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**APCO ANNOUNCES 2006 TECHNICIAN PSAP AWARD WINNER**

*Covington-Newton County 9-1-1 Communications CAD/GIS System Manager Adam Cooper Named Technician of the Year by APCO International*

**June 28, 2006, Covington, Ga.** – The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International today announced the 2006 Technician of the Year Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) award to be presented to Gerald Adam Cooper, CAD/GIS system manager of the Covington-Newton County 9-1-1 Communications, at the Opening General Session of the APCO International 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference and Exposition in Orlando, Fla. on August 7.

Cooper, who has been with the Covington/Newton County 9-1-1 Communications since 2004, is responsible for the development, maintenance and oversight of the center's CAD and GIS systems. He is also responsible for training the users of the system, which includes every public safety agency within Newton County.

“Adam takes extreme pride in his involvement as a public safety official, which I feel is exemplified by his past work history in various public safety positions,” Mike Smith, director of Covington-Newton County 9-1-1 Communications, said. “Adam visibly displays a passion for his work and a concern for all of public safety within Newton County.”

Cooper has been instrumental in several projects within his center, including the deployment of a county-wide, interoperable public safety data system.

“APCO International congratulates Adam Cooper on being named Technician of the Year,” APCO International President Wanda McCarley said. “The work he has done in Covington-Newton County is a great example of activities deserving of this great honor and the entire department should be proud of his award.”

The APCO International 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference and Exposition will be held August 6-10 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla. For more information on the APCO International 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference and Exposition, visit [www.apco2006.org](http://www.apco2006.org). To obtain a press pass for the APCO International 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference and Exposition, please contact Courtney McCarron at 202.833.9600 or [mccarronc@apco911.org](mailto:mccarronc@apco911.org).

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