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**Colorado 911 Professionals Celebrate First 911 Call**

**Denver, CO – Feb 9, 2018** – The Colorado chapter of the National Emergency Number Association and Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, Intl., today announced its celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first 911 call.

On February 16, 1968, Alabama Speaker of the House, Mr. Rankin Fite, made the first 911 call from the Haleyville City Hall.

From that small beginning, 911 technology has become more sophisticated in response to consumer expectations.

Each advancement has improved our nation's ability to deliver better, more reliable information to first responders so they can do their job of saving lives and property.

Colorado NENA/APCO is the state chapter of the two premiere national organizations representing the interests of 911 service and technology and public safety communications. There are approximately 1,720 public safety telecommunicators (call takers and dispatchers) employed in Colorado<sup>1</sup>, answering over 6 million 911 calls per year<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Colorado Public Utilities Commission.