

Radio Technician of the Year Award

Nominees must have been employed in the applicable category by a public safety agency any time between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009. Nominees do not have to be members of APCO.

Sample job responsibilities and titles for this position are provided as **examples** to help you determine whether your nominee is eligible for this award category. Specific responsibilities and titles may vary by agency and are not limited to the lists shown here.

Sample Responsibilities:

1. Manages the installation, operation, and maintenance of equipment.
2. Maintains knowledge of radio communications systems and equipment.
3. Possesses experience in UHF/VHF radios, repeaters, digital/analog microwave and an extensive network of mobile radios.
4. Demonstrates ability to work with many different user agencies.
5. Possesses ability to provide information to assist in grant writing for radio.
6. Prepares and maintains various records of maintenance and operation as required by the FCC including renewal of FCC licensing.
7. Installs and/or oversees the installation of radio sites, antenna systems, security systems, carrier equipment (T1,DS3), emergency power generators, fuel systems, towers, transmission lines, and site alarm status reporting equipment.
8. Maintains current experience in state of the art electronic equipment repair, including bench repair and radio transmitting and receiving equipment.
9. Plans for infrastructure additions, site expansions and improvements as necessary to insure coverage and systems reliability.
10. Develops and presents written and oral recommendations, budgets, and schedules for upgrading existing systems.

Sample Job Titles:

Electronics Communications Technician, Telecommunications Engineer, Communications Technician, Senior Communications Technician, Radio Lead Technician, Radio Technician, Technical Systems Administrator, etc.

The Awards Committee will review all nominations and select the finalist.

Nominating Procedures

Nominations must be submitted by April 1, 2010. Nominations should be sent to 1st Vice President Harry Goodan at hgoodan@ci.longview.tx.us and must contain the following information:

- Submitting person, including contact information.
- Submitting agency.
- Nominee name, job title, agency, and contact information.

- How long the nominee has been at this job and any previous public safety communications positions he or she has held.
- Describe the nominee's public safety communications agency. Please include staffing levels, size, and disciplines (law, EMS, PSAP only, etc).
- Describe the nominee's daily and additional pertinent duties and responsibilities.
- Describe how he or she demonstrates knowledge of the profession and flexibility in task assignments. Provide an example of how the nominee may go above and beyond what may be required of an individual in this position:
- The work of a Public Safety Radio Frequency Technologist involved rapidly changing technology. Describe how does the nominee keeps his or her expertise current.
- Maintaining and troubleshooting radio and communications equipment means dealing with many vendors and different types of user agencies. Describe how the nominee develops and employs good communication with all involved.
- Describe how this person demonstrates his or her knowledge of the profession and flexibility in task assignments. Provide an example (incident) of how the nominee has gone above and beyond what may be required of them.
- Describe why the candidate should receive the TEXAS-APCO Radio Technician of the Year Award.