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

August 2013 Meeting - Anaheim Convention Center

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at the
Anaheim Convention Center-Room 208B, 800 W Katella Ave., Anaheim, CA
Thomas Brothers Page 799-A2

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.

Directions - From the Los Angeles Area:

- Take I-5 South towards Santa Ana
- Take the Disneyland Dr exit on the left toward Ball Rd
- Turn left onto Disneyland Dr
- Slight right toward Disneyland Dr/S West St
- Continue straight onto Disneyland Dr/S West St
- Turn left onto W Katella Ave

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Meeting Host: CPRA Conference Committee

Early Bird Sponsor: CPRA Conference Committee

Agenda:

1000 - 1100 Frequency Coordination
Presentation: No presentation due to Conference

CHAPTER MEETING
July 18, 2013
Talley Communications
12976 Sandoval St
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

SUMMARY

Meeting Host:	Larry Feige, Talley Communications
Early Bird Sponsor:	Larry Feige, Talley Communications
Secretary's Report:	Minutes from the June 2013 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.
Treasurer's Report:	See comments
Program:	"The Evolution of EMS Communications in Pre-Hospital Patient Care" presented by Apple Valley Fire District
Attendance:	49

AGENDA

Call to Order – Tim Trager. The meeting was called to order at 9:59 AM. Tim introduced Mark Talley from Talley Communications. Mark spoke for a few minutes of his company's history, current projects within his company, and product solutions they offer.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles:

Welcoming Remarks – Tim Trager: Tim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the July CPRA Meeting. He reminded the group the APCO International Conference and Expo is this August. He encouraged anyone who has not signed-up to go to do so. He also let the group know we will be drawing tickets to give complimentary day passes away. Tim thanked Ken Mann, our Sergeant-At-Arms for his efforts to make this year's conference a success. He also thanked Adriana Spirescu for her efforts as well, particularly for her work securing volunteers to work the conference. He thanked Larry Feige, Talley Communications, for hosting our meeting. Tim briefly covered the changed in today's program to "The Evolution of EMS Communications in Pre-Hospital Patient Care" and thanked the presenters for filling in on short notice. He welcomed and introduced Charles Cooper, Director of FCC Cerritos, and thanked him for attending. Tim welcomed John Wright, APCO International 2nd Vice President, and advised the group John will be speaking later in 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.

Raffle. Tim raffled off a Starbucks card and Talley Polo shirt. While the members were enjoying their lunch, Tim raffled off several gifts from Talley to include one "mystery gift." He also raffled two conference day passes and another Talley Polo shirt. All total, there were seven lucky winners.

Chapter Officer Reports.

Future Meetings Report – Richard Granado: Richard covered upcoming Chapter meetings, sponsors, programs, and meetings still in need of a program. Richard reminded the group the WRC meeting on August 19th was changed to Room 208B, as well as the Frequency Coordination Meeting on August 20th, 10:00-11:00 AM. He reminded the commercial vendors to sign-up with Larry Weber for the October Table Top. Tim mentioned there will be a golf tournament at Tustin Ranch on the Saturday before the conference.

Membership Report – Don Miller.

Membership Numbers: Don advised we have 32 new members. Current membership shows a total of 501

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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

To kick off August, CPRA hosted another meeting of the Dispatcher's Roundtable. The Dispatcher Roundtable program was started in early 2012, and has met three times a year since that time. The Southern California Motorola Solutions team, led by Mr. Scott Lees, graciously sponsored the meeting room and refreshments for all in attendance.

I was able to attend this meeting of the Roundtable and see first-hand the value of this outreach to the CPRA Telecommunicator Community. Our Chapter Secretary, Scott Espindola, moderates these forums which attract Public Safety Dispatchers and Supervisors from Law Enforcement and Fire/EMS Service providers throughout Southern California. Scott has a list of topics for discussion at hand, and also leaves plenty of time for discussion items to emerge "from the floor". The August 2013 meeting had about 24 people in attendance, and I will say that at the end of the morning, everyone in attendance had contributed to the gathering with their comments, thoughts or ideas. The topics ran the range from shift scheduling to a discussion on how centers handle accidental 911 calls, otherwise affectionately known as "butt dialing". I left the meeting struck by the fact that no matter how small or large a dispatch center, their caller will get the same level of care and commitment to get them the help they need. This service consistency that transcends jurisdictions, policies and procedures, allows us all to rest assured the right help will be on the way soon after we call.

Our much anticipated APCO Annual Conference in Anaheim is now just a few weeks away. There is still time to volunteer at this event, and to register if you haven't done so. Adriana Spirescu at Orange County Sheriff's Communications can fill you in on volunteer opportunities. This promises to be a great event, so be sure to keep it on your calendars. I hope to see everyone at the Annual Conference.

We will resume our normal Monthly Chapter meeting schedule in September at our Annual "No Ties" BBQ Luncheon, this year again in Thousand Oaks.

