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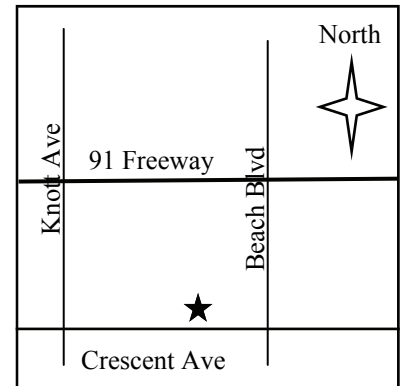
July 2011 Meeting - Buena Park

CPRAs 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, July 19, 2012 at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel, 7675 Crescent Ave., Buena Park, CA.
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DIRECTIONS:
From 91 Freeway:

- ◆ Exit Knott Ave.
- ◆ Go south on Knott Ave to Crescent Ave.
- ◆ Go east on Crescent Ave to hotel.



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Meeting Host: Robert Stoffel Orange County Sheriff's Communications

Early Bird Sponsor: Larry Weber The Sales Group

0800 - 1000 Executive Committee Meeting

1000 - 1100 General Membership Meeting

1100 - 1200 **Presentation:** By Lifeguards who will share with us how they do their job and what technology they use to help keep us safe while we enjoy the beach.

1200 Lunch

Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
ADRIANA SPIRESCU

Our President Adriana Spirescu is away this month on a vacation with her family. I wish her safe travels and a relaxing time during the trip. While Adriana is away, I have the privilege as your President Elect to address the membership from the President's Podium.

Accomplishments seldom rest with one person, so I'd like to take a moment to recognize and sincerely thank all of the CPRA members in addition to Larry Feige and his team at Talley Communications, who helped to make our June chapter meeting a great success. CPRA sustains a good mix of public safety communications professionals, both on the consumer and supplier side of the equation. Our June meeting brought this combination together to learn more about the capabilities and business cases for LTE thanks to Raytheon's Bob LaRose who delivered a presentation titled "Interoperability Meets Mobility". Fellow chapter members took advantage of the opportunity to network with each other to explore where business related opportunities exist and can be cultivated further. June's meeting also hosted a Tech Talk series where Dr. Doug Roberts with San Bernardino County ISD facilitated a discussion on the selection, installation and operation of in-building Signal Boosters. Look for another "Technical" Tech Talk presentation later in the year. CPRA meetings remain the forum where Southern California's Public Safety Community can get together, compare notes, and stay abreast of the latest technological, regulatory, and operational offerings and happenings that shape our business direction and professional responsibilities.

The balance of the year, now that 2012 has given us half of what it has to offer, remains full of activity at CPRA. CPRA's Chapter Meetings include a host of presentations for the balance of the year that will, among other things, insure that you own a good base of information surrounding the various issues that are beginning to directly impact Southern California, such as progress in D-Block, the T-Band Freeze, and 800 MHz Rebanding. I venture to say at least one of these topics affects each agency in the CPRA region, so be sure to attend our monthly meetings to hear and discuss how the latest developments will affect your organization. In just over a month now, the 2012 APCO National Conference will be held in Minneapolis. CPRA membership will be represented at that conference, and I hope that many members can make their way to Minneapolis this summer to be part of the gathering. CPRA will work hard during the national conference to promote and make sure that everyone looks forward to the APCO 2013 National Conference, which will be held in our own Anaheim California. It is also important to know that our CPRA Treasurer, John Wright, is running for the APCO Second Vice-President office, and those election results will be announced in Minneapolis. The Second Vice-President is the starting point through a series of progressively responsible leadership positions within the APCO organization, concluding with service as the APCO National President. We encourage all members to vote, and wish John the very best as he seeks to give back even more to the organization!

Please mark your calendars to join us at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel on July 19th for our monthly CPRA Chapter meeting. Besides a Knott's Traditional Chicken Lunch with the fixings, we are looking forward to a presentation from the Lifeguards who will share with us how they do their job and what technology they use to help keep us safe while we enjoy the beach. Please also plan to join our Tech Talk for Dispatchers gathering after the luncheon. While the frequency coordination meeting proceeds in one room, our Chapter Secretary, Scott Espindola, who is the Dispatch Training Supervisor for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, will lead an interactive forum to discuss current issues that impact dispatch center operations in Law, Fire and EMS facilities.

