

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Mental Health Committee**

#### **1.0 Introduction**

The Mental Health Committee was established to encourage research and promote treatment options pertaining to public safety communicators.

#### **2.0 Authority**

The Mental Health Committee has a mandate to provide support, expertise and training recommendations to the APCO Canada membership on mental health related issues.

#### **3.0 Composition and Term**

The Mental Health Committee consists of:

- interested members of APCO Canada; and,
- An APCO Canada Board Member who will serve as the Chairperson

#### **4.0 Decision Making**

Recommendations going forward will be presented to the Board of Directors in the form of a Decision Document from the Mental Health Committee and will be representative of the committee as a whole.

#### **5.0 Meetings**

Meetings will be scheduled quarterly or as required. Meetings may be held through teleconference or in person.

#### **6.0 Role**

The role of the Mental Health Committee is to:

- Maintain a relationship between APCO Canada and Canadian mental health organizations;
- Foster communication between APCO Canada and Canadian mental health organizations;

- Monitor and report on public safety communications mental health developments, products and research;
- Develop a strategy for the sustainment of a public safety mental health column on the APCO Canada website;
- Provide support, expertise and recommendations to APCO Canada on technical, regulatory and legislative issues pertaining to mental health;
- Make recommendations for mental health research topics based on current issues facing Canadian emergency communications centres;

## **7.0 Accountability**

The Mental Health Committee will report quarterly through the APCO Canada Board Member who serves as Chairperson.