

AWARD WINNERS

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Harlin McEwen, NSA Technology Advisor
and Andrew Seybold, NSA Communications Advisor

Presentation of the President's Award to Harlin McEwen, NSA Technology Advisor and Andrew Seybold, NSA Communications Advisor

From left to right: Eric Greitens (Keynote Speaker), Sheriff Paul H. Fitzgerald (NSA President), Harlin McEwen and Andrew Seybold



In the past five years, NSA has been heavily involved in getting the D Block allocated for Public Safety. At the forefront of this effort, working hand-in-hand with the NSA are Harlin McEwen and Andrew Seybold. Harlin is the NSA Technology Advisor and Andrew Seybold has just accepted our request to be the NSA Communications Advisor and both are longtime supporters of the NSA.

Both are renowned and well respected in their fields. For their unselfish support and charity to the NSA, the NSA 2012 President's Award is being awarded to them both.

Harlin R. McEwen serves as the elected Chairman of the Public Safety Spectrum Trust, a non-profit Corporation consisting of representatives of fifteen national public safety organizations. The Trust was issued the nationwide 700 MHz Public Safety Broadband License by the Federal Communications Commission in November 2007. He also serves as the Chairman of the Communications & Technology Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), a position he has held for the past 35 years.

He continues to be a leader in the discussions related to the development of a Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) and the challenges to implement the NPSBN since the enactment of enabling legislation by Congress in February 2012.

He has a law enforcement career spanning 50 plus years, including service as a Chief of Police for more than 20

years, last serving as Chief in the City of Ithaca, NY. Following his retirement as Ithaca Police Chief he served as a Deputy Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with his office located at FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC.

During his tenure at the FBI he provided executive oversight for the new FBI Criminal Justice Information Services such as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) 2000 Project, the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS), and the Law Enforcement Online (LEO) system, and traveled extensively throughout the United States and internationally meeting with law enforcement groups and speaking at law enforcement and criminal justice conferences.

He is Life Member and Technical Advisor of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), Life Member and Honorary President of the IACP, and Life Member of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO).

Andrew Seybold has been involved in Public Safety and Public Safety Communications for more than 50 years, starting as a first responder and then working with RCA Mobile Communications, General Electric Communications, Biocom (where he helped develop the first paramedic radio for sending voice and EKG from an incident to a hospital), and Motorola. In 1981, he began his career as a consultant, educator, and writer.

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For the past three years, Mr. Seybold has been volunteering his time and efforts to the Public Safety community in its quest to build a nationwide, interoperable broadband communications network, and has worked closely with the Public Safety Spectrum Trust, The Public Safety Alliance, the Major City Chiefs Association, APCO, The International Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriffs' Association, and other organizations. He works with both Public Safety and the commercial sector on wireless communications issues and is one of the few individuals who are conversant with existing Public Safety communications as well as the commercial technologies including second, third and fourth-generation commercial systems, handsets, chipsets, and back-end systems. He has contacts within many of the organizations and companies that will be working together to form public/private partnerships in both the major metro areas and in rural America. He has extensive contacts and relationships with all of the major commercial network vendors, operators, and device manufacturers, with Public Safety, and with many of the smaller rural telephone and utility companies that are potential partners for Public Safety to help provide broadband coverage across the United States. Mr. Seybold has been a licensed amateur radio operator for more than 50 years, is a member of the ARRL, and has held various positions within the Amateur Radio Emergency Services organization including Emergency Coordinator. He has a long established relationship with Cal-Fire and has served as a liaison between Cal-Fire and the amateur radio community.

He is a long-standing member of APCO, and is a member and Fellow in the Radio Club of America. In November of 2010, Mr. Seybold was honored with the RCA Sarnoff award for his contributions in the field of wireless communications, and he was nominated for induction into the Wireless Hall of Fame. In early 2011 he was chosen as the Co-Chair for the newly formed APCO Broadband Committee and has been active in formulating that committee's creation and early recommendation to the APCO Board of Directors. He is also the National Sheriffs' Association representative on the Public Safety Advisory Council for the FCC's Emergency Response Interoperability Center.

The Andrew Seybold Wireless University, held twice a year prior to the CTIA conferences, is now in its 16th year, and his annual Wireless Dinner will celebrate its 21st year at CES in Las Vegas in January 2011. He writes his own e-newsletters including his COMMENTARY, TELL IT LIKE IT IS blog, and PUBLIC SAFETY ADVOCATE. He also writes for Forbes.com, Fierce Wireless, Fierce Mobile Content, Wireless Week, Mobile Enterprise Magazine, and Urgent Communications, and has authored three books.