

Marilyn Ward
(Member 1995 Fellow 1997)



Currently Executive Director for National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC). Ms. Ward brings 38 years of experience as both an advocate for public safety telecommunications issues and as an administrator in public safety telecommunications, from her position as Manager of Communications at the City of Orlando, to her role as Orange County Public Safety Communications Manager, from which she retired in 2005, and her current role as Executive Director of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council.

Ms. Ward served as the Orange County, Florida, Communications Manager until March 2005. Appointed September 1999, Ms. Ward served in Orange County, Florida, managing 9-1-1, Radio Services, and Government Information. She was the project manager for the 3-1-1 Project and is the Chair of the Governor's Statewide Regional Domestic Security Task Force Interoperability Committee. As Communications Manager, Ms. Ward was able to stay involved with communications issues on every level—local, State and Federal. Ms. Ward served as the APCO Task Force Leader on the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC) and was instrumental in creating NPSTC, the follow-on effort to provide a unified voice for public safety telecommunications needs. She is a fellow of the Radio Club of America and former president of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials – International (APCO) and NPSTC Founding Chair. Ms. Ward holds a degree in Business and Management and has received many public safety-related certificates in her career.

POSITION STATEMENT

As a Radio Club of America Fellow, APCO Past-President, Founding Chair and long-standing Executive Director of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC); I have experienced the value of collaboration between members with different missions working together for the good of all our citizens. The Radio Club of America has a long history of attracting knowledgeable and talented members from diverse areas such as amateur radio; public policy and regulation; public safety; industry and academia. As a public safety representative, I bring operational experience regarding communications and 911 along with a perspective on national spectrum and policy issues. Other members bring their valuable perspectives, and together we can move mountains. Many of this nation's "movers and shakers" are involved in the Radio Club of America. If elected to its Board of Directors, I would be honored to dedicate my involvement to further harness the enormous power of this great collective resource to address issues to improve the RCA and our community as a whole. My history with NPSTC, a diverse volunteer federation of fifteen national associations, provides the experience needed to do so. This experience, along with proven leadership skills, a strong personal work ethic, and a dedication to the communications community, positions me as an excellent candidate for the RCA Board. I look forward to helping RCA build on its strong history, and leading it into a successful future.