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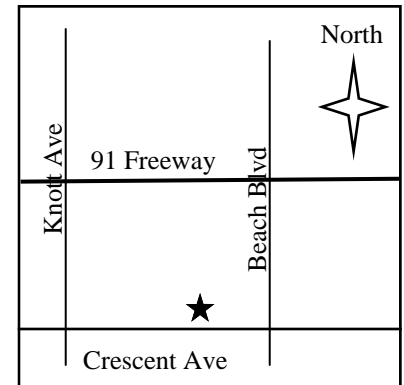
## April 2013 Meeting - Buena Park

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel, 7675 Crescent Ave., Buena Park, CA.  
Thomas Brothers Page 767-H4

**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 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:** Orange County Sheriff's Communications  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Ron Lyons Simoco-Americas

**Agenda:**  
0800 - 0945 Executive Committee Meeting  
1000 - 1100 General Meeting  
1100 - 1145 Presentation: IP Radio Dispatch  
Presentation by: David Bremson Avtec, Inc.  
1145 - 1200 CPRA 2013 RF Technology Awards Presentation  
1200 Lunch  
1800 2013 Annual Dispatchers' Awards Banquet

## Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

## CHAPTER MEETING

**March 21, 2013**  
**Datron World Communications**  
**3030 Enterprise Court**  
**Vista, CA 92081**

### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** San Diego County  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Datron World Communications  
**Meeting Sponsor:** Datron World Communications  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the February 2013 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "Border Security and Aerial Surveillance" presented by Jeffrey Estes, US Border Patrol and Bill Brown, Metric Systems Corporation  
**Attendance:** 38

### AGENDA

**Call to Order – Richard Granado.** The meeting was called to order at 10:11 AM. He introduced himself to the group and advised Tim Trager was unable to attend today's meeting.

*Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles:*

*Welcoming Remarks – Richard Granado:* Richard welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the March CPRA Meeting. He advised the group our Meeting Sponsor is Datron World Communications and introduced John Biljan, who welcomed the group to the meeting.

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

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

#### **Chapter Officer Reports.**

*Future Meetings Report – Richard Granado:* Richard covered upcoming Chapter meetings, sponsors, and programs. He advised the group we have program and location vacancies for upcoming meetings and welcomed any ideas or suggestions.

*Membership Report – Don Miller.*

*Membership Numbers:* Current membership shows a total of 418 Chapter members, including 375 Active, 82 Commercial, and 43 On-Line members. He also mentioned the new full members will receive the requisite complimentary meeting registration. They included:

*Active:*

- Cheryl Longwith, Bakersfield City and Kern County Fire Department - Supervisor
- Dan Opbroek, Ventura County Fire Protection District E9-1-1 – Supervising Public Safety Dispatcher
- Tamara Patlogar, Azusa Police Department – Communications Supervisor

#### **APCO International Report.**

*Executive Council Delegate Report – Jim Acosta:* Jim's report included "In the News" advising APCO International was mentioned in 71 articles throughout the months, which is 56% to NENA 44% mention. Due to the resignation of Debbie Gailbreath, Gulf Coast Region Executive Council Members unanimously voted in Martha Carter, from the Louisiana Chapter, to fill the vacant Region Director position. Terry Hall and Gigi Smith attended the SAFECOM meeting on February 6-8 in Houston Texas. Gregg Riddle represented APCO when he attended the memorial service for Life Member David Swan.

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## PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

**A**pril is noted for three things: April Fool's day on the 1<sup>st</sup> (no You Tube didn't delete everything!), Uncle Sam day on the 15<sup>th</sup> (a harp is a piano after taxes), and the CPRA Annual Telecommunicators' Recognition Banquet, this year on the 18<sup>th</sup> (leave the phones and radios at the office). The 1<sup>st</sup> is now history, you have no choice on the 15<sup>th</sup>, but there is still time to pick up a ticket or two for the big event, the yearly Telecommunicators' Banquet. This year we join together for an evening at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel in Buena Park to both thank, and most importantly, recognize the service our Telecommunicators provide throughout Southern California answering the call for service to keep our cities and community safe and secure. We also have the privilege to present Special Awards to a select number of Telecommunicators and Radio Engineers/Technicians to recognize that they went the extra mile last year with their distinctive contributions and outstanding service. I hope you can join us at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel for our monthly CPRA chapter meeting during the morning of April 18, and then return in the evening and be part of our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Telecommunicators' Banquet to show support for all of our First, First Responders!

