



# COMMILINK

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

## May 2013 Meeting - Downey

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at the Raytheon Public-Safety Regional Technology Center, 11899 Woodruff Ave. Downey, CA 90241 Thomas Brothers Page 706-D6

**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 105 Freeway:**

- ◆ Take I-105 E toward Norwalk
- ◆ Exit Bellflower Blvd
- ◆ Turn left onto Bellflower Blvd
- ◆ Travel North to Stewart & Gray Rd
- ◆ Turn Right onto Stewart & Gray Rd
- ◆ Travel to Woodruff Ave
- ◆ Raytheon on North-West corner

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**From 605 Freeway:**

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<b>Meeting Host:</b>	Mike Bostic	Raytheon
<b>Early Bird Sponsor:</b>	Robert Jesman	Panorama Antennas
<b>Meeting Sponsor:</b>	Mike Bostic	Raytheon
<b>Meeting Sponsor:</b>	Gary Kimmerle	Dailey-Wells

**Agenda:**

0830 - 0945	Executive Committee Meeting
1000 - 1100	General Meeting
1100 - 1200	Presentation: LA City 800 MHz P-25 System Upgrade
	Presenter: Gary Kimmerle
1200	Lunch

### Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

## CHAPTER MEETING

**April 18, 2013**  
**Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel**  
**7675 Crescent Ave**  
**Buena Park, CA 90620**

### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** Orange County  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Ron Lyons, Simoco Americas  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the March 2013 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "IP Radio Dispatch" presented by David Bremson, AVTEC, Inc.  
**Attendance:** 58

### AGENDA

**Call to Order – Tim Trager.** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM. Tim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the April CPRA Meeting. This week is Telecommunicators Recognition week. Additionally, we will be giving two Technical Awards today as well.

*Pledge of Allegiance – John Sarkissian:* John welcomed Robert Uribe back from active duty.

*Welcoming Remarks – Tim Trager:* Tim called for a moment of silence for the victims across the country, both in Boston and Texas. He reminded everyone the role we play in public safety in trying times as in this last week. He thanked Ron Lyons from Simoco Americas for sponsoring today's meeting. He thanked David Bremson for being today's program presenter.

*Self Introductions:* Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group. Tim reminded the group the APCO International Expo & Conference is in Anaheim this year in August. He told those interested in volunteering at the conference to please do so. There are volunteer forms available.

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

*Extended Introduction – Ron Lyons, Simoco Americas.*

#### **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 441 Chapter members, including 246 Full, 87 Commercial, 49 On-Line, and 59 Associate members. He also mentioned the new full members will receive the requisite complimentary meeting registration. They included:

*Active:*

- John Carter, Anaheim Police Department
- Christy Chalfant, Ventura County Sheriff's Office
- Michael Flory, Ventura County Sheriff's Office – Systems Administrator
- Michael Foster, University of California Santa Barbara Police Department
- Derek Hembree, City of Costa Mesa
- Lisa Lorton, Corona Police Department
- Steven Querry, Anaheim Police Department
- Patty Tambe, Riverside Police Department – Interim Public Safety Communications Manager

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## PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

I trust the first five months of the year have been good to everyone. Rest assured you are not the only one to think time is going faster and faster. I was recently speaking to a retired electrical engineer. We were talking about how the "innovation cycle" has speeded up so much over the last few decades. He remarked to me that he once designed computer hard drives that weighed about 750 pounds each – about two pounds per megabyte of storage! In those days, he said, electrical designs had about a seven year life cycle. Now, in some areas of technology, that innovation cycle has shrunk to as little as a year in some cases, probably shorter than the time it takes for us to adapt to the new offering. If you're like me, about the time I finally figure out the second level menu on the cellphone, it is time to buy a new one!

The CPRA member's world, both in the technological and operational aspect, is benefiting from these expedited cycles. For instance, public safety broadband data delivery to the first responder is just around the corner. How that data will be collected, interpreted, and utilized by the public safety community is being defined now. We saw during the recent tragedy in Boston just how useful images from a relatively simple security camera can be to identifying perpetrators. Add some predictive analytic processing to that raw image, assign it a level of relative real time importance, then deliver it fast to the responders on the street and I think we'll end up in a safer world.

