5
Delete the word "Treasurer" from "Secretary-Treasurer."
9. Article IV, Section 5
Delete 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 from this section and move to Section 6.
10. Article IV
Add the following section:
Section 6 Treasurer
Relocate old paragraph 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 to this section
and they shall be numbered 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 respectively.
11. Article IV, Section 5
Change "First Vice President" to "President Elect" in paragraph 5.1.
12. Article V, Section 2
2.1 - Delete the word "Secretary" in the third paragraph.
2.4 - Change "Second Vice President" to "First Vice President",
"Secretary" and "Treasurer."
13. Article V, Section 2
2.7 - Correct the spelling of "shall" in the second paragraph.
14. Article VI, Section 2
Delete the word "Treasurer."
15. Article VIII, Section 1
Delete the word "Secretary."
16. Article VIII (New Section)
Section 3
The Treasurer and a chapter member appointed by the Chapter President shall have authority to sign Virginia Chapter APCO checks. The member appointed shall serve in this capacity until a replacement is appointed by the President. The purpose of this appointment is to serve as a back-up for the duly elected Treasurer.
17. Article VIII, (New Section)
Section 4
Reasonable expenses for the attendance of the National Executive Committeeman and Chapter Frequency Coordinator to the National APCO Conference may be paid by the Chapter as determined by the Executive Committee.

CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I

NAME, CHARTER LIMITS AND PURPOSE

Section 1. NAME

This organization shall be known at the Virginia Chapter of APCO (ASSOCIATED PUBLIC-SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS, INC.).

Section 2. CHARTER LIMITS

This Chapter is chartered by National APCO (APCO, Inc.) and covers the state of Virginia.

Section 3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be as follows:

- 3.1 To lend support to, create interest in, and foster expansion of, the national parent organization, Associated Public-Safety Communications Officers, Inc.;
- 3.2 To foster the development and progress of the art of public safety communications and inter-communications, and to promote, through example and active effort, greater cooperation in the correlation of the work and activities of the several town, city, county, state, and federal public safety agencies, and of the communications units thereof, as well as to promote harmonious cooperation between these agencies of the United States of America and other such agencies upon the North American continent, to the end that the safety of human lives, the protection of property, and the general welfare of all people may be benefitted to the highest degree;
- 3.3 To aid in the development of channels, methods, systems, and all other media for the rapid and accurate collection, exchange, and dissemination of information relating to crime and criminals, emergencies, and other vitally important information of public safety nature;
- 3.4 To further, by active effort and example, the cooperation between APCO and the Federal Communications Commission;
- 3.5 To provide technical and operational expertise to public safety organizations by assisting them in the matter of requirements relative to communications equipment and the operation thereof;

- 3.6 To participate before appropriate agencies, in the framing of legislation, regulatory rules and measures pertaining to public safety communications policy;
- 3.7 To provide for membership in the Chapter in accordance with the language of its Constitution and By-Laws now and which may later be provided and in effect. Memberships in this Chapter shall be of such classification and having such rights, requirements, privileges and restrictions so as to be in keeping with the purposes and intents of National APCO;
- 3.8 To make formal petitions, by way of resolutions in proper format, and following established requirements, at such time as it is felt that changes are needed in the Constitution and/or By-Laws of National APCO;
- 3.9 To abide by the provisions and requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of National APCO, which shall take precedence in all matters and questions in this Chapter.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. CLASSIFICATIONS

The membership of this Chapter shall be divided into the following classes: ACTIVE, ENGINEER/TECHNICIAN, OPERATOR, COMMERCIAL, ASSOCIATE, CHAPTER HONORARY, RETIRED, AND MULTIPLE.

This Chapter also recognizes LIFE, GOVERNMENTAL, SUSTAINING, and SUPPORTING members as defined herein and in the Constitution of National APCO.

Section 2. DESCRIPTION

By meeting the requirements established here, and in accordance with By-Laws, Article I, and in keeping with the requirements of National APCO, the following are descriptions of the various classes of membership in this Chapter.

2.1 ACTIVE MEMBER

Administrative and supervisory persons with responsibilities for planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling functions required in the design, construction, installation, maintenance, command and/or operation of public safety communications systems, who are full time employed and salaried by the federal, state, county or municipal government.

