



# COMMILINK

The Official Monthly Newsletter of the  
California Public-Safety Radio Association

## September 2011 - Annual "No Ties Meeting"

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at  
Conejo Creek Park, 1379 Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks  
Ventura Thomas Brothers Page 526-H6

**C**CPRA serves the people who manage, operate, maintain and supply the communications systems used to safeguard the lives and property of citizens everywhere. Among the CPRA ranks there are over 500 professionals representing the Police, Fire, EMS, Forestry, Highway and Conservation services. CPRA provides many opportunities to grow professionally, share your ideas, upgrade your skills and network with your colleagues.

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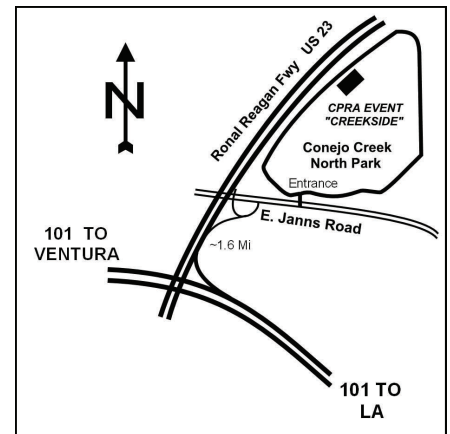
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**DIRECTIONS:**

**From 101 Freeway:**

- ◆ Exit 101 Freeway on CA-23 north.
- ◆ Travel north 1.9 miles to Janss Rd.
- ◆ Take Janss Rd. exit.
- ◆ Turn right at the signal and go 1 block.
- ◆ Turn left onto Library/Park North.
- ◆ Drive around the park to Creekside, approximately 3/4 mile.



**Meeting Host:**

CPRA Commercial Members

**Early bird Sponsors:**

Larry Feige  
Craig Bassett  
Motorola

Talley Communications  
Bassett Sales

**Agenda:**

- 0830 - 1000 Executive Board Meeting
- 1000 - 1100 General Meeting
- 1100 - 1200 Presentation: Ventura County Sheriff's Bomb Squad
- 1200 - Lunch

Frequency Coordination Immediately Following Lunch

**PRESIDENT'S PODIUM**  
**KEN SHEAREN**

**W**elcome back from the 2011 National APCO Conference and most recent chapter meeting in Oak Glen. I must apologize that we did not catch the error on the post card that had an incomplete address to Riley's Farm. None the less, there were many who were able to overcome this obstacle and found their way to our meeting location only to discover another challenge... there was little cell phone coverage, very little to none is a more accurate description. For the first few hours I saw the anxiety in some of the faces in the crowd. Looking down at their cell phones for any signs of a useable signal and wondering why their battery packs were getting warm. Eventually they were able to adapt and prevail over this inconvenience of being disconnected to the out side world and began to actually relax a little bit, knowing that in a few hours they could get back in touch with civilization.

I caught my self thinking that is was one of the presentations made at during the distinguished achievers breakfast by Juliet Funt (daughter of Alan Funt of Candid Camera fame); Overcommitted, Overwhelmed and Over It! Success Skills for the Blisteringly Busy (here is a link <http://www.apco2011.org/program/distinguished-achievers-breakfast.html> ). It just fit the occasion.

Our appreciation goes out to David Buchanan for hosting the meeting along with Jessie Riley, who is a direct descendent of this working farm, for his presentation on the history of Riley's Farm – their web page is <http://www.rileysfarm.com/> and providing us with us with the venue and lunch accommodations. Our gratitude goes out as well as to Ron Lyons of Simoco who provided those in attendance with a brief history on DMR (Digital Mobile Radio). DMR makes use of TDMA technology that is becoming more prevalent in the 6.25 KHz migration path. Because of its capabilities ability to integrate into an IP world, it becomes much simpler interface to other networks and the "cloud". As most of you may be aware we are in the process of migrating to 12.5 KHz bandwidths (mandated by Jan1 2013 for Public Safety and the commercial users below 512 MHz) and there is a proposal by the FCC to further reduce the 12.5 KHz bandwidth to 6.25 KHz in the coming years. P25 Standards are now in place, but the new 6.25 standards are still being developed and studied. We need to support a standards based system to maintain system integration and keep from getting locked into a "one vendor solution".

Moving on, CPRA was recognized at the 77<sup>th</sup> National APCO convention on a few occasions. One occurrence being the Call to Action for support of the Senate Bill S911. APCO President Bill Carrow mentioned CPRA and the Texas chapter as playing vital role in gaining support from our federal legislators. Our chapter in conjunction with the California State Fire Fighters Association, California Police Chiefs Organization and other public safety groups were successful in swaying Rep Waxman, who is Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce in to supporting S911 legislation. This legislation is critical to the public safety sector. We all need to continue to be cognizant of the progress and be diligent in continuing our support of this Bill as it moves forward through Congress.