I hope everyone enjoyed their night at CPRA's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Telecommunicators' Banquet held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel. CPRA had the pleasure of hosting more than 300 people at the dinner event. I appreciate the many hours of hard work that went into the preparation of this event. Terri Nelson, Theresa Kirkley, Cris Martinez and Adriana Spiresu worked tirelessly over many months to organize and produce the event. Robert Stoffel shared his talents once again by keeping the evening lively as our Master of Ceremonies. Our Keynote Speaker, retired CHP Commander Gordon Graham, treated us to a very humorous yet poignant presentation on liability and risk management. Gordon has a great knack for taking an otherwise obscure subject and breathing life into it, and in doing so, demonstrates how it plays in our life each day. I would also like to offer one more round of recognition to our award winners of the day: Ron Dunn – San Bernardino County Sheriff, Tanya Richardson – Riverside Police Department, Julie Cesena – LAPD, and Brian Eberhardt, Newport Police Department. CPRA also awarded the President's Award posthumously to Dominic Durden with the Riverside Sheriff's Department. I would also like to congratulate Gil Rivera – San Bernardino County and Mike Strand – Orange County, who received Technical Excellence awards at our chapter meeting earlier in the day.

Our next meeting is just a few weeks away on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at the Raytheon facility in Downey. Gary Kimmerle with Dailey-Wells, Robert Jesman with Panorama Antennas, and the Southern California Raytheon team are providing host and sponsorship support for this meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Downey in May.

Sincerely,

Tim Trager  
CPRA President

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- Commercial:*
- Renan Quiambao, GreatCall, Inc. – Director, Training and Quality Assurance

#### **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 \$5,186.01 and the total expenditures were \$1,606.79. 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.

Tim asked Gary Gray to come forward to the podium to swear-in Joe Parrino as the new Chapter Treasurer. Gary did so.

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

*Executive Council Delegate Report – Jim Acosta:* Jim’s report included Terry Hall and Gigi Smith participated in the APCO Global Alliance meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> in Adelaide, South Australia. Gigi attended in person, Terry did so via Skype, due to his need to attend IWCE on pressing matters. While at IWCE, Terry Hall and John Wright participated in several meetings, including a forum held by the APCO Broadband Committee and matters related to FirstNet. National membership numbers for March 2013 was a total of 16,200 members. The Broadband Summit & Expo will be May 13-14 at the Washington Court Hotel, Washington, DC. The Leadership Dinner is May 14<sup>th</sup>, 6PM-9PM at Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC. APCO received 502 registrations on Flash Day, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and has 644 registrations to-date. The majority of the registrations are expected to come in during the last month. Booth Sales for the conference are at 80 percent. We feel the conference will be a tremendous success. There is also a commercial sponsorship opportunity for one or two vendors. There will be “water bottle refill stations” at the APCO Conference. They are looking for sponsors for the water bottles, which will be included in the bags. There will be a golf tournament at Tustin Ranch on the Sunday prior to the conference. Registration is a tax deductible \$175.00 per person.

#### **Regulatory Update.**

*FCC and T-Band Information – Gary Gray:* Gary had no new information.

*Region 5 700 and 800 MHz Update – Dave Buchanan/Jim Donovan:* Dave is helping put together comments for CPRA to put out regarding T-Band. He asked anyone who has examples, within their agency, where there was a negative impact to their agency, to submit that information to him directly, or through [President@CPRA.org](mailto:President@CPRA.org). Dave also briefly covered FCC information, included a docket put out by the FCC.

Jim spoke to the group regarding recent discussions with FCC representatives. He will cover the information in more detail at the Frequency Coordination meeting. Ray Grimes came to the podium and advised the group about recent FCC findings regarding Rebanding.

**Program Presentation – David Bremson.** Tim introduced David. David spoke briefly of his professional background. He did not go into great detail about AVTEC history and technology. Instead, he presented the “10 Dos and Don’ts” of IP console purchasing. He gave the group needed information and great tips to assist in paving the way to make such a purchase.

**RF Engineer and Technologist Awards Presentation.** Tim requested Mike Rowles and John Sarkissian come up to the podium to help present the awards. Mike read the citations while John assisted in presenting the awards. The first

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award presented was to Mike Strand-OCSD, RF Engineer of the Year. The second award was presented to Gil Rivera, San Bernardino County, RF Technologist of the Year. Both recipients had many individuals from their respective agencies attend the presentations. Mike R. thanked everyone for attending and thanked John for being the Committee Chair. He encouraged all to participate in 2014 by nominating their outstanding performers. Next year's nominations are on-line, and will be easier than ever. Also, the winners will automatically be submitted for awards to APCO at the national level.

**Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting adjourned at 11:55 PM.

**Prize Raffle.** While members enjoyed their lunch, Tim raffled off two prizes which included full registrations to the upcoming APCO International Conference & Expo.

**Notes for the Record.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Espindola  
Secretary

## **CPRA Meeting Registration**

### **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.

## 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*     *Raytheon*

*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*     *Bassett Sales*

*Talley Communications*

### 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

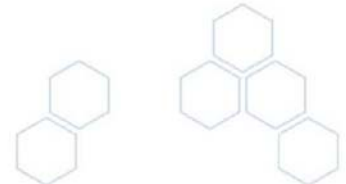
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