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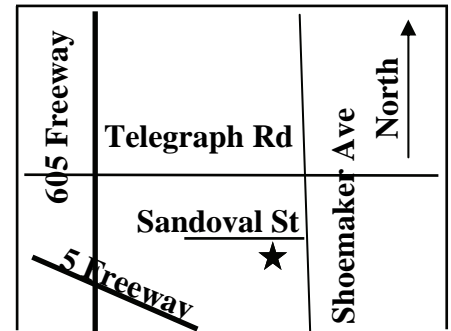
## June 2011 Meeting - Santa Fe Springs

**C**PRAs serve 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, June 21, 2012 at the Talley Facility, 12976 Sandoval St., Santa Fe Springs, CA (562) 906-8000  
Thomas Brothers Page 707-A5

**DIRECTIONS:**

From the 605 Freeway:  
Exit Telegraph Rd  
Travel East to Shoemaker Ave  
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**Meeting Host:** Larry Fiege Talley Inc.

**Early Bird Sponsor:** Larry Fiege Talley Inc.

0800 - 1000 Executive Board Meeting  
1000 - 1100 General Meeting  
1100 - 1200 **Presenter:** Raytheon

**Presentation:** "Interoperability Meets Mobility". The presentation will show how smart phones can connect to radio systems and discuss an LTE waiver deployment in Colorado

1200 Lunch

**Tech Talk Roundtable:** "Signal Boosters" "Everything you wanted to know about signal boosters but were afraid to ask"

*Silent Key: "We are sad to hear of the passing of NAPCO's Webmaster Ed Tobiasz."*

## Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

**PRESIDENT'S PODIUM**  
**ADRIANA SPIRESCU**

**T**hank you to Sam Russell from the City of Bakersfield for hosting our May CPRA meeting at the Petroleum Club. In addition, our appreciation to Early Bird Sponsor Paul Poor from Communications Enterprises who provided our morning treats. We had a lovely lunch buffet with a view!!

Wayne Hopfe with the City of Bakersfield presented a brief video about America's most successful cycling race, and one of the nation's largest and most recognized annual sporting events, the Amgen Tour of California.

Jennifer Doogan of Feeny Wireless followed with a presentation on her company's wireless technology contributions to Public Safety.

We had the privilege to have NAPCO board members Scott Andrew - President, Angela Azevedo - Immediate Past President, Jim Lencioni - Secretary, Preston Thompson - Director and Ed Tobiasz [Silent Key] - Webmaster attend both the executive and general meeting. [Sad to report that Ed Tobiasz has passed away since then. More information to follow. ] Our appreciation for their efforts in driving down and we look forward to working with them in the future. NAPCO will be hosting the Western Regional Conference in Sacramento in 2015!!

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Charles Taylor as the CPRA Member-at-Large. He has been a member of APCO for over 50 years and a past President of CPRA. His wealth of knowledge will benefit our Chapter greatly.

Join us at the next CPRA monthly meeting on June 21st at Talley, in the city of Santa Fe Springs. All public safety communication technicians and equipment installers are invited to attend second round of the "Tech Talk" Round Table, that will take place during the Frequency Coordination session following lunch. See you then!!



*CPRA & NAPCO Board Members  
Bakersfield, May 17, 2012*

## CHAPTER MEETING

May 17, 2012  
**The Petroleum Club of Bakersfield**  
**5060 California St**  
**Bakersfield, CA 93309**

### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** Sam Russell, City of Bakersfield  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Paul Poor, Communications Enterprises  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the April 2012 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "AMGEN" presented by Wayne Hopfe, City of Bakersfield  
 "Contributions to Public Safety" presented by Jennifer Doogan, Feeney Wireless  
**Attendance:** 42/42

### AGENDA

**Welcome–Opening – Adriana Spirescu.** The meeting was called to order at 10:13 AM. Adriana welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the May CPRA Meeting.

*Pledge of Allegiance - Mike Rowles*

*Thank you (Host and Early Bird Sponsor):* Thanks were given to Sam Russell from the City of Bakersfield for making the arrangements, and to Paul Poor from Communications Enterprises, our Early Bird Sponsor.

*Special Introduction of NAPCO:* Adriana introduced all the members present and gave her thanks to them to join us at our meeting. After introductions, Tim as asked to come forward and present the last APCO-OPOLY game to Scott Andrew, as the NAPCO group President.

*Self Introductions:* Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

#### **Treasurer – John Wright.**

*Monthly Financial Report:* John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He stated the total income for the month was \$10,157.01 and the total expenditures were \$12,968.61. Income was noted as CD Interest Income of \$2.26 from our three CDs, banquet registration and but-ton sales cash and credit card deposits, and APCO membership dues. Expenses included officer travel reimbursements and banquet expenses. We had over 260 attendees at the banquet. Additionally, John spoke of his candidacy for APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

#### **Membership Report – Bill Carpenter.**

*Membership Numbers:* Current membership shows a total of 413 members, including 92 commercial members. The numbers, however, are not accurate due to issues retrieving information off the APCO website.

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### **2012 Meetings Review – Tim Trager.**

*General Meetings:* Tim spoke of the upcoming June Chapter meeting in Santa Fe Springs, July at Knott's Berry Farm, and August in Oak Glen at the Apple Dumpling Restaurant. Dave Buchanan is our host for the August meeting.

*Tech Talk/Dispatch Roundtables Dates:* The next Tech Talk will be at the June meeting, and the Dispatch Roundtable will be at the July meeting.

**C & B Report – Gary Gray.** Gary went over the "general clean-up" changes to the C & B. He advised the changes were presented to, and voted on by, the Executive Committee. After Tim T. passed out copies to the group, Gary covered the specific changes and updates. He asked the group if there were any question. Gary moved for adoption of the changes. Tim T. seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion passed.

**Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray.** Gary mentioned CPRA is updating its email distribution listings. Invitations have been sent out to join CPRA Spectrum. You should be getting the invitation if you were on the previous listings. He advised members to check their spam folders, it may be there. If not, send Gary an email to request the invitation.

*700 MHz – Dave Buchanan:* Dave has not seen what's come out of the FCC's board regarding recommendations regarding interoperability. Comments are still being accepted if anyone is interested in commenting [6/5/12 Update: Comment period is now closed]. Dave extensively covered various updates and changes regarding interoperability, bandwidths, technologies, etc. AT&T proposed changing how their 4G broadband Transmit Power is measured. This change will not change the interface environment, but the continued migration to Broadband networks is a worry from an interference standpoint. The May 17<sup>th</sup> FCC Commission Meeting will be addressing 4.9 GHz rules. They will rule on minor cleanup changes and ask for input on more major changes. NPSTC has a work group that is working on specific rule change recommendations.

**Kern County Update – Keith Jensen.** He advised Kern County has had two site break-ins. He explained it appeared the doors were opened (forced) at the site, but nothing appears to have been taken. He asked if anyone else has had this type of problem. The break-ins have captured the attention of the FBI and Homeland Security. Two Chapter Members advised they've experienced a similar problem. He requested anyone with similar problems, or if they know of anyone with similar problems, to contact Kern County in an effort to coordinate how to deal with the situation.

**Executive Council Report – Jim Acosta.** Jim covered several topics. APCO was in 142 articles throughout the month of April. In articles where APCO and NENA were mentioned, APCO received 72 percent of the coverage, and NENA received 28 percent. Voting this year will be electronic. Members will be able to begin voting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Voting will close at 1:45pm on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Members will log in to cast their votes, however may not change their vote once it's been cast. The First Vice President candidate is Gigi Smith, who you'll select "yes" or "no" when voting. The two candidates for Second Vice President are Brent Lee from Nevada and our own John Wright from CPRA.

**Commercial Membership Introductions – Larry Weber.** The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer.

**Door Prize Drawing – Adriana Spirescu.** A drawing was conducted with the prize of a two night stay at a resort going to Erik Borg from Chair Pros.

**Meeting Presentation – City of Bakersfield.** Wayne Hopfe entertained the group with a video highlighting the many interests Bakersfield has to offer, with an emphasis on the Amgen Tour of California bike race which has brought a great deal of national attention to the area.

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## 2012 Meeting Dates

### January 19, 2012

#### **Hughes Center - Claremont**

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Monday January 3, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Alcatel.Lucent*

### February 16, 2012

#### **Loma Ridge - Orange County**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday January 30, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor TriPower Group*

### March 15, 2012

#### **San Marcos**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday February 27, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Motorola*

### April 12, 2012

#### **Quiet Cannon - Montebello**

Technical Awards AM

Annual Dispatchers' Banquet PM

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday March 26, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor SIMOCO*

### May 17, 2012

#### **Bakersfield - Petroleum Club**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday April 30, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Communications Enterprises*

### June 21, 2012

#### **Santa Fe Springs - Talley**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday June 4, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Talley Communications*

### July 19th 2012

#### **Knott's Berry Farm - Buena Park**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday July 2, 2011

*Early Bird Sponsor The Sales Group*

### August 9, 2012

#### **TBA**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday July 30, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Axell Communications*

### September 20, 2012

#### **Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Thousand Oaks**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Tuesday September 20, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsors Bassett Sales & Talley Communications*

### October 18, 2012

#### **Quiet Cannon - Montebello**

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday October 1, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsors TriPower Group & Open*

### November 15, 2012

#### **Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday October 29, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Open*

### December 7, 2012

#### **Annual Holiday Banquet & Officer Installation**

**TBA**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday November 19, 2012

*Meeting Sponsor Open*

## 2012 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

January 4, 2012 - Orange County

April 4, 2012 - American Red Cross, West LA

July 11, 2012 - San Bernardino County

November 7, 2012 - SBRPCA

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**Meeting Presentation – Feeney Wireless.** Jennifer Doogan, with assistance from Ruben Soto, gave a power point presentation outlining the wireless products and services offered by Feeney Wireless.

**Meeting Adjourned.** Adriana adjourned the meeting at 12:08 PM.

**Notes for the Record.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Espindola  
Secretary

## INVITATION TO ATTEND THE CPRA Technician and Installer "Tech Talk" Roundtable Thursday June 21, 2012 1300-1430

**Featured Topic: “SIGNAL BOOSTERS”**

***What You Have Always Wanted To Know But Were Afraid To Ask***

Immediately after lunch at the CPRA June meeting in Santa Fe Springs (hosted by Talley Corp.) there will be a special program for Communications Technicians and Equipment Installers in CPRA's Southern California area. "**Tech Talk**" is a moderated forum that is designed to explore technology applications, technical standards, common work practices, and industry trends. The featured topic for this month will be “Signal Boosters”, *What You Have Always Wanted To Know But Were Afraid To Ask*.

Your staff will leave the forum with a better understanding of signal booster applications, technical standards, work practices, technical issues, industry contacts plus general information that is appropriate for the Electronic Technician and Equipment Installer in your group. The forum will wrap up at 2:30, leaving time for the commute back to the shops.

If time permits, please consider purchasing your attendees a lunch ticket so they can enjoy the CPRA luncheon before the Roundtable. The luncheon is at 12:00 pm and the Roundtable starts at 1:00 pm. Dr. Doug Roberts, County of San Bernardino will serve as the moderator for the Roundtable.

Please contact Mike Rowles, 909-388-5971 or Tim Trager, 909-388-5563 with any questions.

Space is limited. Please Reserve A Seat NLT Monday, 6/18/12

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