Administrative and supervisory personnel responsible for communications in volunteer, or non-governmentally salaried organizations which are public safety oriented; i.e., Emergency Medical Service and Civil Defense agencies, provided no other employment of such personnel violates the commercial restrictions of this Section.

Full time employees of National APCO who may be approved by its Board of Officers.

Any person who has maintained an Engineer/Technician or Operator membership, or combination thereof, for a minimum period of two years shall be eligible to upgrade his membership to Active class by paying the required increase in dues.

No person shall be eligible for Active membership under any portion of this Section who engages in the commercial manufacture, lease, or sale of public safety communications equipment.

2.2 ENGINEER/TECHNICIAN MEMBER

Non-supervisory persons, upon recommendation by the appropriate supervisor of the communications system where they work, who are employed full time by public safety organizations for the purpose of designing and constructing communications systems, and for installing and/or maintaining communications equipment.

Non-supervisory persons responsible for the designing, constructing, installing and/or maintaining communications equipment in volunteer, or non-governmentally salaried organizations which are public safety oriented; i.e., Emergency Medical Service and Civil Defense agencies, provided they are recommended by the appropriate supervisor and further provided no other employment of such personnel violates the commercial restrictions of this Section.

Engineer/Technician members may not vote and may not hold office, but may serve on special committees, and on certain standing committees as may be permitted in accordance with the intent for this class of membership in the National APCO Constitution and By-Laws. They may otherwise enjoy all benefits of this Chapter.

No person shall be eligible for Engineer/Technician membership under any portion of this Section who engages in the commercial manufacture, lease, or sale of public safety communications equipment.

Those persons who maintain their Engineer/Technician membership for a minimum period of two years are eligible to be transferred into the Active membership classification upon payment of Active member dues.

2.3 OPERATOR MEMBER

Non-supervisory persons upon recommendation by the appropriate supervisor of the communications system where they work, who are employed full time by public safety organizations to operate communications equipment for the purpose of dispatching information; and

Non-supervisory persons responsible for the operation of communications equipment in volunteer, or non-governmentally salaried organizations which are public safety oriented; i.e.; Emergency Medical Services and Civil Defense agencies, provided they are recommended by the appropriate supervisor and further provided no other employment of such personnel violates the commercial restrictions of this Section.

Operator members may not vote and may not hold office, but may serve on special committees, and on certain standing committees as may be permitted in accordance with the intent for this class of membership in the National APCO Constitution and By-Laws. They may otherwise enjoy all benefits of this Chapter.

No person shall be eligible for Operator membership under any portion of this Section who engages in the commercial manufacture, lease, or sale of public safety communications equipment.

Those persons who maintain their Operator membership for a minimum period of two years are eligible to be transferred into the Active membership classification upon payment of Active member dues.

2.4 COMMERCIAL MEMBER

An individual who, or employee of a company which, receives any amount or type of compensation which is derived from the design, manufacture, sale, service, maintenance, lease, rental or promotion of components, equipment, systems or other related items which are used or can potentially be used by public safety entities; and

An individual who, or employee of a company which, engages in writing, publishing, advising, or consulting in the land mobile communications field.

Commercial members may not vote and may not hold office, but may serve on special committees.

2.5 ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Those persons not eligible for, nor restricted to, other classes of membership provided for in this Constitution.

Associate members may not vote and may not hold office, but may serve on special committees.

2.6 CHAPTER HONORARY MEMBER

This honorary designation is reserved for those persons who are not otherwise members of this Association, including those who have retired due to age or physical disability, who have made significant contributions toward the objectives of this Chapter. This honor shall be bestowed upon such a person in the following manner:

- A. The Chapter Executive Committee shall make a recommendation to the Chapter Quorum at the Fall meeting that such honor be bestowed; and
- B. The Chapter Quorum, during the same Fall meeting, shall approve the recommendation by a majority vote.

The term of this recognition shall be for a period of one year, but may thereafter be reinstated year by year at the pleasure of the Quorum.

Persons so honored shall not accrue any additional benefits or privileges, provided the Chapter shall pay the regular member annual subscription fee for the BULLETIN in accordance with the requirements of National APCO.