Have a fun and safe summer 2012, and I and your colleagues at CPRA look forward to seeing you soon.

Tim Trager
President-Elect

CHAPTER MEETING
June 21, 2012
Talley Inc
12976 Sandoval St
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Larry Feige, Talley Inc.
Early Bird Sponsor: Larry Feige, Talley Inc.
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 2012 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "Interoperability Meets Mobility" presented by Robert LaRose, Raytheon
Attendance: 58/48

AGENDA

Welcome–Opening – Adriana Spirescu. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Adriana welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the June CPRA Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance - Mike Rowles

Thank you (Host and Early Bird Sponsor): Thanks were given to Larry Feige from Talley Inc. for hosting our meeting.

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

Membership Report – Bill Carpenter.

Membership Numbers: Current membership shows a total of 388 members, including 93 commercial members, 235 full members, and 60 associate members.

2012 Meetings Review – Tim Trager.

General Meetings: Tim gave an update of the next few meetings' locations. All the information can be found on the CPRA Website.

Tech Talk/Dispatch Roundtables Dates: Today's Tech Talk covers Signal Boosters. Next month's Dispatch Roundtable will be at Knott's Berry Farm.

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 \$1,321.32 and the total expenditures were \$4,397.85. Income was noted as CD Interest Income, meeting registrations, and APCO dues. John also touched on the APCO International Expo and Conference in Anaheim in 2013, inviting the Commercial members to sign-up for a booth.

Regional Director Report – Richard Granado. The Global Alliance in Dubai was reviewed. A decision was made to not revisit Dubai anytime in the near future. Locations such as South America are being looked at for future events. The Annual Conference registration is behind at this point, compared to last year. Richard advised the Jack Daniel Award of Distinction has been established. Mike Rowles inquired whether the award will be given at this year's conference. Richard and Adriana confirmed Pat Daniel will be the recipient of the first award.

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Frequency Coordinator Update.

FCC Updates – Gary Gray: Gary sent out information regarding a new series of tower designations with relation to the issues surrounding migratory birds.

800 Rebanding – Ray Grimes: June 8th, the US and Mexico agreed to a border designation for rebanding. On August 2nd, from 9:00-12:00, Alan Tilles will be holding a meeting in L.A. regarding rebanding. Ray updated members regarding Nextel and the FCC's involvement Upper Block CDMA. He also spoke extensively regarding the upcoming UHF and Narrowbanding regulations.

700 MHz Update – Dave Buchanan: There are ongoing talks with Mexico to revise the band sharing agreement. Mexico is considering using the Asia Pacific Band plan for BB use in Mexico, and this will present major issues in how to share the band and protect PS operations along the border in 700 MHz. APCO and NPSTC have been asked to contribute to the talks. Dave also covered other topics including:

4.9 GHz – FCC released an order which corrected several items in the rules for 4.9 GHz. Also, they released a further Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) which looks to making the major changes to the 4.9 GHz rules in order to get better use of the band.

T-Band – NPSTC has formed a WG to look at all the issues involved with the mandate to move out of this band. Anyone wishing to participate can sign-up on the NPSTC website.

NPSTC and NIST/PSCR – are working on an update of the Statement of Requirements (SoR) for the National PS Broadband Network (NPSBN). Expected completion is September 2012.

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 CPRA polo shirt, a jacket from Plant CML, a Best Buy gift card, and a Talley shirt were awarded to four of our lucky members.

Meeting Presentation – Raytheon. Robert LaRose gave a brief history of Raytheon's size and scope. He enlightened the group regarding the ADCOM 911 LTE System.

Meeting Adjourned. Tim adjourned the meeting at 12:19 PM.

Notes for the Record.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Espindola
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.

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.

2012 Meeting Dates

January 19, 2012

Hughes Center - Claremont

CommLink Cutoff Date

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 4, 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

ATTENTION!!!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHAPTER OFFICER? CHAPTER ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 18, 2012

If you are interested in becoming an officer of our Chapter, or know someone you would like to nominate, please contact Ken Shearen
(310) 973-1802 Ext 203 or send an email to: kshearen@rcc911.org

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.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Requires a one year commitment.



