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INFORMATIONAL RELEASE

HPD in D.C. for P33

On Wednesday, August 19, 2015, Chief David Groves and Communications Officer Laura Jossart attended the *Food for Thought Luncheon* as part of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Annual Conference. These representatives of the Hartford Police Department joined public safety communications professionals from around the world at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington D.C. to be recognized as **Wisconsin's first nationally certified APCO Project 33 (P33) public safety dispatch center.**

APCO International President John Wright recently said in a press release, *"There are few things that an agency can do that demonstrates their commitment to safeguarding the public that are more essential than training their emergency communications personnel to a nationally recognized standard. Attaining APCO's (P33) Agency Training Program Certification is proof of that commitment and testament to the agency's investment in providing high quality training to meet that goal."*

The Hartford Police Department's Emergency Communications Center joined the following 15 departments from across the United States who had also earned recognition for attaining P33 certification status:

- Charlottesville/UVA/Albemarle Emergency Communications Center (Charlottesville, VA)
- Derry Fire Department (Derry, NH)
- Emergency Communications Center of Southern Oregon (Central Point, OR)
- Fairfax County, Virginia Department of Public Safety Communications (Fairfax, VA)
- Hamilton County Emergency Communications District (Chattanooga, TN)
- Idaho State Police (Coeur d'Alene, ID)
- Lancaster County-Wide Communications (Manheim, PA)

- Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, Emergency Communications Division (Eagleville, PA)
- Northwest Central Dispatch System, (Arlington Heights, IL)
- Orange County Emergency Communications Center (Orange, VA)
- Regional Emergency Dispatch Authority (Artesia, NM)
- Southwest Central Dispatch (Palos Heights, IL)
- Spokane County 911 (Spokane, WA)
- Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response (Ithaca, NY)
- Valley Communications Center, Kent, WA)

The Hartford Police Department began pursuing their national certification in September of 2013, and reached its goal in March of 2015.

APCO Staff Liaison Steven Leese stated that currently **only about "1%" of all public safety emergency dispatch centers in the United States have met all of the P33 APCO American National Standards.** To date, the Hartford Police Department's Emergency Communications remains the only APCO P33 certified dispatch center in the State of Wisconsin.