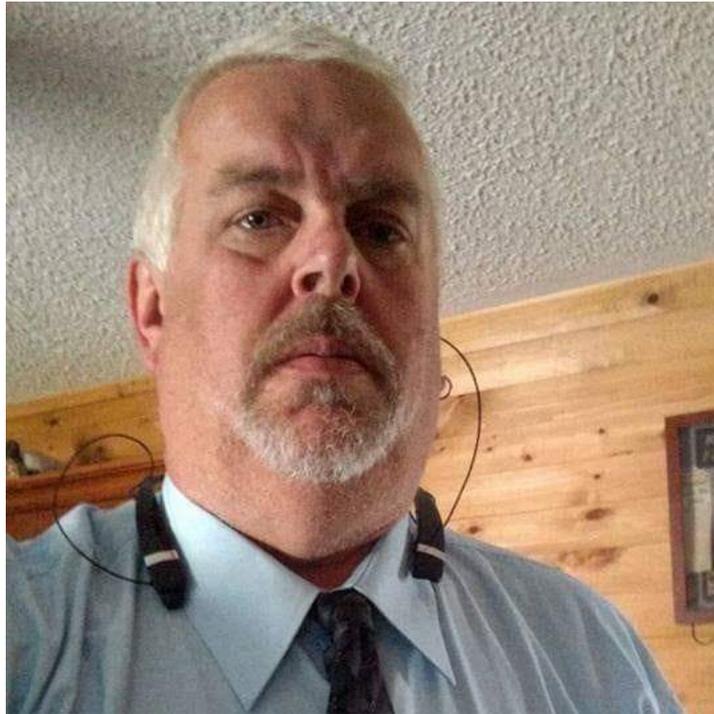


Ronnie D. Barefoot, ENP – Candidate for NENA 2nd Vice President



Dear NENA Members,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Ronnie D. Barefoot, ENP and I am a candidate for NENA 2nd Vice President. I am a former member of the NENA Institute Board and currently retired from the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office Communications Division. Before retiring I held the position of Technical Operations Manager.

I started my public safety career in 1983 as a dispatcher for my local volunteer rescue squad. I continued in the role of dispatcher until I was certified as an EMT in 1985. In 1987, I started working for my county's ambulance service and served in that capacity until mid-1990 when the 911 center was established. From 1990 until 2013, I worked in a standalone center. In 2013, county management requested that the sheriff take over control and operations of the communications center, so my position was reclassified and I was named the technical operations manager for the Communications Division of the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office. Throughout my 911 career, I have worked my way up from telecommunicator, shift supervisor, training officer, and assistant director to my current position of technical operations manager.

I am an active member of North Carolina NENA. I attend every meeting I can. Just over 10 years ago I was approached by a board member about the possibility of seeking nomination for a regional representative position and I did. I served in that capacity from 2008 – 2012. In 2012 I was nominated and elected into the position of 2nd Vice President. Working my way through the chairs and exiting our board in 2016 as Immediate Past President.

During my time serving in North Carolina, I have served on several committees, namely the TERT (Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team) committee. I first became interested when my agency

requested a TERT deployment after a hurricane; shortly thereafter I asked to serve on the state's TERT committee. I have assisted in getting TERT classes in my region, and have taught classes on this subject at the North Carolina annual conference.

I am the proud husband of Ruth, Assistant 911 Director for the Pasquotank-Camden Elizabeth City Central Communications Center (my old stomping grounds). I am the father of two beautiful daughters, Nicole and Erin, and the grandfather of three wonderful grandchildren, Madison (14), Jordan (11) and Alex (8). In my spare time, I work on my own business of building outdoor unfinished furniture. I have used this business to help NC NENA/NC APCO at their annual conference raise money for different community outreach by donating materials and my time. My latest being for Telecommunicators in both North and South Carolina affected by Hurricane Florence. A table I built was raffled off and over \$2,100 was raised. I have recently started bowling again after a seven year hiatus, but before having to give up the sport, I was able to roll my first and only perfect 300 game.

I am happy to say that I am a graduate of the CMCP class twice. Twice you ask? Yes. I was involved in the class in its developmental state or as well say, "Version 0.5." I also took the CMCP class in October of 2012. One person in my class was Maureen Will. You may know the name from the Sandy Hook School shooting in December of that same year. Maureen (Moe to her friends) became a very good friend before and since this incident. I attended the annual conference held in Charlotte, NC where pretty much the whole conference stopped and everyone attended her super session. I have attended National conferences in Nashville, Denver and San Antonio. I was selected to serve on the NENA Institute Board (NIB) in May 2016. The NIB works to develop new and innovative questions that are on the ENP exam. The NIB works closely with the EAB (Education Advisory Board). During my short time on this board I have noticed that there is a passion by those serving on this board and with many boards under the NENA name. I left the NIB due to my retirement. I would like to continue to serve but in a different capacity and that is why I submitted my name as a candidate for 2nd Vice President.

I've seen many changes throughout my career in the industry and the latest change is the age of our employees. The Millennials are moving in and we need to prepare these young people for the issues ahead. As people start to retire out of the industry, the Millennials will be taking over.

As your potential 2nd Vice President, I want to continue to work with current Executive Board Members on issues regarding Public Safety telecommunicators and assist every North American PSAP with technology advancements. My passion IS this industry we call "911".