2.7 RETIRED MEMBER

Any former member of APCO, in any class, who has fully retired from his former, regular occupation position and is no longer gainfully employed or otherwise compensated for current services provided in any manner to the general field of commercial, private, or public communications.

Retired members may not vote and may not hold office, but may serve on special committees.

2.8 MULTIPLE MEMBER

A paid up member of another chapter, in any class, who wishes to affiliate with this Chapter as provided for by National APCO.

His membership in this Chapter shall be in the same classification as that held in his home chapter and he shall be issued a membership card identical to the one issued by his home chapter, except that the word MULTIPLE shall be entered as a prefix to the membership classification.

His membership in this Chapter shall not be reported to National APCO. Only this Chapter's portion of dues shall be collected and it shall be retained by this Chapter as provided for by National APCO.

Multiple members of this Chapter may not vote and may not hold office, but may serve on special committees.

2.9 LIFE MEMBER

Any regular member of APCO who has made significant contribution beyond the normal call of duty toward the successful attainment of the objectives of APCO at the National level shall be eligible for LIFE membership.

This honor may only be bestowed upon nomination by the National Executive Committee, following recommendation by a chapter in accordance with the requirements for this class as outlined in the Constitution of National APCO, and the subsequent confirmation by a majority vote of the quorum of an annual National Conference.

The title of LIFE, when bestowed, shall be in addition to the regular membership title of the member, and he shall enjoy all of the privileges of his regular membership classification and shall be exempt from the payment of any dues at the Chapter or National levels.

This Chapter shall recognize any member(s) within its chartered area so designated by National APCO, and shall welcome such member(s) into full membership privileges in keeping with regular membership classification of the member(s).

2.10 GOVERNMENTAL MEMBER

This classification is defined in the Constitution of National APCO.

The individual members of an applicant group qualifying for Governmental membership shall be classified and governed in this Chapter, according to their individual qualifications, in the ACTIVE, ENGINEER/TECHNICIAN, or OPERATOR classes, but shall be granted all the additional benefits specified for Governmental memberships by National APCO.

2.11 SUSTAINING MEMBER

This classification is defined in the Constitution of National APCO and may be bestowed only by the National Board of Officers.

This Chapter shall recognize and extend hospitality to any such member(s) so designated by National APCO.

Sustaining members may not vote and may not hold office, but may serve on special committees.

2.12 SUPPORTING MEMBER

This classification is defined in the Constitution of National APCO.

The individual members of an applicant group qualifying as a Supporting member shall be classified and governed as COMMERCIAL members of this chapter, but shall receive all additional benefits pertaining to this class as provided for by National APCO.

The individual members of a Supporting membership group may not vote and may not hold office, but may serve on special committees.

Section 3. MULTIPLE MEMBERSHIPS

A member of this Chapter may affiliate with other chapters of this Association, and this Chapter shall offer reciprocity to members of other chapters in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of National APCO pertaining to this classification.

Section 4. MILITARY MEMBER

A member of this Chapter in good standing who enters the Armed Forces of the United States of America during a declared war, or who is drafted involuntarily for military duty, shall be exempt from dues and shall be carried as a paid-up member in good standing for the period of such service plus six months thereafter.

Section 5. OTHER MEMBERSHIPS

In addition to the classes of membership outlined in this Article, this Chapter shall recognize any other membership classification(s) as may be provided for by National APCO in a manner in keeping with the intent of National APCO for such classification(s).

Section 6. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Should the status of any member change so as to affect his membership qualifications, he shall automatically have his membership classification changed to conform to his new qualifications.

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF OFFICERS

Section 1. DESIGNATION

The Board of Officers of this Chapter shall consist of the following: Chapter President, First Vice President (President-Elect), Second Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. HOW ELECTED

The Officers of this Chapter shall be elected by ballot in accordance with By-Laws Article III.

Section 3. VACANCIES

Should any of the Presidential offices of this Chapter become vacant for any reason, the office shall be filled by advancement in rank, leaving the office of Second Vice President unoccupied until the next regular annual election of officers.

Should the office of Secretary-Treasurer become vacant for any reason, it shall immediately be filled by a temporary appointment by the President. Such appointee shall serve until the next regular annual election of officers. The President shall also immediately notify the Executive Secretary of National APCO of such a temporary appointment.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

Section 1. REQUIREMENTS

This Chapter shall meet at least twice annually in accordance with the policies of National APCO.

