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

January 2013 Meeting - Downey

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Rd., Downey, (562) 806-2050 Thomas Brothers Page 705-J6

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.

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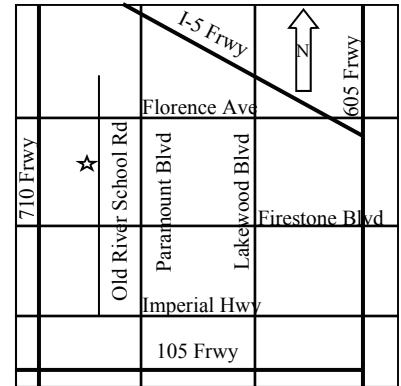
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From I-5 Freeway:

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Meeting Host: Jim Acosta Downey Fire Communications

Early bird Sponsor: Ray Atencio MCM Technologies

Agenda:

0830 - 0945	Executive Committee Meeting
1000 - 1100	General Meeting
1100 - 1200	Presentation: "Introduction to Railroad Communications Systems"
	Presentation By: Tana Perkins - Technical Program Manager, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad.
1200	Lunch
1300	Dispatchers' Roundtable

Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
TIM TRAGER

I hope the first President's Podium of 2013 finds everyone raising their hand when asked if they had a great holiday season! May 2013 bring great opportunity and success to our CPRA members.

Last month was the annual changing of the guard for CPRA. We had a nice turnout of members and guests on the night of December 6 when we enjoyed a great dinner in a superbly decorated room on the top floor of the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel. The conversations with old and new friends along with gazing at the Orange County skyline through the big picture windows gave way later in the evening recognition of those who uniquely served the chapter in 2012, followed by the ceremony to install the new officers. I, along with the other board members took great pride in being conferred the rights and responsibilities of our leadership positions. Speaking for the Executive Board, each of us is looking forward to the privilege of advancing the chapter's interests and serving the CPRA membership throughout 2013. I want to make it known too that this night would not have been possible had there not been the strong leadership and chapter management provided throughout 2012 by our outgoing President, Adriana Spriescu, whom I give another round of applause to.

While Santa gets to rest in January, we are busy planning the locations and programs for the 2013 chapter meeting schedule, in a whole hearted effort to bring the membership valuable opportunities to improve their knowledge base, network with their peers and vendors, and become more familiar with the trends emerging in our profession. Equally important, yet with a different objective, January is the time when we set up our chapter committee positions. Service on a committee is an effective way to participate in chapter activities that "reset" every January, so no one needs to feel beholden to an open-ended commitment. CPRA committees allow participation in technical, operational, and administrative areas. I would encourage everyone interested in participating in the chapter to sign up for committee work. Please get in touch with me with your interest in this type of service – all are welcome without regard to how much time they have available for this type of service.

Lastly, please mark your calendar to join us on January 17 at the Rio Hondo Golf Course in Downey for our January chapter meeting. The meeting is being sponsored by Ray Atencio with MCM Technologies, the growing company that provides enterprise class software solutions for communication asset tracking and inventory management. Our January meeting program is titled "Introduction to Railroad Communications Systems" and is being presented by Tana Perkins who is a Technical Program Manager with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. Tana's program is not only a general interest topic, but will also allow us an opportunity to develop a relationship with the BNSF who transits many of our communities and geographical markets. Concurrent with Frequency Coordination meetings after lunch our Secretary, Scott Espindola, will kick off the second year of our Dispatchers' Roundtable series when he hosts an afternoon for our area dispatchers to get together and discuss various aspects of their operations and practice. As a dispatch supervisor himself, Scott keeps these gatherings lively and a good place to exchange information, ideas and perspectives.

Please always feel free to reach me at President@CPRA.org with any questions, comments, desires to participate, to share ideas - or even to say hi.

See you on the 17th in Downey.
Sincerely Yours,

Tim Trager

Happy New Year!

CHAPTER MEETING
December 6, 2012
Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel
7675 Crescent Ave
Buena Park, CA 90620

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Adriana Spirescu, Orange County Sheriff's Communications

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 2012 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.

Program: Officer Installation Dinner

Attendance: 56

AGENDA

Welcome–Opening – Adriana Spirescu. The meeting was opened at 7:05 PM. Adriana welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the December CPRA Meeting and Officer Installation Dinner.

Thank you/Acknowledgement: Thanks were given to the Canyon High School String Quartet for providing the musical entertainment.

Musical Entertainment – Canyon High School String Quartet. The talented students of the Canyon High School String Quartet provided Christmas music prior to dinner service.

Invocation – Mike Rowles.

Dinner Served. The Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel staff served a delicious dinner which included salad, rolls, entrée, and dessert. The selection was a crowd pleaser.

Slideshow-CPRA's 2012 In Review. Adriana provided a slideshow of pictures, with accompanying music, of CPRA members at Chapter events throughout the year.

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

President's Awards Presentation – Adriana Spirescu. Adriana presented Senior Membership to Anna Holmes. Anna has been active in the Chapter for many years, including serving as a past Chapter President and being the Training Chair for the 2007 Western Regional Conference. Adriana read a congratulatory letter to Anna from APCO International's Executive Committee. Adriana also presented a Chapter Award to Richard Granado who has served the Chapter as a Past President, as well as the past Regional Director. Richard was instrumental in getting the APCO International Conference & Expo to Anaheim in 2013. Ernest Gallo, who was unable to attend the dinner, was awarded the Chapter Award for his extensive contribution to the success of the CPRA Website. Adriana presented Gary Gray a Chapter Award for his continued involvement in the Chapter, as well as serving as Adriana's mentor during her time as President.