John Wright Candidate for APCO 2nd Vice-President

My fellow CPRA members; Most of you know that I am running for the office of 2nd Vice President of APCO International for the 2012–2013 term. As an APCO Senior Member, CPRA Chapter Life Member, and Association Life Member with nearly 25 years of service to the Chapter and Association, and with the encouragement and full support of your Chapter, I am running for the office this year. If elected, I feel that I would be a great asset to the Association and its members in this critical leadership role.

I am very active in my participation and service to the Association. At the chapter level I serve as your Chapter Treasurer and have served two terms as Chapter President, Director, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Operations Committee Chair. Regionally, I serve as an APCO AFC Local Frequency Advisor, an active member of the Region 5 700 MHz and 800 MHz Planning committees, and as a member of the National Regional Planning Council (NPRC). I have been a member of the CPRA Annual Telecommunicators Awards Committee for the past 24 years. I am the proud recipient of the APCO International Technician of the Year award as well as the CPRA Communications Center Supervisor of the Year award.

At the APCO International level, I serve as Vice-Chair of the APCO Spectrum Management Committee and Chair the APCO Technician Certification/Testing Review Sub-Committee for the APCO Institute. I have participated in multiple APCO activities, including serving two terms as Chair of the APCO Telecommunications Management Committee, member of the APCO 9-1-1 Emerging Technologies Committee and member of the APCO Communications Center Practices Task Force. I have worked on several APCO Projects (Project 33, Project 40), served on four APCO Regional Conferences as Program Chair, Finance Chair, and General Arrangements Chair and I am now serve on the 2013 APCO International Conference & Exposition Committee to be held in Anaheim, California.

As a recently retired Middle Manager for a metropolitan city with a population of more than 300,000, I believe I have the proven management and leadership skills, the necessary education—a Degree in Business Management—and hands-on experience required to support the operations and leadership of our Association. I have directly managed a \$5 to \$7 million annual Communications Division budget, participated in managing a \$92.7 million Department budget, managed more than 75 employees and support/service personnel, worked as project manager on several local and regional interoperability projects, and participated in multiple contract negotiations. I have successfully acquired UASI and COPS grant funds for several projects, including a \$1.1 million regional interoperability project. Having worked 11 years for the Riverside Fire Department as a Fire Dispatcher and then as a Firefighter, before working 28 years for the Riverside Police Department, gives me the unique insight into the critical and significantly different operations of the fire service and law enforcement. Having worked as a combined Police/Fire 9-1-1 PSAP Advanced EMD-certified Dispatcher, PSAP Shift Supervisor, PSAP Training Supervisor, PSAP Administrative Supervisor, and interim Communications Division Manager gives me the operational experience to fully understand the support, equipment and specialized training needed by our professional telecommunicators and our 9-1-1 centers. My college technical training, military communications training (Vietnam War Veteran), and experience as a Communications Systems Analyst gives me the necessary technical skills to properly participate in, and provide leadership on, the current and future complex technical issues the Association supports, and must continue to be a leader in, both nationally and worldwide.

My vision for the future of our Association is that APCO become the leader in having Telecommunicators designated as true “First Responders” at a national level. That the Association continues to expand the role of the APCO Institute to provide additional courses with technical certifications, continuing education, and training for telecommunicators, RF technicians and IT professionals. Develop targeted management courses for first line and middle managers, and become the nationally recognized certification body for these fields. Find new funding sources to provide these courses at reduced or no cost to the membership, making being an APCO member a “value added” training source. APCO should continue work in the APCO Project series with an eye to the future, providing national and international leadership on critical issues and driving development of new technologies for public safety. APCO must continue to be a leader in the development of the National Public Safety Broadband Network, establishing nationally adopted standards for development, deployment and operation. APCO should continue to be the leader in providing quality engineering and FCC licensing services through the AFC, creating an equipment replacement schedule for Advisors, and importantly, APCO must continue its influence and presence in Washington, D.C., while exploring our common interests and through new partnerships with Mexico and Latin America. Working together, we can make APCO International become the recognized worldwide leader in Public Safety Communications.

2012 APCO Officer Elections Electronic Voting

On-line voting will be available at www.apcointl.org starting **July 18, 2012** through **August 21, 2012 at 1:45 PM Central**.

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