Section 2. QUALIFYING MEETINGS

Customarily, there shall be at least two meetings annually that shall meet the requirements as outlined above. They are identified below:

- 2.1 The Fall meeting. The main annual meeting shall be the last scheduled meeting of the calendar year. This shall be the meeting when the President shall give his annual report for the Board of Officers and Executive Committee; Committee reports made; Minutes read and approved or amended; Elections held; and General Business conducted.
- 2.2 The Spring meeting. The time and place of this meeting should be decided upon at the Fall meeting. If for any reason the time and place is not set at the Fall meeting, or the time or place must be changed, the President, after consulting with the Executive Committee shall select the time and place. The Secretary shall notify the membership at least 30 days in advance of such meeting.
- 2.3 A meeting of the Chapter members held while in attendance at a Regional APCO Conference may qualify as one of the two required annual meetings.

Section 3 MEETING QUORUM

A Meeting Quorum shall consist of the Active members present and voting at a regular Chapter Meeting.

Section 4 VOTING MAJORITY

A simple majority of Active members present and voting at a business session shall decide all issues except an amendment to the Constitution and/or By-Laws, in which case a two-thirds majority vote shall be required, or in the event of a waiver of normal amending procedures, a three-fourths majority vote shall be required in accordance with Constitution Article V and By-Laws Article VI.

ARTICLE V

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. PROVISIONS FOR AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and/or By-Laws of this Chapter may normally be amended only by a two-thirds majority vote at the Fall Meeting in accordance with By-Laws Article VI, Section 2.

If, in the interest of time in an effort to comply with the intent of National APCO, or if deemed in the best interest of this Chapter, it is desirable to make amendments during a Fall Meeting only, the procedure outlined in By-Laws Article VI, Section 3 shall be followed.

VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF APCO

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE

Section 1 APPLICATION

Application for membership shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant, and his supervisor if required, upon forms as provided by National APCO. Completed applications shall be submitted to the Chapter Secretary for processing.

Section 2 CLASSIFICATION

Upon receipt of an application for membership, the secretary shall determine the qualifications and eligibility of the applicant for membership. When eligibility has been determined, the Secretary shall notify the applicant of his appropriate membership classification and dues structure for that class.

Section 3 EFFECTIVE DATE OF MEMBERSHIP

Upon receipt of dues for membership, the Secretary shall issue the appropriate membership certificate, pocket card, and receipt for dues. At this time, the applicant becomes a full member in his particular class.

ARTICLE II

DUES

Section 1 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for Chapter membership for all classes except Chapter Honorary shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per person over and above the National dues per calendar year, except that for new members, only, who qualify for one-half year dues rate by National APCO, the Chapter levy becomes two dollars fifty cents (\$2.50).

Chapter Honorary members shall not pay any Chapter or National dues. The Secretary-Treasurer shall forward to the National Executive ~~Secretary~~^{DIRECTOR} a listing of such members along with a check in the amount of the subscription fee for the Bulletin so these members may maintain interest in the affairs of APCO.

Section 2 NATIONAL DUES

National membership dues shall be designated by National APCO for each particular class of membership.

A check in the amount of dues for each member's particular classification shall be forwarded to the National Executive ~~Secretary~~ at the time the membership is reported.
DIRECTOR

ARTICLE III

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Section 1 ELIGIBILITY

Only members who hold ACTIVE membership status in this Chapter may be considered for any election position in this Chapter.

Section 2 POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

The offices of Chapter President and First Vice-President shall normally be filled by advancement in rank. The Second Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and one member-at-large delegate to the Chapter Executive Committee shall be elected annually at the Fall meeting. The Chapter Executive Committee delegate shall be elected for a two year term, and may succeed himself. The Chapter Delegate to the National Executive Committee shall be elected for a two year term and may succeed himself.

Section 3 HOW FILLED

All elective positions in this Chapter shall be elected by ballot from nominations submitted by the nominating committee in accordance with By-laws Article V, Section 2.4, or from nominations from the floor. Such balloting shall be done at the last scheduled business session at the Fall meeting.

