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Events

Sept. 25- General Meeting

@ Varto Technologies

@ 11:30am Lunch, 12:00pm Meeting

195 Hackensack St. East Rutherford, NJ



News from Trenton & Washington DC

by Dave Garb, Legislative Committee Chair

For this month's newsletter, we will continue the discussion about current federal actions that have been enacted which will have an effect on how local governments provide information on the internet for those with disabilities. We will also explore the latest law that reforms New Jersey's Open Public Records Act—something that has been long overdue.

DOJ's ADA Rule for State and Local Governments

From NATOA:

On April 8th, Attorney General Merrick Garland signed a final rule under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the accessibility of web content and mobile applications (apps) for people with disabilities.

To find out exactly what this ruling means to municipalities and PEG channels specifically, JAG presented an informative session about this very subject during its annual conference in May. The panel guests were Michael Wassenaar, President of the Alliance for Community Media (ACM) and Jeff Bayne, Partner at the law firm of Spiegel & McDiarmid, LLP. This revealing forum opened up the attendees eyes and ears to what was to come and what they need to do to prepare for it.

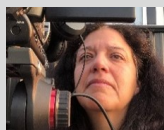
State and local governments provide many of their services, programs and activities through websites and mobile apps. When these websites and mobile apps are not accessible, they can create barriers for people with disabilities. Requirements for accessibility helps to make sure everyone has access to fully participate in all civic happenings or other community events like town meetings or programs at their child's school. [Read more](#)

OEM's Increased Reliance on Drones and Live Technologies

By Christine Federico Hoffman, Producer/Assistant Director, Cranford TV

The increased use of drones and live video technology are becoming indispensable tools for emergency personnel when fighting crime and communicating to their citizens during emergencies.

In a special presentation by the Jersey Access Group (a consortium of local public access channels in New Jersey) members of police, fire and emergency management



What Are You Doing This Summer – Add JAG To Your List!

By Bob Duthaler, President, JAG

Summer, a time to relax, get away and just spend my days doing nothing and sipping on an ice-cold drink by a lake, pool or ocean. Nay! Who am I kidding? It is never like that for me or the television industry. Well, for JAG, it never stops either. JAG Executive Board and committees continue throughout the summer. In fact, some of these committees are gearing up strong right now. So I thought I would share a few Summer checklist Items:

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JAG's Annual Conference in Review

By Geoffrey Belinfante, Conference Committee Vice Chair

Planning the JAG conference is like staging a high school musical. You and your colleagues work all year long on the musical (read "conference"), and all the events you've planned come and go so quickly that you barely have a chance to appreciate your hard work. That's how I feel about this year's JAG Conference and Awards dinner. While admittedly the day is a blur to me, I do remember some of the highlights and I have talked to lots of people who attended workshops that I could not so, by way of full disclosure, this article is based on personal observations and what I have heard from others. [Read more](#)



JAG Conference: The Face of JAG

By Linda Besink, Finance Committee Chair

My role as JAG Treasurer entails many duties: some interesting, some tedious, but all important and integral to the functioning of JAG. The most visible and exciting is welcoming attendees at the annual JAG Conference. Assisting and answering questions is of great value to our members. It's also rewarding to me in several ways. [Read more](#)



Alliance for Community Media

Public Policy Call

Aug. 1, 2:00 PM - 3:00pm (ET)

Join in on this monthly phone call with ACM President and CEO Mike Wassenaar, discussing current State and Federal issues affecting PEG Access TV, and what actions the individuals in community media can make in support of our industry. Email ACM is you need the link. Public Policy Phone Briefings are for ACM Members Only. Registration is monitored. Can't make a call, but want to get informed? Listen to a recording on the ACM website.

personnel told of their increased efficiency with these new advanced tools. The use of drones exponentially increases police effectiveness during events for crowd control, suspect tracking and firefighting. "We've gone from the Flintstones to the Jetsons," said John Centanni, Emergency Management Coordinator for East Hanover Township.

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Rights-Of-Way Forum
Aug. 15, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

The rights-of-way (ROW) forum is open to any member of the Policy & Legal listserv. The forum discusses various issues impacting local rights of way outside the cable franchising context. Issues may include small cell siting standards, permitting challenges, fees, or any number of rights of way management challenges local governments face.

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