



2019 Fellows

Louis T. Fiore



Louis Fiore, W2LTF, principal at L.T. Fiore, Inc. has worked as a consultant in the burglar and fire alarm industry since 1996. Mr. Fiore chairs the Alarm Industry Communications Committee (AICC), was president of the Central Station Alarm Association and serves as chair of the Standards Committee.

Appointed by FEMA in 2002 to the “America at Risk, America Burning Re-commissioned” project, he is a member of American Radio Relay League (ARRL), Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA), Antique Wireless Association and the Collins Collectors Association.

Dana B. Hanford, Jr.



Dana Hanford, Jr., CPMR (KC7SDD) is Vice President of The Sales Group, Inc. (TSG). He began his career as an electronics technician, worked as a broadcast and recording engineer in New York City and joined TSG when he moved to Seattle. A graduate of New York University, he holds an Extra Class Amateur Radio License and General Radiotelephone Operator License and is active in ham radio, volunteering with city and county emergency management agencies. Secretary for the Western Washington Regional Interference Committee, he is Commercial Representative for the ID and WA APCO-NENA Chapters.

Donald (Don) E. Root, Jr. K6CDO



Don Root is the Assistant Communications Systems Manager in the Wireless Services Division of the San Diego County (CA) Sheriff’s Department. He has worked in Emergency Management and Public Safety Communications since 1974, promoting public safety spectrum, interoperability, and public warning issues at the regional, statewide and national arenas. He is a Life Member of APCO and received the NPSTC DeMello Award in 2009.

Alan Spindel



Alan Spindel, AG4WK, is the Senior Electrical Engineer for HAL Communications, developing hardware and firmware for digital HF radio data modems. Mr. Spindel trained at the University of Tennessee and has over twenty years professional experience in the telecom industry and worked as a broadcaster, professional tower climber, design engineer and engineering manager. He is active in volunteer emergency communications and has served as the Rutherford County, TN ARES Net Manager for well over a decade.

Lee A. Ward



Lee Ward, KØLW, earned his amateur license as a freshman in high school and turned his hobby into a lifelong career. After serving in the Army, he started Custom Radio Communications in 1976 and after selling Custom, he created two more firms, worked for an engineering company, a consulting company and was a senior field engineer and construction standards manager for a major cellular project. A past president of the Kansas City DX Club, he's held amateur radio calls in Germany (DA2LW), Australia (VK2GQV) and currently Belize (V31LW).

Holly Wayt



Holly Wayt began her career in public safety communications in 1991 and became a member of APCO International in 1995, subsequently named as Ohio Chapter Executive Council Representative in 2010. Active in many International committees, she served as a North Central Regional Representative to the APCO board. In August of 2015, she was awarded APCO International Senior and Life Membership. Ms. Wayt currently serves as the Communications Manager for the City of Westerville, a position she has held since 1995.