**KANSAS CHAPTER APCO**

**DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR**

# Submissions must be received by 7 AM Monday, March 1st, 2021

## Eligibility

Nominees must have been employed in the applicable category by a public safety agency any time between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. Nominees do not have to be members of APCO. Persons being nominated must be residents of Kansas, United States.

## Instructions

When completing your nomination for submission please ensure you have selected the correct category and that you provide as much detail about the nominee in your nomination as possible. To assist you we have included below a list of sample job titles as well as sample job responsibilities. They are not all inclusive as you know agencies job titles vary across the state. Please note that nominations submitted in incorrect categories will be disqualified from the judging process.

**If you have any questions, please email 2nd Vice President Kelly Chess at** [**kchess@jfcountyks.com**](mailto:kchess@jfcountyks.com) **for assistance any time.**

### Sample Job Titles

Director, Assistant Director, Executive Director, Deputy Director, PSAP Manager, Communication Center Director, Communications Director/Manager, Communications Administrator, Center Manager, Communications Chief, Public Safety Manager, Communications Center Superintendent, etc.

### Sample Responsibilities:

* Maintains appropriate contacts with the public, users and the media on the proper use of the emergency communications system.
* Responsible for planning and directing the daily operations of the Communications Center.
* Responsible for developing and monitoring the policies and procedures of the Communications Center.
* Serves on advisory boards and other professional organizations and fosters the professionalism of the agency.
* Maintains active liaisons with all participants, customers, emergency service providers and the other departments and local, state and federal agencies relative to the operations of the Communications Center.
* Prepares and submits an annual plan, including budget preparation and administration, program goals and Capital Improvement Plan.
* Employs, schedules, counsels, disciplines, and evaluates the performance of Communications Center staff.
* Performs a variety of functions as directed that could include accounts payable and employee payroll.
* Prepares and submits an annual plan, including budget preparation and administration, program goals and Capital Improvement Plan.

### Nominator Tips & Resources

Please provide as much detail about the nominee in your nomination as possible. Include specific examples to emphasize and illustrate exemplary performance.

# The Criteria

Nominators – Please answer each question on this form individually under the questions. You may do so by expanding the space after each question or repeating the questions on additional pages as needed to answer each question separately. Each answer has a number value so questions left unanswered will negatively influence the scoring of the nomination.

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| Name of person being nominated |  |
| Position title of person being nominated |  |
| Agency |  |
| Address |  |
| Address (cont) |  |
| City |  |
| State | KS |
| Zip |  |
| Phone |  |
| Email |  |

1. Describe the nominee’s public safety communications agency. Please include staffing levels, size, and discipline (law, fire, EMS, PSAP only, etc.).
2. Describe the nominee’s daily and additional pertinent duties and responsibilities.
3. Tell us how long the nominee has been at this job? Do they have any previous public safety communications experience?
4. Describe how the nominee functions as a team player.
5. Describe how the nominee demonstrates his/her knowledge of the profession and flexibility in task assignments? Provide an example of how the nominee may go above and beyond what may be required of an individual in this position.
6. Describe the nominee’s personal and professional interaction via radio and telephone with agency clients and members.
7. Describe the nominee’s overall performance throughout the year.
8. Explain how the nominee exemplifies the “customer service” skills that often define how the calling public and public safety agencies dispatched perceive call takers and dispatchers.
9. In one page or less, describe why the candidate should receive the 2020 Kansas Chapter of APCO International Public Safety Communications Telecommunicator of the Year award.

**Nominator Information**

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| Name of person nominating |  |
| Title of nominator |  |
| Agency |  |
| Address |  |
| Address (cont) |  |
| City |  |
| State | KS |
| Zip |  |
| Phone |  |
| Email |  |

How did you learn of the award?

*Don’t forget to* ***Save*** *your Document and submit it to* [*kchess@jfcountyks.com*](mailto:kchess@jfcountyks.com) *Late submissions will not be processed. All of the nominations are given to the Colorado APCO Chapter Board for scoring and recommendation of winners.*

### Completing this form

* Save a copy of the downloaded version of this document to your computer’s hard drive. Nominations will only be accepted using this form.
* Type the required information directly into the saved version of the document.
* Be sure to include information for all requested sections.
* Include specific facts or examples wherever possible to back up your comments.
* Ask someone to proof the form before you submit it: Are there grammatical errors? Is there information that is unclear? Do the descriptions provide enough detail to “paint a picture” of the performance and contribution of the nominee to public-safety communications?

### Submitting your nomination

Email the completed nomination form and any supporting recordings or documents as an attachment to 2nd Vice President Kelly Chess at [kchess@jfcountyks.com](mailto:kchess@jfcountyks.com) . Please place **TCOY** in the Subject Line of email submissions. If you cannot email the supporting materials because they are too large, they may be mailed (snail mail) to Kelly Chess, Jefferson County Communications, 1230 Walnut, Oskaloosa, KS, 66066.