



# National Public Safety Telecommunications Week



Press Conference and  
Communications Center Tour

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## SENATOR CLINTON HONORS PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS

**April 4, 2007, Washington, DC** – Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D – NY) today released a letter honoring the work of public safety communications professionals. The letter comes just days before the kick-off of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, a week set aside by Congress and celebrated by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International and the National Emergency Number Association to pay tribute the work public safety communications professionals.

“Issues of homeland security, natural disasters, and the daily emergencies that are part of our nation's every day reality remind us of the importance of our public safety communications professionals,” Senator Clinton said. “Telecommunications professionals are the first line of communication with the public, from a hurricane or terrorist threat to a local 9-1-1 emergency, providing our citizens with a soothing voice, a steady hand, and life-saving information. This nation's public safety communications personnel display tremendous courage every day and their efforts merit recognition.”

APCO International and NENA are starting this year's festivities with a Press Conference and Communications Center Tour tomorrow, Thurs., April 5, at 10:00a.m. at the Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications in Annandale, Va. The event will bring public attention to National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and the important work of public safety communications professionals.

“Many Americans have experienced the skill and compassion of public safety communications professionals first hand,” Senator Clinton said. “For so many, 9-1-1 has

become synonymous with rapid response, poise under pressure, and aid in times of distress. They are truly life savers who deserve to be recognized for their commitment and dedication.”

Visit <http://www.apcointl.com/ebulletin/NPSTW07Clinton.pdf> to view the full letter from Senator Clinton. For additional information, please contact Courtney McCarron at [mccarronc@apco911.org](mailto:mccarronc@apco911.org) or 202.833.9600.

### **About APCO International**

The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International is the world’s oldest and largest professional organization dedicated to the enhancement of public safety communications. APCO International serves the professional needs of its 15,000 members worldwide by creating a platform for setting professional standards, addressing professional issues and providing education, products and services for people who manage, operate, maintain and supply the communications systems used by police, fire and emergency medical dispatch agencies throughout the world. For more information, visit [www.apcointl.org](http://www.apcointl.org).

### **About NENA**

NENA is The Voice of 9-1-1™. Now celebrating its 25th year, NENA was established to promote implementation and awareness of 9-1-1 as North America’s universal emergency number. NENA has grown to become the leading professional non-profit organization dedicated solely to 9-1-1 emergency communications issues. NENA serves its more than 7,000 members in 47 chapters across the U.S., Canada and Mexico through policy advocacy, establishment of technical and operational standards, certification programs and a broad spectrum of educational offerings. Find out more at [www.nena.org](http://www.nena.org).

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