The other occasion was in the contest sponsored by APCO's Historical Committee. CPRA was chosen as the winner of this years contest over all of the other chapters. Congratulations to Adriana Spriescu for her efforts and that of CPRA's Historical Committee!!! Great job in representing CPRA.

We are fast approaching the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Terrorist attacks on our Country. During the closing luncheon, nothing was more moving than hearing the presentation of FDNY Chief Richard Picciott, the highest ranking officer to escape from the North Tower of the World Trade Center on Sept 11, 2001. It is estimated that Chief Picciott and his crew were responsible for saving over 20,000 lives that fateful day almost 10 years ago. To hear Chief Picciott describe his recollection and the emotions of first hearing the South Tower collapse while he and his crew were in the North tower and then eventually the North Tower where he and his 13 survivors were eventually found is something none of us will ever forget. Follow this link to get more information - <http://www.apco2011.org/program/closing-supersession-lunch.html>. All in attendance at the luncheon did receive copy of Chief Picciott's book, "The Last Man Down". Thank you to Cassidian for sponsoring this event and making these books available.

If you have not guessed by now I have made several reference to the APCO and CPRA website for information. Check them often for updates.

In closing I ask for us to remember the events of 9/11, pause and reflect upon all of those who lost their lives that day and the lives of those that this event has made an impact on until present day. We also ask that you take a moment and remember those who continue to serve our country overseas, on the borders and in our own communities protecting us from being the focus of aggression. Then ask our selves are we better prepared today than we were ten years ago? I look forward to seeing you at our September "No Ties" Barbeque meeting in Thousand Oaks.

## MINUTES

### CHAPTER MEETING AUGUST 25, 2011 RILEY'S FARM OAK GLEN, CA

#### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** Dave Buchanan, San Bernardino County (Ret.)  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Ron Lyons, Simoco Americas  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for the July meeting are posted on the CPRA web site  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) Technologies"  
**Presenter:** Ron Lyons, Simoco Americas  
**Attendance:** 35/33

#### AGENDA

**Greeting – Ken Shearen.** President Ken opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the August CPRA meeting.

**Opening.** Mike Rowles led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Sponsorship.** Ken thanked Dave Buchanan for hosting the meeting and Ron Lyons, Simoco Americas for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments.

**Introductions - All.** New members were welcomed. Jeff Green was recognized as attending his first meeting and provided a complimentary lunch accordingly. All in attendance were then asked to introduce themselves.

**Membership Report – Tim Trager.** Mike reported on behalf of Tim that we have 437 members. He noted that five new people joined APCO and CPRA.

They included:

#### *Active*

- Mike Borja – City of Adelanto – Supervisor
- Nanette Moore – City of Adelanto - Supervisor
- Aaron Palmer – City of Adelanto – Supervisor
- Jeff Green – Imperial Valley Emergency Communications Authority – Project Manager

#### *Commercial*

- Henning Beck – MCI West – Zone Technician

It was noted that that each individual had been sent a welcome letter. Tim let them know in the letters that they had a complimentary lunch coming when they attended their first CPRA meeting.

#### **Special Report – Lt Mark Wilkins.**

*Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS).* Lt Mark Wilkins gave a report on the progress of the project. He indicated that a revised RFP was being released shortly.

**Meeting Program Review – Adriana Spirescu.** President Ken reviewed on behalf of Adriana the upcoming schedule for meetings. It was noted that details for the 2011 schedule are on the website. Ken reminded everyone that the next CPRA meeting would be held in Thousand Oaks on September 15th. He noted that the December meeting would a dinner cruise that will depart from the Long Beach area. He encouraged everyone to "save the date" for Friday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

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**Treasurer's Report – John Wright.**

*Monthly Financial Report.* John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. He stated that total income for the month was \$80.00 and the total expenditures were \$7,617.62. Income was noted as cash deposits. Expenses included Visa card officer travel payments, and printing costs for the CommLink.

**Regional Director Report – Richard Granado.** Richard provided a report as follows:

*APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Position.* Richard gave an update on actions to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position that remains vacant after the election results held during the APCO Conference. He indicated that Past President Dick Mirgon was appointed as the Temporary 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Richard explained that the APCO President would appoint a 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. APCO members interested in the position were encouraged to submit an application.

*APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Endorsement – John Wright.* The CPRA Executive Committee recognized that John Wright stated an interest in serving as APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. A motion was made to provide a CPRA Chapter endorsement for his candidacy. Motion carried. President Ken will send an endorsement letter to the APCO Executive Director heartily affirming support from CPRA.

*D Block.* Richard noted the continuing work by APCO within the House of Representatives to advocate the necessity to assign the D Block 700 MHz spectrum to public safety.

*APCO Logo.* Richard also commented that a new logo design was approved by the Board and presented at the National Conference.

**APCO-OPOLY Games.** It was noted that the chapter had purchased 36 games. They were the last ones available from APCO. There was an announcement that the games would be for sale to chapter members for \$15. Also the games would be used as a raffle at the Chapter meetings.

*June Raffle Ticket Holder.* Scott Harvey, UCLA

*July Raffle Ticket Holder.* To be announced

*August Raffle Ticket Holder.* Keith Jensen

**Frequency Coordinator Updates – Gary Gray.** The following reports were provided:

*CalSIEC SPA.* It was noted that the next Southern Planning Area (SPA) meeting will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Arcadia Police Department.

*FCC Announcements.* There were no specific reports provided.

*LightSquared.* It was noted that the APCO and NPSTC position is that more testing is still required. LightSquared has offered to move 10 MHz down in the band. However, there are still interference issues to be addressed.

*800 MHz Rebanding Discussion.* The next meeting details will be announced.

**APCO Conference Report.** There was consensus that the APCO Conference & Exposition was a successful event. President Ken reported the CPRA won the APCO Historical Album contest. A strong round of applause was provided to Adriana Spirescu, chair of the historical committee.

**Chapter Commercial Advisory Member – Jack Daniel.** Jack invited each of the Commercial Members in attendance to do a self introduction and give a brief comment about their respective products and services.

**AZ APCO State Conference Attendance – Gary Poon.** Gary attended the conference on behalf of CPRA. AZ APCO sent a letter to CPRA thanking the Gary for attending and for CPRA's support of their conference.

**Technical Presentation – Speaker.** Ron Lyons, Vice President for Sales & Business Development, Simoco Americas gave a presentation on Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) technologies. He stated that DMR is a digital radio standard specified for professional mobile radio (PMR) users developed by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), and first ratified in 2005. Ron went to provide information about the DMR standard, protocol and supporting documentation. President Ken commented how informative the presentation was and those in attendance extended to the speaker a strong round of applause.

**Meeting Adjourned.** President Ken then thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

**Notes for the Record.**

*Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC).* Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were then presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Rowles  
Secretary

## 2011 Meeting Dates

October 20st  
Annual "Tabletop Meeting"  
Quiet Cannon - Montebello  
CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday October 3, 2011

November 17th  
Downey  
CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday October 31, 2011

December 9th  
Annual Holiday Banquet &  
Officer Installation  
Long Beach Dinner Cruise  
CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday November 21, 2011

### 2011 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

November 2, 2011 Long Beach

## *Save The Date*

Officer Installation & Dinner Cruise  
Friday Night December 9, 2011  
Boarding at 6:00 p.m.  
Shoreline Village, Long Beach

# ATTENTION!!!

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHAPTER OFFICER? CHAPTER ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 20, 2011

If you are interested in becoming an officer of our Chapter, or know someone you would like to nominate, please contact Gary Poon (323) 267-3004 or send an email to:  
[gary9888@yahoo.com](mailto:gary9888@yahoo.com)

The Executive Committee requires a letter of support from each prospective candidate's agency to become eligible for the ballot. Listed below are the offices that will appear on this year's ballot, and their respective commitments.

- President-Elect:** Requires a two year commitment to progress through the chairs from President-Elect, President, followed by three years of involvement.
- Vice-President:** Requires a three year commitment to progress through the chairs from Vice-President, President-Elect, President, followed by three years of involvement.
- Secretary:** Requires two years commitment.
- Treasurer:** Requires two years commitment.
- Sergeant-at-Arms:** Requires a one year commitment.
- Executive Council Delegate:** Requires two years commitment.

# *2011 Candidates*

- President:** Adriana Spirescu - Orange County Sheriff's Comm & Tech Division (Automatic Ascension)
- President-Elect:** Tim Trager - San Bernardino County ISD-N.S.
- Vice-President:** Bill Carpenter - American Red Cross-Los Angeles Region  
Rick Polehonka - Willdan Homeland Solutions
- Secretary:** Scott Espindola - San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept.
- Treasurer:** John Wright - Riverside Police-Fire Communications (Retired)
- Sergeant-at-Arms:** Don Miller - City of Long Beach (Retired)
- Executive Council Delegate:** Jim Acosta - Downey Fire Communications

## *CommLink Reminder*

The CommLink is published on a quarterly basis. The CommLink will be printed and mailed out in January, April, July and October. The rest of the months you will receive a half page postcard giving you meeting information. You can download the monthly CommLink from the website.

