

Nominee, 2nd Vice President

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I'm excited to announce that I have decided to pursue the office of Second Vice President with the California Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (CALNENA). I am respectfully seeking your support and your vote.

During my 28 years in public safety communications, I've been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work in consolidated centers (Oxnard Police & Fire and Inglewood Police & Fire), a co-located center (San Jose Police & Fire) and I'm now managing a law only center (Ventura County Sheriff's Office). In addition to my experience, I am proud to say I was among the first in Ventura County to earn my certification as an Emergency Number Professional (ENP) through NENA in 2000. I have served as a member of the Executive Board for the California Public-Safety Radio Association (CPRA) and I was honored with the designation of Senior Member in 2008. Last, but not least, I was selected by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) as the representative for Region 8 to serve on the POST Public Safety Dispatcher Advisory Council.

Most importantly, I've had the privilege of working with many role models and I was taught early on that public service is an honorable endeavor. This is something that is truer to me today than ever before.

I'm sure I don't have to tell you we are in difficult times. Many of us are experiencing circumstances and events that are unprecedented in our careers. Money is tighter than it's ever been. We have experienced pay cuts, furloughs, demotions and even lay-offs. On top of this, it seems as though we are losing ground in the court of public opinion as the media strategically publicizes misinformation about various government employee benefits, thereby eroding public support and goodwill.

Despite all of this, I am confident and more optimistic than ever that this is a time when we can create great changes! I believe that this is an opportunity to try new ideas, explore alternatives, and be creative.

It's an opportunity to build on our commonalities, and renew and cultivate relationships. With NGEN 9-1-1 an active part of many conversations, the future holds much promise, though I know we all agree that it will not be without some growing pains.

I must admit that I may not always have the answer or solution to a problem. However, I can assure you that if I am elected to the CALNENA Executive Board, I have the passion, the energy, and the commitment to do my best to represent your interests. I will work diligently to collaborate with others in a professional and sincere manner, always with the interests of our membership at the forefront.