



# COMMILINK

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

## February 2013 Meeting - Goleta

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at the Moseley Wireless Solutions Group, 82 Coromar Drive, Goleta, CA 91317

**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.

**Directions:**

From the Los Angeles area:

- Take US-101 N toward Ventura
- Take exit 107 for Los Carneros Rd
- Turn left onto N Los Carneros Rd
- Turn right onto Hollister Ave
- Take the 1st right onto Coromar Dr

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**Meeting Host:** Jamal Hamdani, President - Moseley Wireless Solutions Group  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Jamal Hamdani, President - Moseley Wireless Solutions Group  
**Meeting Sponsor:** Scott and Jeff Gillam Applied Technology Group

**Agenda:**

0830 - 0945	Executive Committee Meeting
1000 - 1100	General Meeting
1100 - 1200	Presentation: "FirstNet Update"
1200	Presentation By: Andrew Seybold
1201	Lunch

## Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

**PRESIDENT'S PODIUM**  
**TIM TRAGER**

I am privileged to write you this month having just attended the APCO Emerging Technology Forum that was held over two days in Anaheim. The forum presented a mix of very interesting information ranging from Next Gen 911 switching architecture to several discussions on the D-Block and perceptions of how it will ultimately change LMR. It is clear First Net, the nationwide coordinators of the public safety D-Block spectrum, are working aggressively to roll this technology out as quickly and comprehensively as possible. While everyone has their opinions on what the D-Block ultimately will and will not do, the forum struck a good balance of futuristic thoughts centering on what public safety wireless communications might look like moving forward and also some very realistic views on the high complexity and cost of building out, operating and sustaining such a network. I believe the APCO leadership and staff did an excellent job of organizing and presenting the Emerging Technology Forum. This is on my list of "must attend" events in the future.

January's chapter meeting in Downey was a huge success. I want to thank MCM Technology for generously supporting our chapter meeting as the Early Bird Sponsor. MCM's Ray Atencio spoke to the group for a few minutes and showcased MCM's Lifecycle 360 radio asset management product. I would also like to thank Tana Perkins from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad for providing our program. Tana shared with us an overview of railroad communications technology which mirrors in so many ways the very purpose and configuration of networks serving Public Safety. Following lunch, our Chapter Secretary, Scott Espindola, facilitated the Dispatcher Roundtable where a roomful of nearly 40 professional Telecommunicators met to discuss elements and aspects of their work. Thanks again to all who attended the meeting and those who worked to support it.

Speaking of D-Block and First Net, CPRA is very fortunate to have our own Andy Seybold as the presenter at our February 21 chapter meeting in Santa Barbara. Andy will share his impressions of the D-Block as a whole through a series of updates and reports on the latest happenings. Andy will also provide hot-off-the-press insights from the First Net Board meeting which will have occurred just a few days before our meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Moseley Wireless Solution Group will be sponsoring our February meeting. Please mark your calendar to join CPRA for our February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Santa Barbara!

**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.

**CHAPTER MEETING**  
**January 17, 2013**  
**Rio Hondo Golf Course**  
**10627 Old River School Rd**  
**Downey, CA 90241**

**SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** Jim Acosta, Downey Fire Department  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Ray Atencio, MCM Technology, LLC  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the December 2012 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "Introduction to Railroad Communication Systems" presented by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway  
**Attendance:** 60/69

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order – Tim Trager.** The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM.

*Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles*

*Opening Remarks-Announce Fee Policy – Tim Trager:* Tim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the January CPRA Meeting. He advised the group of the Chapter meeting fee policy change, which takes effect on April 1, 2013. The meeting fee will be \$20.00, regardless of whether staying for lunch or not. An exception will be to those attending the Tech Talks or Dispatcher's Round Tables who come specifically, and only, for those meetings. He also outlined meeting sponsorship at a fee of \$500.00 to the sponsor. Each meeting sponsor will be given up to 15 minutes to highlight their products and services. The meeting sponsor will also be given first option as the meeting program presenter, should they so desire. All information can be found on the CPRA Website.

*Self Introductions:* Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group. Tim thanked MCM Technologies, LLC and Ray Atencio for being our Early Bird Sponsor.

