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

**C**PRA 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.

## December 2011 Officer Installation - Long Beach

This month's Frequency Coordination Meeting will be held on Friday, December 9, 2011 at the City of Long Beach EOC  
&  
The Annual Officer Installation Dinner onboard the "Motor Yacht Spirit"

**Meeting Hosts:** Arianna Spirescu County of Orange Sherriff's Communications  
Jim Acosta Downey Fire Communications  
**Band Sponsored by:** Michael Custer Stancil Corporation

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**Frequency Coordination Meeting at:**  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Long Beach EOC  
2990 E. Redondo, Long Beach  
Los Angeles County TB 765-J2

**Officer Installation Dinner Boarding at:**  
5:40 - 6:00 p.m. 429 Shoreline Drive Dock #9  
Shoreline Village, Long Beach  
Behind Parker's Lighthouse Restaurant  
Los Angeles County TB 825-D1

**Itinerary:**  
5:40 - 6:00 p.m. Boarding of the Motor Yacht Spirit  
6:00 p.m. Yacht Departs Promptly From Dock  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Social Hour: Unlimited Champagne, White Wine, Soft Drinks & Coffee (Cash Bar)  
7:00 - 9:45 p.m. Dinner  
Officer Installation  
Music  
Entertainment & More  
9:45 p.m. Yacht Returns to Dock

**Note: \$8.00 Parking Fee**

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

**T**his year has gone by in what seems to me to be a blink of an eye. Reflecting upon this past year I am fortunate to have been involved with CPRA where we continue to have strong support from not only our public safety entities, but from the commercial sector as well. Even in this era of reduced budgets and economic uncertainty, CPRA continues to provide the resources and create avenues for continued education and networking among all of our members.

What are some of the examples one may ask: Look at the 2011 WRC - an event that takes three years to plan, promote and assemble. CPRA put together in less than 6 months. Our attendance figures were not as high in past years, but it was better than we projected and we fulfilled the needs of the members and their respective agencies by having a worthwhile program in a variety of topics. Those topics being technical, operational, administrative and legislative and we were able to continue the tradition of maintaining a "successful" regional conference. We had strong support from our western region chapters and APCO.

D Block – along with our allied chapters we embarked upon a campaign to spread the word out to our upper management staff and city leaders in to contacting local legislators to persuade them to support the bill proposed by Sen. Rockefeller and Sen. Hutchinson, the S911 bill. CPRA was successful in getting our Sate legislators moved from a position of indifference to supporting this effort. We are not finished with this task and we must remain diligent.

CPRA continues to look at ways we can further provide support and education to our public safety members and organizations through efforts to promote training to those who I refer to as our "first point of contact". Even though this is slow process, we are making some headway. But again we have shrinking budgets and contending with staff who need to do more with less. We however shall not be deterred.

Monthly meetings – we are very fortunate to continue to be able to hold monthly meetings. Many other chapters have cut back on these types of events. I must confess that our November meeting was given a good shake out test as our planned presentation and presenter had to with draw within a week of the event. Tim Trager and Dave Buchanan were able to put together a LTE presentation, which created a good bit of dialog and exchange of information between those who were in attendance and began to remove some of the myths we are hearing about LTE.

Narrow banding – for those of us in the VHF and UHF spectrum area are you ready yet to make the change? How will it impact your coverage? Have you updated your licenses?

800 Rebanding – Yes this and has been a long drawn out process and I appreciate all of those members who stay on top of this. The matter is in the State Dept. arena and they continue to make slow process with Mexico.

700 MHz – Riverside County has taken this matter on at full steam even in the midst of a band plan that was altered in the middle of the design process. Our 700 committee continues to work closely with those entities that are in active build outs. Riverside County also made a presentation at our January meeting relating to the process of building out their new system.

With all of this we still have this strong support of many of the experienced members – Ray Grimes, Chuck Taylor, Dave Buchanan, Jerry Campbell, John Sarkissian, Gary Gray, Joe Parrino, Anna Homes, Robert Stoffel to name just a few, who when we have a need we are able to call upon for assistance and/or guidance. There are many more members who sit on Executive Board whose contributions are enormous: Jack Daniels, Jim Acosta, Ken Mann, Robert Uribe, Gary Poon, Ernest Gallo and Richard Granado again just a name a few. And there are the countless members who continue to do their best day in and day out to not only support their agency, or their employer but our chapter as well.

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Yes we are facing difficult times, but we continue to need to stay focused on what our mission is and continue to strive towards our goal even if progress is measured in the smallest increments.

Concluding I must also extend my appreciation to the staff at SBRPCA my home organization, for allowing me to divert time away from the office to attend to the various CPRA functions and to the CPRA members and staff as well. I sincerely appreciate all of the support you have extended to me in the past year as your chapter president. These successes we enjoyed over this past year could have not been accomplished with out your selfless contributions.

I wish our newly elected CPRA team nothing but the best for the upcoming year. With that being said Happy Holidays to all of our members!

## MINUTES

### CHAPTER MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2011 RIO HONDO GOLF COURSE DOWNEY, CA

#### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** Jim Acosta, Downey Fire Communications  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Jack Daniel Company  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for the Oct meeting are posted on the CPRA web site  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "LTE: 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Wireless Data"  
**Presenter:** Tim Trager, County of San Bernardino  
**Attendance:** 34/31

#### AGENDA

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

**Opening.** Mike Rowles and John Wright presented a video to recognize the military services in honor of Veterans Day. Mike then led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Sponsorship/Host.** Ken thanked Jack Daniel for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments and Jim Acosta, Downey Fire Communications for hosting the meeting.