Section 4 DATE FOR TAKING OFFICE

Candidates elected at the Fall meeting shall automatically take office at the end of the meeting. The new president will announce his committee appointments at this time.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS - AUTHORITY AND DUTIES

Section 1 AUTHORITY

The necessary authority for the performance of duty by all officers of this Chapter is herewith established.

Section 2 PRESIDENT

The President shall be the Chairman of the Chapter Executive Committee; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of this Chapter; and shall preside at all Chapter meetings.

It shall be his duty to see that the conduct of all meetings is in keeping with the purpose of this Chapter as outlined in Constitution Article I, Section 3.

Section 3 FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT (PRESIDENT-ELECT)

The First Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in his absence.

He shall, during his term of office, screen the Chapter membership, contact his prospective committee chairmen for the following year, and have his appointments ready for presentation when he takes office as President.

He shall participate in Board of Officers and Executive Committee responsibilities.

Section 4 SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

The Second Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the First Vice-President in his absence.

He shall participate in Board of Officers and Executive Committee responsibilities.

Section 5 SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as Secretary to the Board of Officers, the Executive Committee, and the Chapter meeting business sessions.

5.1 He shall keep a complete roll of the membership of this Chapter, furnishing up-dating listings at frequent intervals to National APCO Central Office, Chapter President, First Vice-President, and Fall Meeting Chairman.

5.2 He shall receive all general funds belonging to the Chapter, and shall maintain a bank account for the orderly processing of all funds. He shall pay from this account all Chapter obligations as prescribed by the Chapter Quorum, or upon orders from the Board of Officers and/or Executive Committee during intervals between Chapter meetings.

- 5.3 He shall forward to National APCO its prescribed portion of membership dues at the time of membership reporting.
- 5.4 He shall prepare a financial report and present it at the Fall meeting, and shall make his financial records available to the Executive Committee for auditing purposes.
- 5.5 He shall promptly deliver all monies and records to his successor in office or to whomsoever the Chapter Executive Committee may designate to receive them.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

Section 1 DESIGNATION

Committees formed in this Chapter shall be classified as:

(1) STANDING COMMITTEES Perennial or annual type committees which are assigned prescribed duties and responsibilities of a permanent nature.

OR

(2) SPECIAL COMMITTEES Ad-hoc type committees which are assigned specific duties and responsibilities in matters of a temporary but significant nature.

Section 2 STANDING COMMITTEES Only ACTIVE class members may serve as chairman of standing committees.

2.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Chapter President shall be the Chairman of this Committee, and its members shall consist of all elected officers, the immediate Past President, and two members-at-large who have been elected in accordance with By-laws Article III. The elected members-at-large may succeed themselves on the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have full power and authority during intervals between scheduled Chapter meetings to perform all the functions which the Chapter might perform, except that it shall not have the power to amend the Constitution or By-Laws.

The President may call this committee into session whenever the need arises, and shall call it into session at the Fall meeting prior to the general business session

for the purpose of examining the Secretary-Treasurer's financial report and to decide on recommendations to make to the business session Quorum that would advance and effect objectives of the Chapter and National APCO.

The President may poll this committee on special matters by written communication in lieu of calling special session.

This committee may be called into special session on the written request bearing the signature of four (4) of its members.

A simple majority of this committee shall constitute a quorum, and a simple majority vote of those present at a session, or polled in writing shall determine all issues, except that in the event of impeachment proceedings, a special meeting must be called and a two-thirds majority vote will be required for impeachment.

2.2 ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In addition to its chairman, this committee shall consist of at least two (2) Chapter members who shall be appointed by the President.

This Committee shall actively explore ways to reach new members for APCO and, just as importantly, to keep the members already enrolled.

This Committee shall offer its assistance to the Fall meeting chairman in planning a well-rounded program agenda, and shall assist with social arrangements.

2.3 RESOLUTIONS AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

This Committee shall actively keep a finger on the pulse of the needs of the Chapter as pertains to the Constitution and By-Laws, and shall draw, or assist in drawing, resolutions to effect provisions for these needs, in concert with National APCO Constitution and By-Laws.

2.4 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This Committee shall have as its Chairman a Past President and, if possible, shall include two (2) additional Past Presidents as members.

This committee shall actively study the Chapter membership, observing individuals in an effort to evaluate interest in, and willingness to work at, promoting the goals of APCO, both at the Chapter and National levels.