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**Hilton Garden Inn Hotel is located adjacent to Quiet Cannon**  
801 N. Via San Clemente, Montebello, California, 90640  
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The Annual CPRA Vendor Display is the premier place to promote your communications products and services to key decision makers representing many cities, counties, state and other public agencies serving over 19 million citizens throughout the area. Past events have been sell-outs. If you are dealing with more than one agency in Southern California, you need to be here!

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Please use the reservation and payment form on the next page and email, fax or mail to:

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Victorville, CA 92392

Email: [commercial@cpra.org](mailto:commercial@cpra.org)  
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For more information you may also contact:

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***Thank You for supporting CPRA***

**2011 CPRA Vendor Exhibition  
Space Reservation and Payment  
Additional information on page 3**

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**1. Vendor Information:**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_ EMail: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Space Reservation and Fee Calculation:**

Payment is enclosed to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tables @ \$ 250/table = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Or \_\_\_\_\_ 10' x 4' booth positions @ \$ 350.00/ each.....= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus \_\_\_\_\_ Additional lunches @ \$ 20.00 each (see back) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus special sponsorship (call for details) .....= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CPRA FID: 95-4324700**

**TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. Payment:**

A. Checks: Make checks payable to "CPRA-TT" and mail to

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Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Card holder signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount authorized to charge to card: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Credit Card companies require the 'security code' for unsigned charges.*

Send credit card payment to one of: Fax: 760-947-6831, Email; commercial@cpra.org,

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## CPRA / APCO 2011 ANNUAL VENDOR EXHIBITION: EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

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When: **Thursday, October 20, 2011** (See time schedule below)  
Address: Quiet Cannon (at Montebello Country Club) (Thomas Guide 636-B6 & A7)  
901 N. Via San Clemente, Montebello, CA 90640  
Telephone: 323-724-4500 FAX: 323-724-0950

Driving directions: 60 freeway: Exit at Wilcox/Garfield, South on Garfield 1/2 block to Via San Clemente (right turn only at large sign). Go west to facility. Elevator to upstairs ballroom.

Display types: \$ 250.00 per 8 foot x 30 inch draped table. (end-to-end 'in a row' layout)  
\$ 350.00 per 10 x 4 ft. booth position. 1 table included. LIMITED QUANTITY!  
*Call if you have special needs ----- No refunds after September 15, 2011*

*Table/Booth location is selected by CPRA for best fit with surrounding vendors.*

**Set-up** and earliest display area availability: 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM, **day of show only.**  
**Displays Open: Approximately 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.** (Optional displays until 3 PM)  
**Early Tear-down:** After 1:00 PM but **NOT** during lunch or chapter election meeting, **please.**  
**Final Tear-down:** 3:00 PM, vacate room by 4:00PM.  
**- PLEASE RESPECT OTHERS BY NOT LEAVING EARLY OR MAKING LOUD NOISES -**

Exhibit storage and transportation is each exhibitors own responsibility.  
For pre-show exhibit material deliveries, Contact the Quiet Cannon direct at 323-724-4500.

110 VAC outlets available (max, 1 x 15 A circuit each) but bring your own 25 - 50 ft extension cords.

**Luncheon:** Lunch tickets are free for all non-vendor attendees to build attendance. Exhibitors are provided free lunch tickets on the following schedule:

1 lunch ticket per table top.  
2 lunch tickets per booth space.

**ADDITIONAL VENDOR LUNCH TICKETS ARE \$20.00 EACH.**

On-site Registration: **Attendees and Exhibitors must register to obtain a lunch ticket.**

The registration desk will open in the foyer entrance at approximately 8:00 AM. Please register no later than 10:30 AM to assure enough lunches for all. Your cooperation will be appreciated. See Jack Daniel for lunch tickets that come with space rental, the registration desk cannot help you.

### **DOOR PRIZES:**

Non-vendors will receive an additional ticket that enters them into a door prize drawing during lunch. We would like to have quality door prizes donated for this purpose. The donor/sponsor will be announced with each prize. Promotional items (caps, pencils, t-shirts, etc.) may be included BUT are not appropriate to be the prize itself.

**Refreshment Sponsorships:** 2 available at \$500: 6 - 9 AM and 9 AM - Noon. These are early sell-outs. The president announces and thanks from the podium at lunch in recognition of refreshment sponsors.

**Contact Jack Daniel @ 800-666-8655 for more info.**