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

## January 2012 Meeting - Claremont

**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.

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at the Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd, Claremont, San Bernardino County Thomas Brothers 601-B1

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- ◆ South on Towne Ave to Scripps Dr
- ◆ Left on Scripps Ave to Danbury Dr
- ◆ Right on Danbury Dr to address

**Meeting Host:**

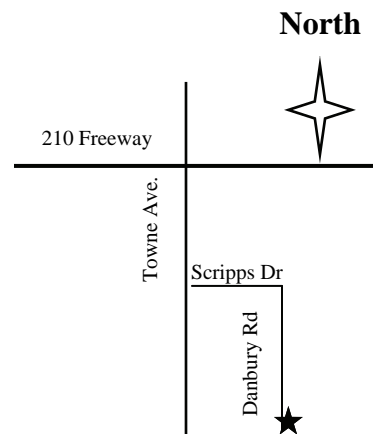
Tim Trager, Mike Rowles  
County of San Bernardino

**Early Bird Sponsor:**

Bryan Wassom Alcatel.Lucent

**Agenda:**

0830 - 1000	Executive Committee Meeting
1000 - 1100	General Meeting
1100 - 1200	Presentation: "Next Generation Radio System Connectivity"
	Presenters: Bryan Wassom, Sr Account Dir., Alcatel.Lucent
1200	Lunch
1300 - 1430	"Tech Talk" Roundtable



Frequency Coordination Immediately Following Lunch

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

**H**appy New Year to all our CPRA members!! On behalf of the CPRA Executive Committee, we wish you and your family the best for the New Year. I would like to thank our outgoing President and new CPRA Director, Ken Shearen, for his outstanding leadership and service to our Chapter. His enthusiasm and vision has been very much appreciated by all Members.

I also want to express my thanks to Jim Acosta who planned and hosted our December Officer Installation meeting aboard Spirit Cruises in Long Beach. A wonderful time was had by the sixty-nine members, guests, and friends of CPRA that attended.

Mike Rowles was presented the President's Service Award for his six years of service to the Chapter as Secretary. Ken Shearen also presented CPRA Chapter Service Awards to: Ken Mann, Pat & Jack Daniel, Joe Parrino, Chuck Taylor, Don Miller, John Wright, Mike Rowles, Ernest Gallo, and Adriana Spireescu. Congratulations to the Western Regional Conference (WRC) Committee, chaired by Ken Mann who organized and executed a successful Regional Conference in Ontario in less than six months.

Please join me in welcoming newly elected 2012 CPRA Officers: President-Elect Tim Trager; Vice-President Bill Carpenter, Secretary Scott Espindola; Treasurer John Wright; Sergeant-at-Arms Don Miller; Executive Council Delegate Jim Acosta; and CPRA Commercial Advisor Jack Daniel. I consider it a privilege and honor to work along side our amazing Executive Committee, which is a leader in the APCO organization.

We are looking forward to lending our Chapter support to the APCO Alaska Chapter, who will be hosting the 2012 WRC, for the first time, in Anchorage, Alaska. In addition, CPRA is anticipating the challenge of hosting and promoting the 2013 APCO International Annual Conference in Anaheim.

Join us for interesting and exciting presentations and workshops this year, starting with a "Tech Roundtable" at our January meeting in Claremont. These monthly gatherings allow our membership to hear valuable presentations, learn new technology, and network with other communications professionals.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together for the common goal of supporting Public Safety Communications.

**CPRA Technician and Installer "Tech Talk" Roundtable**

Immediately after lunch at the CPRA January meeting in Claremont there will be a special program for the Communications Technician and Equipment Installers in CPRA's Southern California area. "**Tech Talk**" is a moderated forum that is designed to explore similarities and differences amongst the governmental or commercial agencies represented, as well as discussion about common work practices and identification of industry trends. Your staff will leave the forum with a better understanding of their neighbor's technical organization, varied service offerings and work practices, technical issues, some personal contacts, and 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 Tim Trager, County of San Bernardino at 909-388-5563 with any questions. An additional contact is Mike Rowles, 909-388-5971.

**MINUTES  
CHAPTER MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2011  
SPIRIT CRUISES  
LONG BEACH, CA**

**SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** Adriana Spirescu, O.C. Sheriff Communications  
Jim Acosta, Downey Fire Communications

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for the Nov meeting are posted on the CPRA web site

**Program:** Presentation of Awards; Installation of Officers for 2012

**Attendance:** 69

**AGENDA**

**Greeting – Ken Shearen.** President Ken opened the chapter meeting at 8:15 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the CPRA Officer Installation Meeting aboard the “Motor Yacht Spirit” operated by Spirit Cruises.

**Hosts.** Ken thanked Adriana Spirescu and Jim Acosta for hosting this special meeting.

**Sponsorship.** President Ken also thanked Bill Hauser and Michel Custer, Stancil Corporation for sponsoring the musical entertainment for the evening. He expressed sincere appreciation for the superb music provided by the “CPRA Nautically Naughty Jazz Band.”

**Invocation – Mike Rowles.** Mike offered the invocation for the evening. He expressed thanksgiving for the evening, and asked for the Lord’s blessing on the food and His favor for the upcoming year.