**Introductions - All.** New members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

**Membership Report – Tim Trager.** Tim reported that we have 452 members. He noted that three new people joined APCO and CPRA. They included:

*Active*

-Traci Michel, Whittier Police Department - Police Dispatcher  
 -Andrea Self, Los Angeles Sheriff's Office – Law Enforcement Technician

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*Commercial*

-Larry Irwin, President, The Headset Guy

Tim commented that each individual had been sent a welcome letter. He let them know in the letters that they had a complimentary lunch coming when they attended their first CPRA meeting. Tim announced that the APCO membership renewals were underway. He encouraged everyone to complete the renewal process and also to update contact information in the APCO system.

**Meeting Program Review – Adriana Spirescu.** Adriana reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings. It was noted that details for the 2012 schedule are under development and will be posted on the website. Adriana reminded everyone that the next CPRA meeting would be the officer installation dinner cruise to be held on Friday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Boarding will be at 5:40 p.m. and the cruise ship will depart at 6:00 pm from the Shoreline Village in Long Beach. She announced that the January meeting will be hosted by San Bernardino County at the Hughes Center in Claremont. It will be held on January 19, 2012.

**Treasurer – 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 \$3,420.00 and the total expenditures were \$7,176.61. Income included meeting registrations, Table Top booth sales, and sponsorships. Expenses included a Table Top meals/facilities, luncheon reimbursements, Visa card officer travel payments, and printing costs for the CommLink.

**Executive Committee Delegate – Jim Acosta.** Jim provided a report as follows:

*APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President.* Gigi Smith was sworn in as the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of APCO by President Gregg Riddle on October 24<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that she previously served on the Board of Directors as a representative of the Western Region.

*Joint Meeting of APCO-NENA Officers.* The APCO Executive Committee met with its National Emergency Numbering Association (NENA) counterparts on October 31<sup>st</sup>. They convened to foster cooperative efforts between the two organizations.

*Events – Emergency Alert System (EAS) Test.* Jim reported that the EAS was tested nationwide on November 9<sup>th</sup>. This was the first time for this test. It was observed that apparently there were no major impacts on the 9-1-1 system due to increased call volume.

*Government Affairs – Government Relations Office.* Jim noted that starting in the November the Government Relations team will be conducting a web conference. Chapter Legislative Liaisons are invited to attend. Each chapter is being encouraged to appoint a liaison to participate.

*Membership – Renewal Time.* Jim commented that the period for renewing APCO memberships has begun. He pointed out that the APCO web site has been enhanced to make the process easier. The new Group Membership category has received a good response. Further details are available on the APCO website.

**Frequency Coordinator Updates – Gary Gray.** The following report was provided:

*CalSIEC SPA – Robert Stoffel.* Robert Stoffel, Orange County Sheriff Communications gave a short presentation about the California State Interoperability Executive Committee (CalSIEC) Southern Planning Area (SPA). Robert commented that he will be serving as the SPA Chairman starting in 2012. He announced plans to send out a quarterly newsletter with current SPA information and initiatives. The SPA newsletter will be distributed to police chiefs, fire chiefs, city managers, and other agency heads. Robert asked CPRA members to assist in providing current contact information for these individuals within their respective counties.

**Chapter Constitution & By Laws Amendments – Ken Shearen.** President Ken commented about proposed amendments to the CPRA Constitution & Bylaws. Mike Rowles, Secretary presented an itemized review of the changes.

*New Names of Membership Categories.* Mike noted that APCO modified the names of the membership categories, hence there is a need to make updates for CPRA.

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*List of New Membership Categories Starting in 2012.* Mike summarized the membership categories.

-Type: Individual Name: **Full** (was Active); **Associate** (was Member); **Commercial** (same)

-Type: Group Name: **Full** (new category); **Online** (new category)

He indicated that the privileges for each category are shown on the APCO website.

*CPRA Executive Committee Member-at-Large (may be named Director-at-Large).* Mike described a proposed amendment to add a Member-at-Large to the CPRA Executive Committee. The purpose of this initiative is to expand member participation and representation on the Executive Committee. This would be an appointed position filled by the CPRA Executive Committee. The appointment would be for one year. Full and Commercial members will be eligible to serve in this position. Taskings for the individual may include but are not limited to serving as the CPRA Legislative Liaison, assisting with committee activities as needed, and fulfilling other roles that promote a positive image of CPRA.

*Adoption of Proposed Amendments.* Mike announced that the proposed amendments would be presented for adoption at the chapter meeting to be held in January 2012.

**Chapter Commercial Advisory Member – Jack Daniel.** Jack was unable to attend. Larry Weber served as the moderator of commercial presentations. He invited each of the Commercial Members in attendance to do a self introduction and give a brief comment about their respective products and services.

**Technical Presentation – Tim Trager.** Tim provided a talk titled “LTE: 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Wireless Data, Concept Presentation & Technology Primer.” In his overview, Tim noted that LTE means “Long Term Evolution.” He further explained that LTE is not specific to a vendor or cellular service provider. It is an international standard, in the same way that P25 is a standard. Tim presented spectrum requirements associated with LTE, system configuration diagrams, LTE functions, and potential public safety concerns related to LTE. President Ken commented what a superb and informative presentation the talk was. Those in attendance extended to Tim 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

## *CommLink Reminder*

The CommLink is published on a quarterly basis.

The CommLink will be printed and mailed out in January, April, July and October.

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## *Season's Greetings*

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