I want to thank CPRA's President Elect, Richard Granado for conducting the March meeting, held at the Datron World Communications Company in Vista. Since I could not attend that day, I missed the informative program on the Border Patrol's P25 Network and Metric Systems "White Space" primer. I also missed a very interesting demonstration of the unmanned airborne platforms that are produced by Datron. It will be interesting to watch over the next few years how recent innovations developed for the battlefield will begin to migrate into service in the homeland arena. While controversial in ways, there can be no doubt those innovations, including unmanned airborne platforms, will directly contribute to improving public safety and saving lives in our country. I, on behalf of CPRA, appreciate the participation by John Biljan with Datron World Communications, Jeff Estes with the US Border Patrol and Bill Brown with Metric Systems Incorporated, for their speaking contribution to CPRA's March Meeting Program.

The year 2013 is not a slow time by any means. A slew of new opportunities and challenges are on our doorsteps. By now, most of you likely know the FCC has released their 800 MHz Rebanding order for our region, giving the green light to Southern California to finally swap frequencies which will resolve longstanding radio interference. The FCC is also seeking comment on how their rules might be changed so we can best utilize our new 700 MHz radio spectrum that became available to Public Safety after the Digital Television Conversion a few years ago. CPRA will soon be filing comments at the FCC regarding the T-Band dilemma, and just today I read that the First Net Board is targeting deployment of the Nationwide Public Safety Data System at a monthly price point equal to or less than the cellular providers, with the commitment to provide coverage to every meter of the country, including America's basements! I see CPRA staying busy for a good long time, helping to represent Southern California's interest in these and other issues.

See you in Buena Park on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely Yours,

Tim Trager

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Terry, Gigi, and John Wright attended the NENA Development Conference on February 10-11 in Orlando Florida. Terry, Gigi, John, and Derek Poarch attended the Mid-Year meeting with the Group Leaders on February 20 in Alexandria Virginia. Jim went on to report we have 15,379 members, as opposed to 13,138 in March 2012. April 1st is the due date for to have nominations in for the Public Safety Communications Awards. April 1st is also the deadline to volunteer for committees for the next fiscal year. Those applying will not get a response/confirmation until late June or early July. Flash Day is Wednesday, April 2nd to get \$100.00 off registration fees for the APCO International Conference and Expo. At the conference, APCO will sponsor a Block Party on Tuesday, August 20th in the Grand Plaza. Papa Doo Run Run, a legendary California band, will provide the evening's entertainment. Band members from The Beach Boys, Jan & Dean, and Frankie Valli's band will play music from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Gary G. later followed-up with the group acknowledging the talent in the room, and encouraged those interested to volunteer for APCO committees.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Parrino.

Monthly Financial Report: Joe provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He stated the total income for the month was \$3,193.61 and the total expenditures were \$1,150.52. Income was noted as banquet registrations, button sales, and APCO dues. He outlined specific dollar amounts regarding income and expenditures, all of which can be made available upon member's request.

Regulatory Update.

FCC and T-Band Information – Gary Gray: FCC has an inquiry on the T-Band. This is the Congress's doing, but the FCC is trying to respond.

Region 5 700 and 800 MHz Update – Dave Buchanan/Jim Donovan: Dave reported NPSTC has spent the last four months working on a report regarding the T-Band. The report is finished and available. Dave suggested those who are interested should read the report. He delved deeper into some specifics from the report and advised the group. Richard G. and Gary G. weighed in as well. Dave also spoke about the 4.9 GHz-Band, and solicited help from anyone interested. Dave fielded questions from the group which initiated various conversations. Jim stated there is nothing to report for 800 MHz that won't be covered in the Frequency Advisor meeting.

