

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Judy Elliott, E9-1-1 Coordinator for Wagoner County**

#### **"I AM 9-1-1"**

TULSA, OK (Oct. 16, 2013) – "I AM 9-1-1" was the conference theme for the 17th Annual Oklahoma Public Safety Conference, October 14-16, 2013 at the Southern Hills Marriott, Tulsa Oklahoma which drew 205 public safety professionals from about 90 Oklahoma agencies for training and recognition.

Judy Elliott, E9-1-1 Coordinator for Wagoner County said, "The conference is designed to expand our knowledge and skills for our careers in public safety and provide a platform for networking with others. The result of this training conference not only enhances public safety, but it also increases confidence and efficiency in the workplace."

Attending the conference allowed Wagoner County 9-1-1 employees to network with other dispatchers, 9-1-1 coordinators, mapping and addressing professionals, supervisors, training instructors, law enforcement, technology experts and others with careers contributing to public safety.

"The number of attendees to our conference continues to grow each year because of the appropriate and applicable training and information provided at a low cost," said Lysa Kimbrough, 911 ACOG Education Coordinator and Conference Co-chair.

The conference schedule also included honoring two Dispatcher of the Year recipients, an Everyday Hero award winner, and a 911 Child Hero at the annual banquet. Many extraordinary gifts were presented to other honorees and attendees as well.

Over 6,000 square feet of groundbreaking technology was on display. Wagoner County 9-1-1 attendees met with companies that provide products and services that are used in the industry.

"As a 9-1-1 coordinator, the event offers a time for cognitive discussion with like partners in the public safety arena. I networked with other coordinators, viewed the latest technology during the vendor show and came home with new ideas taken from the many education and training sessions," said Judy Elliott.

The Oklahoma Chapters of the Association of Public-Safety Communication Officials (APCO) and the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) plan and facilitate the conference.