**Commercial Members Introductions – Craig Bassett.** The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer.

*Extended Introduction – Ray Atencio, MCM Technology, LLC:* Ray gave a background of his career history in New Mexico as a retired law enforcement sergeant. He thanked the group for their industry's contribution to the feeling of safety and security he had when serving as a sworn officer, with regards to having a radio at hand at all times.

**Chapter Officer Reports.**

*Future Meetings Report – Richard Granado:* Richard covered upcoming Chapter meetings, sponsors, and programs.

*Membership Report – Don Miller.*

*Membership Numbers:* Current membership shows a total of 379 members, including 68 commercial members. Don advised we have two new members. He also mentioned the new members will receive the requisite complimentary lunch. They included:

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*Active:*

-Kimberly Turner, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department – Dispatch Supervisor

*Commercial:*

-Christopher Krehmeyer, Macro Corporation – Principal Consultant (CPRA secondary Chapter, NAPCO primary)

*Treasurer's Report – 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 \$6,344.69 and the total expenditures were \$9,595.04. Income was noted as December meeting registrations, button sales, CD interest income, and APCO dues. He outlined specific dollar amounts regarding income and expenditures, all of which can be made available upon member's request.

**APCO International Report.**

*Executive Council Delegate Report – John Wright:* Speaking on behalf of Jim Acosta, John reported APCO has over 16,000 members as of 1/1/13. APCO was mentioned in 215 articles in December. In articles where either APCO or NENA were mentioned, APCO got 48% of the coverage, to NENA's 52%. John advised he, along with Terry and Gigi, worked on a joint voluntary agreement with the nation's four largest wireless carriers to offer text-to-911 service. There is more on this to come. John reported, as of 1/1/13, membership is over 16,000. The deadline for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidents nominations to be in was January 15<sup>th</sup>. Brent Lee from Nevada is the only candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. February 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for Life Member nominations. April 1<sup>st</sup> is when nominations are due for the Public Safety Communications Awards. April 1<sup>st</sup> is also the deadline to volunteer for committees for the next fiscal year. You need to reapply, even if you've served in the past. John advised the group the Emerging Technology Forum is January 30-31, and invited anyone interested to attend.

**Chapter Business – Gary Gray.** Gary invited Vice-President Don Miller and Treasurer John Wright up to the podium. Because of their absence at December's Officer Installation Dinner, Gary swore these two officers in to their officer positions. After reading her qualifications to the group, Gary made a motion to nominate Dawn Lopez for Senior Membership. Richard Granado seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried.

*SPA - Robert Stoffel.* Robert updated the group regarding SPA, specifically the upcoming Radio Rodeo. He also spoke of an upcoming Comm-L class, put on by the state, encouraging those interested to register as soon as possible due to limited space. He made flyers available for the interested parties.

*2012 Chapter Service Award – Adriana Spirescu.* Adriana presented the award to Ernest Gallo, the CPRA Webmaster for his diligence in keeping our website current and up to date.

**Regulatory Update.**

*FCC and FAC Update – Gary Gray:* Gary reported there was not much to report. Nothing recently has come down from the federal government.

*Region 5 700 and 800 MHz Update – Dave Buchanan/Jim Donovan:* Dave spoke to, and asked from questions from, the group regarding Rebanding. He also spoke of LA RICS regarding their recent 700 MHz filing. This will be discussed further at the Frequency Coordination meeting. Jim also spoke of the upcoming Rebanding potential and what may be required. He advised there will be further discussion at the Frequency Coordination meeting.

**Program Presentation – Tana Perkins, BNSF.** Tim introduced Tana to the group by briefly speaking of her career history. Tana expanded on her work history and education. She segued to her time with BNSF, as well as some facts and history about the railway. She gave an interesting presentation regarding BNSF's

Telecom past, the challenges the railway encounters regarding communication, specifically maintaining communication while trains travel through long tunnels. Her presentation interested and delighted the group.

**Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

**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



2013 National Telecommunicator Week Buttons  
Now available on the CPRA website  
[www.cpra.org](http://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](http://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:**

[www.cpra.org](http://www.cpra.org)

## 2013 Meeting Dates

### January 17, 2013

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

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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.

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