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

November 2011 Meeting - Downey

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.

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Rd., Downey, (562) 806-2050 Thomas Brothers Page 705-J6

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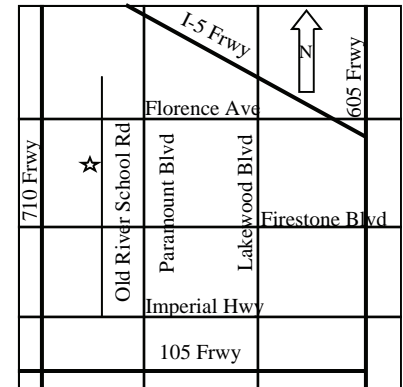
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Meeting Host: Jim Acosta Downey Fire Communications

Early bird Sponsor: Wahid Nawabi Altery Systems

Agenda:

0830 - 0945 Executive Committee Meeting
 1000 - 1100 General Meeting
 1100 - 1200 Presentation: TBA
 1200 Lunch

Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
KEN SHEAREN

We had another great meeting at the Montebello Quiet Cannon. The CPRA annual Table Top Exhibition and luncheon again drew a considerable gathering from several of the public safety agencies throughout our chapter's area. There were 31 exhibitors plus at least 4 Rep firms who were displaying their products and services. By last count we had in excess of over 200 people attend this exhibition.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to Jack Daniel and Larry Weber for putting this event together, rounding up all of the vendors and to all of the commercial vendors who participated in this event and sponsored the luncheon for the CPRA membership. Thank you.

There were several items of interest presented by the exhibitors that varied between test equipment, multitudes of communication gear (radios, channels banks, and microwave), cables, connectors, chairs, data communications, licensing assistance, antennas, filters, BDA systems, mobile data, video systems, power systems and much, much more. You also had the opportunity to talk too many of these vendors and get first hand input from people you do not get to see all that often and get the inside information from the very best sources.

During the exhibit time many of our members had the opportunity to vote for the CPRA 2012 officers positions from a well qualified list of candidates. The results of the elections are:

Adriana Spirescu President	Tim Trager President-Elect
Bill Carpenter Vice-President	Scott Espindola Secretary
John Wright Treasurer	Don Miller Sgt-at-Arms
Jim Acosta Executive Council Delegate	

It is my privilege to present to our chapter these dedicated and motivated individuals who have been elected by the CPRA membership as the 2012 CPRA Executive Committee. Congratulations to all of you!

With this said, we will be having a throw back to past years with our officer installation celebration. This year we will be taking dinner cruise on Spirit Cruises out of Long Beach (no not a 3 hour Gilligan type either). The cruise ship Spirit will be outfitted in full holiday trim and we will be going to an exotic location where I hear other holiday festivities are on going. The date is Dec 9, 2011. We had flyers at the Oct meeting, and there is a notice on the Oct CPRA Commlink as well for you to get more information.

<http://www.cpra.org/commlink/2011/CommLink1011.pdf>

With the gracious support of Mr. Michael Custer and Mr. Bill Houser along with Stancil Corporation, we will be special guest and treated to an evening of musical entertainment put on by the CPRA Nautically Naughty Jazz Band. I hear this is a special presentation of this entourage and only available on extraordinary occasions. We look forward to seeing you at this year's officer installation. Be sure to register early, as space is limited.

We have a couple of general announcements – one being the inaugural nationwide Emergency Automated Systems test on Nov 9 at 11:00 AM PST. This is our nation's first test of the Emergency Alert System. On this date and time all commercial broadcast stations and public emergency notification methods will begin a nation wide test simultaneously.

Nov 11 is Veterans Day - we wish to take a moment to honor and acknowledge all those persons who have served our country in all of our countries military segments. We have many members who have served in the Korea and the Vietnam conflicts as well as those from Grenada, Panama, Persian Gulf, Africa, Central America and Eastern Europe in the various military campaigns over the years, to the present day Iraq and Afghanistan operations, and maybe a few who served in WWII. We at a home may not always remember what our military personnel and their families give up so they can serve our country and keep us safe. We will have link shortly on the CPRA web page where all of our CPRA members who are veterans can submit your *name, branch of service and service dates*. In the mean time please send your military information to

webmaster@cpra.org

Our Webmaster (Ernest Gallo of Torrance) is putting together a web page to memorialize and honor all those CPRA members who have served in the military or are now. We in CPRA say thank you!

MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2011

QUIET CANNON CONFERENCE CENTER

MONTEBELLO, CA

ANNUAL "TABLE TOP EXPO & LUNCHEON"

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Commercial Members
Early Bird Sponsor: Commercial Members
Secretary's Report: Minutes for the September 2011 meeting - posted via CPRA web site
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: Officer Election Report and Door Prize Drawings
Attendance: 183/161

AGENDA

Greeting – Ken Shearen. Ken opened the chapter meeting at 12:50 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the "2011 Table Top Expo & Luncheon" held annually in October. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken thanked Jack Daniel and all the Commercial Members for hosting the meeting. All in attendance joined in a round of applause for them.

