



Working together to advance Florida's emergency communications professionals and the future of 9-1-1

Legislative & Advocacy Update – June 12, 2026

As part of our commitment to improving communication and engagement with our memberships, we wanted to provide a brief legislative and advocacy update.

Many significant policy discussions continue to take place in Tallahassee, and upcoming elections may influence future legislative priorities impacting public safety and emergency communications. Your legislative representatives from Florida APCO, Florida NENA, and the Florida 9-1-1 Coordinators Association are actively monitoring legislative activity, maintaining relationships with policymakers, and evaluating opportunities to advance issues important to Florida's 9-1-1 professionals.

While there are no immediate legislative actions requiring member engagement, your legislative representatives from FL APCO, FL NENA, and the FL911CA continue to monitor activity in Tallahassee and statewide, as well as key races across the state. We are actively evaluating opportunities, identifying potential challenges, and positioning our organizations to effectively advocate for Florida's 9-1-1 professionals when the time is right. As the saying goes, we want to move cautiously forward and ensure we are on the right side of history.

In the meantime, members can help advance emergency communications by:

- Educating elected officials, community leaders, and stakeholders about the critical role of 9-1-1.
- Sharing information about the expanding responsibilities of Public Safety Telecommunicators and the increasingly complex technologies supporting
- Raising awareness of the stress, trauma exposure, and mental wellness challenges faced by 9-1-1 professionals.
- Supporting national efforts such as the **9-1-1 SAVES Act** and the **Enhancing First Response Act**, which seek to improve recognition and support for Public Safety Telecommunicators.
- Engaging with your federal elected officials regarding funding initiatives and programs that support emergency communications and Next Generation 9-1-1.
- Taking opportunities to meet candidates for local, state, and federal office and educating them about the essential role 9-1-1 professionals play within the public safety system.

We are continuing to grow our **Communications Awareness & Advocacy Team (CAAT)** and are seeking volunteers interested in advocacy, public education, legislative awareness, and advancing the profession. If you are interested in learning more, contact Jennifer Dana of CAAT, or your organization's Legislative/Public Affairs Committee Chair.

Together, we can elevate the profession, educate policymakers, and ensure a strong future for 9-1-1 across Florida.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.