Extended Commercial Introduction – John Biljan, Datron World Communications. John again welcomed the group and outlined the upcoming Program Presentation. He presented a short power point covering Datron World Communications and some of the products they offer.

Program Presentation – Jeffrey Estes and Bill Brown. John Biljan introduced Jeff Estes, US Border Patrol. Jeff's power point presentation included information about the Arizona P25 Solar Projects. His presentation, which covered the southwest region to include Arizona and California, generated interest within, and solicited questions from, the group. Bill Brown, Metric Systems Corporation, then presented information to the group regarding White Space, as well as related other tools and products. He had related equipment on display, as a point of interest, for the members. After the meeting was adjourned, and lunch was enjoyed, there was a Drone demonstration which fascinated all who attended.

Meeting Adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 12:14 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

## **CPRA Meeting Fees**

### **Monthly Meeting Attendees**

Beginning with the April 2013 meeting, the \$20 attendee fee shall apply to all monthly meetings (excluding the October "Table Top"). The fee shall apply to all attendees participating in the General Meeting, General Program, or lunch. There is no fee for attending Frequency Coordination or Tech Talk sessions only.

### **Policy Background**

The CPRA Executive Board recently voted unanimously to begin collecting a \$20 meeting fee from all in attendance at each of the monthly chapter meetings, beginning in April 2013. In the past, attendees could opt out of lunch, and thus not be charged the meeting fee. As everyone knows, the cost of doing business has gone up, and CPRA sees those increased costs as higher facility and food expenses at our meeting locations. Insuring that all attendees pay the \$20 dollar fee offsets those cost increases. Members or guests arriving after lunch for the Frequency Coordination or Tech Talk workshops are exempt from meeting fees. Also, our annual vendor Table Top Luncheon will have no meeting fee collected, as CPRA provides both the luncheon and facility as a courtesy to everybody in attendance.

As a separate initiative, CPRA developed a policy item wherein Commercial Members are given the opportunity to sponsor meetings. Sponsorship opportunities range from facilitating our Early Bird Refreshment table, to the highest level of sponsorship which provides the opportunity for the Commercial Member to specifically showcase a product or service directly to CPRA members during the monthly meeting.

The intent of CPRA's monthly chapter meetings is to provide value to the membership through a mix of educational and informative monthly chapter meetings while offering the opportunity for Regular and Commercial members to improve their knowledge base, exchange ideas, and develop partnerships. The Meeting Fee and Sponsorship initiatives further CPRA's ability to deliver value across the membership.

### **Fair Market Value Information**

Unless advertised otherwise, the \$20 meeting fee shall cover the cost of all food, beverages, materials and services provided to meeting attendees. When applicable, the fair market value of any food, beverage, etc provided to an attendee by a commercial company shall be advertised in advance or provided upon request.

Goods or services donated by a commercial company to CPRA (a 501c not-for-profit) and subsequently distributed by CPRA to its paid meeting attendees shall generally not be considered reportable benefits. Attendees are ultimately responsible for determining whether they can accept or must reimburse the benefit per their employer's policy and any applicable laws.

*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 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

#### **Downey—Raytheon**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday April 29, 2013

*Early Bird Sponsor*      *Panorama Antennas*

*Meeting Sponsor*      *Dailey-Wells*

### 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

March 27, 2013 - Montclair P. D.

July 10, 2013 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

November 13, 2013 - Montclair P. D.



**APCO 2013**  
 August 18-21  
 Anaheim, CA

Volunteer Interest Application

**VOLUNTEER Information** APCO Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Membership is not required)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Onsite Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER SHIRT**  M  F **SHIRT SIZE (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, Etc.)** \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**DATES & TIMES AVAILABLE - Minimum of 4 Hrs. on the DAY(s) you choose**

DATE	Hours Available	Approximate Times Available
Saturday, August 17		to
Sunday, August 18		to
Monday, August 19		to
Tuesday, August 20		to
Wednesday, August 21		to

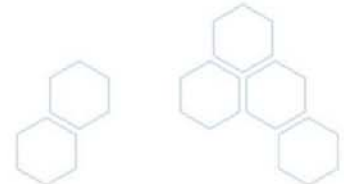
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