

Group Membership FAQs

Does my agency have to purchase a group membership with APCO? Group membership with APCO International is optional. An agency can purchase a group membership based on the staffing size of your agency that will allow a greater number of employees to utilize the benefits of APCO membership.

When can my agency purchase a group membership? Group membership options will become available for the 2012 calendar year dues cycle beginning October 2011.

How much does Group Membership cost? There are four levels of group membership based on the number of public safety communications professionals employed in your agency.

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Membership Levels	Cost		Benefits
	Tier 1	Tier 2*	
Level 1 (up to 10 staff)	\$331	\$413	3 Full Memberships + Remaining Communications Personnel Receive Online Member Benefits
Level 2 (11 to 25 staff)	\$856	\$1,080	8 Full Memberships + Remaining Communications Personnel Receive Online Member Benefits
Level 3 (26 to 50 staff)	\$1,575	\$1,995	15 Full Memberships + Remaining Communications Personnel Receive Online Member Benefits
Level 4 (51 staff and above)	\$2,304	\$2,920	22 Full Memberships + Remaining Communications Personnel Receive Online Member Benefits

*Tier 2 chapters include Northern California, Southern California, Louisiana and Oregon.

How is the size of the agency verified to determine the group membership level pricing? Agencies will be asked to submit a Table of Organization or budgetary sheet showing the total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) communications and IT positions.

Our agency is large enough to qualify for a certain level of group membership, but they want to purchase a lower level package at a lesser cost. Can we do this? No. Based on the total number of FTE public safety communications professionals employed by your agency, the appropriate level of group membership must be selected.

What if I want more full members than what comes with my agency size package? The agency would have to pay full price for each additional member.

What if the agency wants to purchase more additional online members? When your agency selects a group membership option based on the total number of FTEs, all of your remaining staff will receive online member benefits.

Are full and online memberships transferrable among agency personnel? Yes, there is a \$15 transfer fee and transfer application that must be completed by the agency to transfer membership, and is limited to one transfer per year. The transfer can be used to replace an employee who has left the public safety communications field or has left the agency. The transfer may not be used to "swap" individuals between Full and Online categories.

Are online members eligible for Life and/or Senior Membership? Yes. Each year an individual is an online member will count towards the total amount of years required for Life and/or Senior Member status. However, an individual cannot be an online member at the time that they are nominated for Life or Senior Membership.

How does my agency apply for group membership with APCO International? When the 2012 dues renewal cycle begins in October 2011, your agency may notify APCO's Membership Department by submitting an APCO Group Membership Application form.

What benefits are included with group membership and how does this compare to individual memberships with APCO?

Type	Agency Membership				
	Full Currently Active Category	Associate Currently Member Category	Commercial	Full Group	Online Group
Voting Privileges	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Committee Member	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Committee Chair	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Committee Voting Rights	Yes	Yes	if applicable	Yes	Yes
Hold National Office	Yes	No	CAC Rep only	Yes	No
Print Magazine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Online magazine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E-Bulletin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Web access	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PSCconnect	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Affinity Programs	Yes	Yes	if applicable	Yes	No
Conference Discounts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Institute Discounts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Special Research	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
RETAINS Toolkit - Basic	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Life Member Eligibility	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yrs served
Senior Member Eligibility	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yrs served