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Outgoing President's Comments – Adriana Spirescu. Adriana reflected briefly on her year as Chapter President. She gave gifts to the 2012 Executive Committee members as a thank you for their service to the Chapter. She acknowledged the implementation of the Tech Talks and Dispatchers Round Tables, and thanked Tim Trager and Scott Espindola for their contributions to their success. She thanked Terri Nelson for Chairing the CPRA Banquet and advised the group the upcoming April banquet will be the 25th anniversary of the event. Adriana thanked her family for their support during her tenure as President.

Installation of Officers – Gary Gray. Gary administered the oath of office to the 2013 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 respective duties and responsibilities by stating "I do."

CPRA Officers for 2013. The following individuals were installed as officers to serve the Chapter for 2013. A warm round of applause was given for:

President – Tim Trager

President-Elect – Richard Granado

Vice President – Don Miller (Absent; will be sworn-in at a later date.)

Secretary – Scott Espindola

Treasurer – John Wright (Absent; will be sworn-in at a later date.)

Sergeant-at-Arms – Ken Mann

Executive Council Delegate – Jim Acosta

Presentation of the Gavel – Adriana Spirescu. Adriana asked Tim to come forward. As noted, he will serve as the CPRA President for 2013. Adriana presented him with the official gavel for his use in the upcoming year. The transfer of responsibilities was duly accomplished.

Recognition Award for Outgoing President – Tim Trager. Tim presented Adriana with an engraved plaque in recognition for her service to the Chapter. On behalf of the Chapter membership, he thanked her for her commitment, vision and leadership while serving as CPRA President for 2012.

Final Words – Tim Trager. Tim took the group through his work history, and thusly his history with CPRA. He first "encountered" CPRA in 1985, via the use of WD40. He looks forward to being a caretaker of the Chapter in 2013. Having quality meetings will be Tim's commitment, and the commitment of the Executive Board. His goal is to set-up the Chapter for all future technologies, ensuring continued success. Tim thanked the group and told them he looked forward to seeing everyone at the January 17, 2013 Chapter Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned. Tim thanked everyone for attending and, with a swing of his new gavel, adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

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,
Scott Espindola
Secretary



2013 National Telecommunicator Week Buttons
Now available on the CPRA website
www.cpra.org

25th Annual Telecommunicators' Awards Banquet
Thursday, April 18, 2013
Knotts Berry Farm Hotel & Resort
Keynote Speaker Gordon Graham
32-year veteran of the California Law Enforcement
Registration information and form now
Available on the CPRA website
www.cpra.org

2013 CPRA TECH Awards

RF Engineer
IT Technologist
RF Technologist

Nomination packets are due back February 15, 2013
Download nomination packets from the CPRA website:

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2013 Meeting Dates

January 17, 2013

Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday January 2, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *MCM Technology, LLC*

Dispatchers' Round Table

February 21, 2013

Santa Barbara

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday February 4, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Moseley Wireless Solutions Group*

Meeting Sponsor *Applied Technology Group*

March 21, 2013

Vista

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday March 4, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Datron World Communications*

Meeting Sponsor *Datron World Communications*

April 18, 2013

Buena Park - Knott's Berry Farm Resort

Technical Awards AM

Annual Dispatchers' Banquet PM

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday April 2, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Simoco Americas*

May 16, 2013

TBA

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday April 29, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Open*

June 20, 2013

Arcadia - LA County Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday June 3, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *The Sales Group*

July 18th 2013

Santa Fe Springs - Talley Communications

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday July 2, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Talley Communications*

August , 2013

TBA

Anaheim

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday August 5, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Open*

September 19, 2013

Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Thousand Oaks

CommLink Cutoff Date

Tuesday September 3, 2013

Early Bird Sponsors *Open*

October 17, 2013

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday September, 2013

Early Bird Sponsors *Open*

November 21, 2013

Hughes Center - Claremont

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday September 4, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Open*

December 6, 2013

Annual Holiday Banquet & Officer Installation

TBA

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday November 25, 2013

Meeting Sponsor *Open*

2013 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

January 9, 2013 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

April 10, 2013 - Montclair P. D.

July 10, 2013 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

November 13, 2013 - Montclair P. D.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.

**INVITATION
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
“DISPATCHERS’ ROUND TABLE”**

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013
TIME: 1200 – 1430 HRS
LOCATION: RIO HONDO GOLF COURSE
ADDRESS: 10627 OLD RIVER SCHOOL ROAD
DOWNEY, CA 90241

WHAT IS IT?

AN INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION, EXPLORING TOPICS OF INTEREST TO DISPATCH PERSONNEL

COST?

FREE

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

DISPATCHERS, LEAD DISPATCHERS, DISPATCH SUPERVISORS

TAKE AWAY INFORMATION:

COMMUNICATE WITH DISPATCHERS FROM OTHER AGENCIES ON MATTERS SUCH AS: EVOLVING HR POLICIES (accommodations); STAFF SURVEYS; INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATION; TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES; AND, ANYTHING ELSE TIME ALLOWS

FACILITATOR:

*SCOTT ESPINDOLA, DISPATCH TRAINING SUPERVISOR
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT*

LUNCH & ROUND TABLE:

A LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT NOON, PRIOR TO THE ROUND TABLE. COST IS \$20. ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. (IF YOU’RE PLANNING TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH, PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU RSVP FOR THE MEETING. THANK YOU)

“DISPATCHER’S ROUND TABLE” STARTS AT 1300 HOURS.

SPACE IS LIMITED - RESERVE A SEAT NLT 1/14/13. CONTACT :

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2013 CPRA Telecommunicators Awards

Telecommunicator of the Year
Supervisor of the Year
Communications Trainer of the Year
Communications Center Director/Manager of the Year
Outstanding Performance by an Individual Fire
Outstanding Performance by an Individual Police
Exemplary Service Award

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