

NJ NENA Fall Membership Meeting

On October 20, 2010 over fifty public safety telecommunications professionals from throughout New Jersey met for an educational opportunity recognized by OETS for 4 hours Continuing Education Training credit (CTE #10-049). The New Jersey NENA Fall Membership Meeting was held at the Burlington County Public Safety Training Center in Westampton. The meeting began with a networking hour during which a continental breakfast was served.

The formal meeting was called to order by President Ray Kenny. He introduced the executive board members and Spring Conference volunteers. He thanked the volunteers for their continued hard work helping ensure a successful Spring Conference.

The first educational presentation covered the upcoming narrow banding mandate. Jerry Napolitano, Solutions Architect for Motorola provided some background information about this Federal mandate. He advised that the program has been underway for the past 20 years and there will not be extension to the January 1, 2013 deadline. He reviewed the technical aspects of how this mandate will be implemented. He cautioned that those who fail to meet the re-banding requirement risk losing their license.

Chris Gallahan, Area Sales Manager for NICE Security Division, presented information on the impact of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG-9-1-1) on logging of information. The multi-media information that will be available through NG-9-1-1 as well as information gathered by other means will present challenges to logging all the available data. He demonstrated an approach that would allow the recording and retrieval of the information collected from diverse sources.

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services (OETS) Director Craig Reiner presented an update on 9-1-1 and Interoperability projects. He reported that the 9-1-1 Commission has been reformed and is now the Public Safety Communications Commission. This change was due to the move of the State's radio interoperability program into OETS. He also provided updates on the Wireless Phase 2 status, the 9-1-1 Grant Program, PSAP Consolidation projects and the proposed amendments to the 9-1-1 Administrative Regulations.

The final session of the day was the NJ NENA meeting led by President Ray Kenny. He opened by advising that the Annual Spring Conference has been scheduled for April 20-21 2011 at the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City. On line registration is now available. The registration fee will remain the same as the 2010 rate and the room rate has been dropped to \$85.00 per night. We are looking for speakers and suggested topics. Send proposals and suggestions to South Region VP Monica Gavio through the website link. President Kenny introduced the new Private Sector VP Daryl Doran. He explained that Bob Gojanovich (Gojo) and Bob Anderson our previous Private Sector VPs each took positions outside NJ and had to resign. Bob Anderson continues to serve as a volunteer on the executive board and Gojo is volunteering as our technical advisor. Ray Kenny announced that nomination forms will be going out soon. The Second Vice President, Regional Vice President and Private Sector Vice President positions will be up for election. Finally, Ray announced that the APCO International Conference will be held in

Philadelphia August 7 – 11, 2011. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this conference can contact him by e-mail.

Following the meeting South Region VP Monica Gavio guided a tour of the Burlington County Communications Center.