THIS COMMITTEE SHALL BRING ITS RECOMMENDATION
 To THE Fall meeting Quorum, in the form of candidates for the offices of Second Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, one member-at-large delegate to the Chapter Executive Committee and when applicable the Chapter delegate to the National Executive Committee.

2.5 HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The appointed chairman of this Committee shall be the Chapter's representative to the National Historical Committee.

This Committee will actively research, compile, and maintain a file on the records and history of the Chapter. It should include in its membership someone who is interested in photography and who will give of his talents (or get it done) in providing the Secretary with pictures to send to the National Executive ^{DIRECTOR} Secretary, the National Historical Committee, and for the Chapter Historical File.

2.6 ENGINEERING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

This committee shall function as the technical operating standards steering group and maintain liaison with the other committees, agencies, organizations and manufacturers for the purpose of providing technical aid to improve the art in the fields of installation, maintenance, design, operating, procurement, and allied matters.

2.7 DATA PROCESSING AND COMPUTER COMMITTEE

This committee should include both technical and operational types in its membership.

This committee shall study, report and make recommendations on ideas, methods and planning related to data processing and computer operations, including their relationships to communications.

2.8 FREQUENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee shall have as its chairman the Chapter Frequency Coordinator.

This chairman shall have powers broad enough to make decisions on his own due to normal time limitations. He shall also have the power to appoint ad hoc sub-committees to study any special or individual situations as he deems necessary. In essence, it shall be a one-man committee with power to call for ad hoc assistance.

Section 3 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint committees as the need arises. These special committees shall continue to serve and operate as such until the tasks for which they have been appointed have been completed to the satisfaction of the President, or until changes are made by the President for the good and welfare of the Chapter.

Section 4 DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

The duties of all committees shall be defined by the President where otherwise not stated.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS

Section 1 AUTHORITY FOR AMENDMENT

The Constitution and/or By-Laws of this Chapter may normally be amended only by a two-thirds majority vote at the Fall meeting during a regular business session in accordance with Section 2 of this Article, or in the event of waiver of the requirements of said Section 2, amending procedures will be in accordance with Section 3 of this Article.

Section 2 NORMAL PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENT

The Constitution and/or By-Laws of this Chapter may normally be amended by presenting a resolution in writing to the Chapter President who shall have the Secretary-Treasurer notify, in writing, each Chapter member qualified to vote, of the proposed change at least thirty days prior to the Fall meeting. The actual amending vote shall take place at the Fall meeting and a two-thirds majority vote by Active members in attendance shall determine the issue.

Section 3 WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2

Should it become desirable to waive normal procedure to amend the Constitution and/or By-Laws of this Chapter, during a fall meeting only, the following procedure shall be followed:

- 3.1 An announcement shall be made by the President of the request for waiver, and an outline of issues involved in such amending request(s);
- 3.2 A motion and a second to waive normal amending procedures with a sufficient time for discussion to determine the need for waiver;
- 3.3 A three-fourths majority vote to waive the requirements of Section 2 of this Article;
- 3.4 A two-third majority vote to determine each amending issue voted on separately.

Section 4 EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions passed and adopted by this Chapter in accordance with the rules set forth in this Constitution and By-Laws shall be in force and effect upon the adjournment of the meeting wherein considered and adopted, provided an exception to this effect is not otherwise contained in the language of the resolution itself.

ARTICLE VII

RESOLUTIONS

Section 1 PROCEDURE

Every resolution, unless of a formal character or involving amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws requiring handling in accordance with By-Laws Article VI, shall be in writing and presented to the Executive Committee for consideration and report at the Fall meeting. Any resolution considered by the Executive Committee shall be presented to the Quorum, along with the recommendation of the Executive Committee in sufficient time for consideration prior to voting on the resolution.

Section 2 RULES FOR ORDER

Upon any question coming before any meeting of this Chapter, which is not specifically provided for by the Constitution and/or By-Laws, the presiding officer shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII

EXPENSES

Section 1 SPECIFIED EXPENSES

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be authorized the necessary funds to fulfill the requirements of his office as outlined in the Constitution and/or By-Laws of this Chapter.