Introductions - All. New members were welcomed. Self introductions were deferred due to the size of the event.

Recognition – Ken Shearen. Ken recognized CPRA member Bob Uribe in attendance. Bob is a Chief in the Navy currently on military orders. Ken also welcomed former CPRA member Susan Ronning who is now back on the west coast via a new assignment from her company. Both individuals were acknowledged with a warm round of applause.

Membership Report – Tim Trager. Tim reported that we have a total of 446 members. He noted that four new people joined APCO and CPRA. They were as follows:

New Active Member

- Patrick Mallon, LA Regional Interoperable Communications System (LARICS), Executive Director

New Commercial Members

- Jeremy Smith, LR Kimball, Consultant
 - Rafin Zourfonoun, Commscope, Business Development Manager
 - Paul Christin, ESRI, Homeland Security Solutions Manager

Meeting Program Review – Adriana Spirescu.

Upcoming Meeting Review. Adriana announced that the next meeting would be held on November 17th in Downey. All were encouraged to get details for the 2011 and 2012 schedules on the CPRA website.

December Meeting – Officer Installation Cruise, Friday December 9th, 6:00 pm. Adriana encouraged everyone to get their reservation in for the December Cruise. It will depart from Shoreline Village, Long Beach on Friday evening, December 9th at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$25 per person. Music entertainment will be provided by the "CPRA Nautically Naughty Jazz Band" as arranged for and sponsored by Michael Custer, Stencil Corporation.

APCO 2012 Western Region Conference (WRC) – Tina Jackson. Tina announced details about the 2012 WRC that will be held in Anchorage, AK Feb 29 – Mar 2, 2012. She emphasized the competitive costs of air fare and lodging. Tina encouraged everyone to take advantage of early bird registration which is now open.

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Regional Director – Richard Granado. Richard updated the chapter on APCO initiatives to use electronic voting for forthcoming elections. He also provided information about potential changes in the site selection process for future APCO conferences.

Executive Council Report – Jim Acosta.

APCO Executive Director Selection. Jim reported that the APCO Board of Directors had confirmed the appointment of Derek K. Poarch as the new APCO International Executive Director. Jim commented that Derek has more than 30 years of public safety experience including dispatcher, Director of Public Safety at UNC, and most recently Bureau Chief, Public Safety & Homeland Security at the FCC. Derek assumes his new position on November 14, 2011.

Appointment of APCO 2nd Vice-President. Jim reported that the Board of Directors had ratified the selection made by President Gregg Riddle with concurrence of the Executive Committee to appoint Gigi Smith to the vacancy in the 2nd Vice-President Post. Gigi was one of five nominees that applied for the vacancy and she previously served on the Board of Directors as a representative of the Western Region. Jim noted that Gigi would be sworn in on October 21, 2011.

Emergency Alert System (EAS) Test – Ken Shearen. Ken alerted everyone to the test of the EAS scheduled for November 9 at 11:00 a.m. pacific time.

Officer Elections (Executive Committee for 2012) – Ken Shearen. Ken announced the results of the election. The following individuals will serve as the elected members of the CPRA Executive Committee for 2012:

President: Adriana Spirescu

President-Elect: Tim Trager

Vice-President: Bill Carpenter

Executive Council Delegate: Jim Acosta

Secretary: Scott Espindola

Treasurer: John Wright

Sgt-At-Arms: Don Miller

Door Prizes Presentations – Chuck Taylor, Jack Daniel. The dynamic duo conducted the drawings for the door prizes. Big thanks were extended to the vendors for contributing the prizes.

Reminders – Ken Shearen.

Officer Installation. December 9, 2011, Evening Cruise

Western Region Conference. Feb 29 – Mar 2, 2012, Anchorage, AK

Meeting Adjourned. Ken thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Notes for the Record. Following the meeting, Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary

2011 Meeting Dates

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

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.

Save The Date

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

**Long Beach Harbor
Cruise**

Join us on a 4 hour dinner cruise on board the 90' luxury yacht "Motor Yacht Spirit". The Yacht will be setup in Traditional Holiday Decorations



Motor Yacht Spirit

**December 9, 2011
429 Shoreline Drive**

From the Galley

Sliced Prime Rib Dinner

**Marinated Boneless
Chicken Breast**

**Fluffy Cheese Potato
Au Gratin**

French Cut Green Beans

Caesar Green Salad

Assorted Dinner Rolls

**Assorted Mini Cheese-
cakes**

**Unlimited Champagne,
White Wine, Soft**

Itinerary

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Frequency Coordination:

Long Beach EOC
2990 E. Redondo
Long Beach, CA 90815

5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Boarding of Yacht

6:00 p.m.

Yacht Departs Promptly From Dock

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Social Hour: Unlimited Champagne, White Wine, Soft Drinks & Coffee (Cash Bar)

7:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.

Dinner
Officer Installation
Music
Entertainment & More



Name _____

Name

Name _____

Name

Agency _____

Phone #

Early registration is encouraged as space is limited to the first 100 people. Registration: \$25.00 per person.

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