

9-1-1 Public Educators of Texas
Historical Items of Interest
1998

January 29, 1998

- New Category was created called 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Team Award
- ACSEC will provide educational materials for all K-First Graders in Texas

April 28, 1998

- ACSEC will provide daycare kits to 9-1-1 entities
- TAG Team members delivers packages to schools and daycares
- Mentoring program for new public educators
- Discussion of a more formal organization using officers
- Discussion on a mission statement
- Discussion on program to honor call takers, 9-1-1 heroes

July 30, 1998

- Members asked to vote on a name for this group. 9-1-1 Public Educators of Texas was decided on
- The mission statement was decided to keep as it had been created by the group in 1994: "To develop and share 9-1-1 educational programs and resources and network with other 9-1-1 educators".
- There will be four meetings annually. Each meeting will have a volunteer to host who will be responsible for notification of meeting, agenda, meeting minutes moderating the meeting and site and refreshment coordination. Advance reservations to attend the meetings are requested. Meeting minutes will be sent to all 9-1-1 Public Educators of Texas, not just those who attended the meeting.
- There will be no formal membership or membership dues due to the new ruling for COGs regarding membership.
- Officers will be elected and announced at the October 1998 meeting in Lubbock: President, President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Officers will serve a one-year term to begin at the October or Fall meeting.
- In addition to serve as the same terms as officers there will be a Communications, Mentoring, Resource, Public Information and Telecommunicator Recognition Chairs.
- Liaisons will be elected to serve for the same term as the officers: Liaison to ACSEC (1 District and 1 COG) and Liaison to TENA.
- Based on needs, task forces can be created by the president to serve on a temporary basis.
- Officer/Committee Meetings will be held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting or by conference Call.
- Descriptions of Committees:
 - Communications: This committee will have two main facets: creations and distribution of a newsletter and creation and maintenance of a web site. There may be two people to act as co-chairs of this committee in order to divide the responsibilities.
 - Mentoring: This committee will initiate and maintain a program to match new public educators with experienced public educators in the 9-

1-1 field. The experienced members will act as mentors of the new educators by spending time and explaining their programs and public education activities. This committee will also be responsible for developing and distributing an association package for newcomers. They will greet members at all meetings and provide membership reports to the president.

- Resource: This committee will be responsible for the production an annual resource guide. They will gather the materials and design the format for the guide as well. They will also work on the development and design of new 9-1-1 materials. This committee will develop a package of information about the 9-1-1 Public Educators of Texas to be distributed upon request to people throughout the nation who are interested in our group.
- Public Information: This committee will be responsible for addressing public information needs dealing with current topics in the 9-1-1 industry. They will also specialize in media relations, public relations and fund-raising.
- Telecommunicator Recognition: This committee will work to find ways to recognize the telecommunicators across the state of Texas. They will develop ideas and share them with the group for local recognition as well as statewide recognition.

October 12, 1998

- Dr. Bill Munn, Executive Director of Tarrant County 9-1-1 and past president of NENA installed the new officers of the 9-1-1 Public Educators of Texas:

President: - Christy Williams
President Elect – Patty Cross
Secretary – Renee Wilson
Treasurer – Shelly Cantrell

Committee Chairs:

Communications – Joanna Hollingworth
Mentoring – Gina LaRocca
Resource/National – Sherri Powell
Public Information – Sonya Lopez
Telecommunicator Recognition – Brenda Pope

Liaisons:

District Representative – Alisa Simmons
COG Representative – Silbia Barajas
NENA-Texas Representative – Lamerle Glidewell