Section 2 UN-SPECIFIED EXPENSES

The Executive Committee shall be authorized to approve all other expenses not specifically outlined in the Constitution and/or By-Laws of this Chapter.

Virginia Chapter

NEW APCO CHAPTER FORMED

Virginia has had representatives in the National Chapter of APCO for many years. During the past few years a very growing need has been felt for the forming of a local chapter. For several months Captain J. T. Marshall and W. M. Lee, the Communications Officer and Radio Engineer, respectively, for the Virginia State Police, have planned for an organizational meeting.

During September, 1959, invitations were mailed to various police departments within the state notifying them that a meeting for the purpose of organizing a local chapter of APCO would be held in Richmond on October 21, 1959. An invitation was also extended to the National President of APCO, Paul Franklin, to attend and assist in the organization of the chapter.

The meeting was called to order as planned with Captain Marshall acting as temporary chairman. President Franklin and twenty-seven prospective members were in attendance. Among those present was Norfolk Chief of Police, Harold Anderson, a charter member of APCO and past president of the Missouri, Kansas chapter. The purpose, aims and accomplishments of APCO were cited by President Franklin, Chief Anderson and Captain Marshall. After a brief discussion the group voted unanimously to form a Virginia chapter. The first order of business was to adopt a name, "Virginia Chapter of APCO, Inc." The following officers were elected: President, Captain J. T. Marshall, Virginia State Police; First Vice-President, Chief Harold Anderson, Police Department, Norfolk; Second Vice-President, Captain A. H. Crosen, Police Department, Fairfax County; Secretary-Treasurer, W. M. Lee, Virginia State Police.

Following the election of officers, President Marshall appointed a Constitution and By-Laws Committee with instructions to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws and be prepared to report at a called meeting in sufficient time for a charter application to be filed with National APCO at least sixty days prior to the 1960 National Conference.

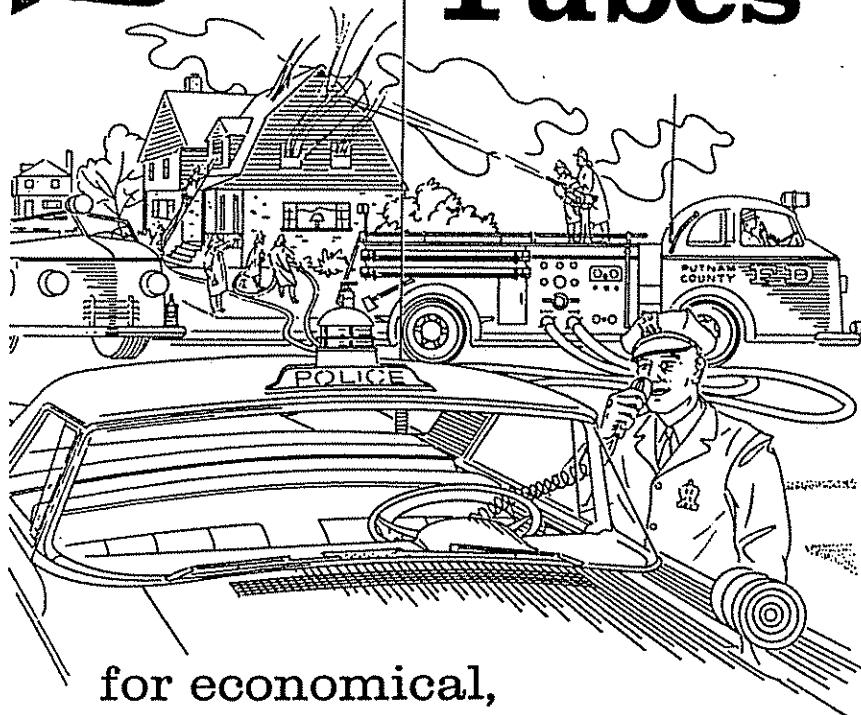
Local representatives of General Electric, Motorola and Radio Corporation of America jointly arranged for a luncheon. Following the luncheon the group was addressed by Colonel C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent of the Virginia State Police and President of IACP. Colonel Woodson's remarks concerned cooperation between IACP and APCO.

J. T. MARSHALL, *President*
W. M. LEE, *Sec'y-Treas.*

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