



Virginia APCO is excited to announce our “Certificate of Distinction” program!

Packets can be submitted for consideration of 5 levels of distinction within Virginia. You can submit for one or all the categories that you meet requirements in!

VA APCO members meeting designations will be recognized at the Fall Conference during the APCO business meeting!

Requirements

- Must be an APCO Chapter member (all membership categories)
- Must have submitted a packet by September 1st for recognition in the current calendar year.
- The packet must include copies of certificates demonstrating that they meet requirements.
- The cover page must include members Supervisor/Manager/Director’s acknowledgement that they meet the specific criteria.
- Only recognized once for each of the categories.

Categories

Certificate of Distinction in Fire Dispatch (Must have **3** of the following)

- APCO’s Fire Service Communications ** (Required for this designation)
- APCO’s Fundamentals of Tactical Dispatch
- APCO’s Active Shooter
- APCO’s Disaster Operations
- APCO’s Surviving Stress

Certificate of Distinction in Police Dispatch (Must have **3** of the following)

- APCO’s Law Enforcement Communications ** (Required for this designation)
- APCO’s Crisis Negotiations
- APCO’s Fundamentals of Tactical Dispatch
- APCO’s Active Shooter
- APCO’s Surviving Stress

Certificate of Distinction in Training (Must have **4** of the following)

- APCO’s Communications Training Officer ** (Required for this designation)
- APCO’s Comprehensive Quality
- APCO’s Public Safety Telecommunicator Instructor
- APCO’s Fire Service Communications Instructor
- APCO’s Law Enforcement Communications Instructor
- APCO’s Communications Training Officer Instructor



Certificate of Distinction in Leadership (Must have **5** of the following)

- APCO's Communications Center Supervisor ** (Required for this designation)
- APCO's Registered Public-Safety Leader (RPL)
- APCO's Communications Training Officer
- APCO's Bullying & Negativity
- APCO's Customer Service
- APCO's Staffing and Retention
- APCO's Comprehensive Quality

Certificate of Distinction in 9-1-1 Communications (Must have **10** of the following)

- APCO's Fire Service Communications ** (Required for this designation)
- APCO's Law Enforcement Communications ** (Required for this designation)
- APCO's Public Safety Telecommunicator ** (Required for this designation)
- APCO's Communications Center Supervisor ** (Required for this designation)
- APCO's Communications Training Officer ** (Required for this designation)
- APCO's Comm Center Manager (Now registering on APCO website!)
- APCO's Bullying & Negativity
- APCO's Crisis Negotiations
- APCO's Cybersecurity Fundamentals
- APCO's Customer Service
- APCO's Comprehensive Quality
- APCO's Fundamentals of Tactical Dispatch
- APCO's Active Shooter
- APCO's Disaster Operations
- APCO's Surviving Stress
- APCO's Staffing & Retention
- APCO's Registered Public-Safety Leader (RPL) ** (Must have either RPL or CPE)
- APCO's Certified Public-Safety Executive (CPE)

(Note: Will accept the Instructor Certificate in any category in lieu of the basic certificate. APCO does not require you to maintain the basic if you are an instructor)

Packets can be submitted via one PDF file (form and all certificates scanned together) to scholarships@virginia-apco.com. You can also email us if you have any questions!