**Dinner Served.** The Spirit Cruises staff served a delightful dinner of salad, dinner rolls, entrée, and dessert.

**Award Recognition.** Ken recognized the accomplishments of the Western Region Conference Planning Committee. He presented Chapter Service Awards to the members of the committee serving in the positions as noted:

Ken Mann, Conference Chair  
John Wright, Program & Finance Chair  
Jack Daniel, Commercial Chair  
Pat Daniel, Volunteer Extraordinaire  
Ernest Gallo, Registration Chair  
Mike Rowles, Publicity Chair  
Charles Taylor, General Arrangements Chair  
Joe Parrino, Transportation Chair  
Adriana Spirescu, Volunteers & Family Entertainment Chair  
Don Miller, Security Chair

Ken also presented a President’s Service Award to Mike Rowles for six years of service as Chapter Secretary (2006 – 2011). Mike gave brief comments covering chapter highlights for each of the years. He expressed sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve along side the members of the Executive Committees, and all other members of CPRA. Mike noted that importance of continually expanding the CPRA officer cadre and thanked new officers Scott Espindola, Secretary and Bill Carpenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President for coming onboard.

**Installation of the Officers – Gary Gray.** Gary administered the oath of office to the 2012 CPRA Executive Committee Officers on behalf of CPRA, the southern California chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials –International, Inc. (APCO). Each officer, as identified below, acknowledged acceptance of his/her respective duties and responsibilities by stating “I do.”

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**CPRA Officers for 2012.** The following individuals were installed as officers to serve the Chapter for 2012:

**President** – Adriana Spirescu

**President-Elect** – Tim Trager

**Vice-President** Bill Carpenter

**Executive Council Delegate** – Jim Acosta

**Sergeant-at-Arms** – Don Miller

**Treasurer** – John Wright

**Secretary** – Scott Espindola

A warm round of applause was given to the newly installed officers.

**Outgoing President Comments.** Ken thanked the Executive Committee and all the members of CPRA for their support. He then provided comments about a number of CPRA accomplishments during 2011. This included putting on a noteworthy APCO 2011 Western Region Conference, hosting a memorable Telecommunicator Awards Banquet, taking a proactive position regarding allocation of the D block 700 MHz frequency band, extending a visible outreach of support to adjacent chapters in Arizona and Northern California, and collaborating on a Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team (TERT) initiative. In closing, Ken again thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Chapter President. All in attendance gave Ken a resounding round of applause for his dedication, hard work, and service as President of the chapter for 2011.

**Presentation of the Gavel – Ken Shearen.** Ken asked Adriana to come forward. As noted she will serve as the CPRA President for 2012. Ken presented her with the official gavel for use in the upcoming year. Thus the transfer of responsibilities was duly accomplished.

**Recognition Award for Outgoing President – Adriana Spirescu.** Adriana presented Ken with an engraved plaque in recognition of his service to the chapter. On behalf of the chapter membership, she thanked him for his commitment, vision, and leadership while serving as CPRA President for 2011.

**New President Comments – Adriana Spirescu.** Adriana thanked everyone for attending the dinner cruise and installation meeting. She commented that she was looking forward to working with the Executive Committee and all the chapter members in her role as President for the upcoming year, even if there was a little bit of trepidation thrown into the mix. Adriana then introduced her family who were there sharing the evening with her. She then passed the microphone around to each of the CPRA members and asked them to introduce their respective guests. Adriana commented how nice it was to see so many spouses, family members, and guests attending the installation dinner.

**Musical Entertainment – Jazz Band.** Adriana invited everyone to enjoy listening to the music of the jazz band while the boat continued its trip around the Long Beach harbor.

**Meeting Adjourned.** President Adriana then thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Notes for the Record.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Rowles

## 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

## 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 15th

San Marcos

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday February 27, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Motorola*

April 12th

Annual Dispatchers' Banquet

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday March 26, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor SIMOCO*

May 17th

Bakersfield

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday April 30, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Communications Enterprises*

June 21th

Santa Fe Springs

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 16th

TBA

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday July 30, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Axell Communications*

September 20th

Annual "No Ties Meeting"

Thousand Oaks

CommLink Cutoff Date

Tuesday September 20, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsors Bassett Sales & Talley Communications*

October 18th

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday October 1, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsors TriPower Group & Open*

November 15th

Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday October 29, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Open*

December 7th

Annual Holiday Banquet &

Officer Installation

Orange Hill Restaurant or Nixon Library

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday November 19, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Open*

## *John W. Wright for APCO 2nd Vice-President*

The CPRA Executive Committee is proud to announce that our own John Wright will be running for the position of APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President for 2012. We recognize that John has contributed many years of service to public safety and the APCO community in a wide variety of leadership positions and committee assignments. We urge all our CPRA members to vote for John come August.

## *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.



***National Telecommunicator's Week Buttons  
for Sale by CPRA Chapter***

The California Public-Safety Radio Association (the Southern California chapter of APCO, Int'l.) is making available National Telecommunicator's Week buttons again this year. Cost is still \$1.00 each, plus shipping and handling.

This year's buttons are 2 1/4" round pin-backed. They are worn during National Telecommunicators' week (April 8-14, 2012) to show support for our professionals.

To order buttons, send your name, address, and quantity desired to CPRA, P.O. Box 1181, Riverside, California 92502 or fax to CPRA at 213.291.9411). Check, money order or purchase order should be made payable to "CPRA."

National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week honors all those in public safety communications. In some areas, the observance is called National Telecommunicators' Week. The week historically has been acknowledged by a letter from the President of the United States congratulating the dedicated and hard working individuals who work in our industry.

***Send order form to:***

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