And lastly, I would be remiss in not thanking one last time the Apple Valley Fire Protection District for their presentation at our July meeting. I hear their "patient" is doing well. I would also like to thank the Talley Corporation for their sponsorship and use of the meeting facility – Thanks Larry!

Have a safe rest of the summer!

Tim Trager

CommLink Reminder

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Chapter members, including 276 Full, 92 Commercial, 67 On-Line, and 66 Associate members. He also mentioned the new full members will receive the requisite complimentary meeting registration. They included:

Active:

- Sophia Baez, San Diego County Sheriff Communications Center – Supervising Emergency Services Dispatcher
- Joel Brodowski, Orange County Fire Authority, Info Tech Manager
- Lori Brown, Indio Police Department
- Gary Correia
- Nader Haghghat, City of LA/ITA – Communications Engineer Associate
- Kimberly Hall, USC Dept of Public Safety
- Hanan Harb, San Diego County Sheriff Communications – Communications Coordinator
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- Debora McCluster, City of Long Beach Civil Service Department
- David Sigler, Los Angeles Police Department
- Heather Johnson, El Centro Police Department – Lead Dispatcher
- Ruben Martel, El Centro Police Department
- Nicole Van Train, La Habra Police Department – Records Supervisor

Commercial:

- Ella Sotelo, Ella Sotelo Consulting

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 \$964.39 and the total expenditures were \$3,023.08. Income was noted as meeting registrations and sponsorship. He outlined specific dollar amounts regarding income and expenditures, all of which can be made available upon member request.

APCO International 2nd Vice-President – John Wright. John thanked those who voted for him last year. He informed the group about activities, projects, and conferences of which APCO International and the Executive Board have been involved. He also fielded questions from members. He spoke of some of his specific duties as 2nd VP. John also advised the group he is running for 1st Vice-President. He mentioned Brent Lee is running for 2nd VP. He asked the group for their “yes” vote. All voting is now electronic, which begins tomorrow.

APCO International Report.

Executive Council Delegate Report – Jim Acosta: Jim had a lot of information to cover at today's meeting. John W. covered much of the information while addressing the group. For example John advised, in June the Executive Committee participated in the Annual Conference of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) in Charlotte, NC. While in Charlotte, the Executive Committee met with the newly appointed Governance Reform Task Force chaired by Peter Thomas of the Atlanta Chapter, and is comprised of Past Presidents Steve Proctor, Greg Ballentine, and Michael Mangini. In June, the Executive Committee also attended APCO's Emerging Technology Forum in Rosemont, IL. The forum was very successful this year with a large attendance number. Jim advised the group APCO's membership is 17,284. Membership Winners for 2013 are as follows: Atlantic Chapter for Total Growth in Numbers, Arizona Chapter for Total Growth by Percentage, and Montana Chapter for Total Growth by Population Density. He also mentioned to any members interested in becoming a Chapter Officer, there will be a Chapter Leaders Training Course on Sunday, August 18th, 8:00-11:00 AM at the conference. For existing Chapter Officers, there is a workshop on Wednesday, August 21st, 9:30-11:30 AM. On behalf of APCO International, Jim thanked Past President Gary Gray, a member of both the Bylaws and Credentials Committees, for his experience, expertise, and efforts to streamline the wording of, and relocating the eligibility criteria for, Senior and Life Member designations within the Policy Manual (PM) to make the information easier to find. The group responded with a round of applause.

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Chapter Life Membership – Gary Gray. Gary advised the group that member Spencer Leafdale was previously nominated for Chapter Life Membership, but did not meet the criteria. Spencer now meets the requirements for Chapter Life Membership. Gary read many of Spencer's qualifications, during his long career with Los Angeles Police Department, to include his Past Presidency of our Chapter, as well as other Chapter Offices he held. Gary made a motion to grant Chapter Life Membership to Spencer Leafdale. Richard Granado seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The group voted. The motion carried.

C&B Revision Proposal: Copies of the proposed revisions to the CPRA Constitution and Bylaws were passed out to the membership. Gary had the changes highlighted for the members to follow along. The revision pertained to Section 10, Chapter Life Member. He spoke of the proposed revised wording and the reasons for it, in the criteria for the process of selecting individuals for Chapter Life Membership. He also addressed the CPRA C&B Global Wording Change, placing the wording "APCO Bylaws" with "APCO Bylaws and/or the APCO Policy Manual" where not already so worded. Revision ratification will be voted on at the September 19th Chapter Meeting.

Program Presentation – Tim Trager. Tim introduced EMS Manager Joseph Guarrera, Captain Jerry Modlin, and Firefighter Jay Northey, who are with the Apple Valley Fire District. Tim gave a brief Power Point presentation regarding the evolution of radio communications with regards to EMS pre-hospital patient care. He covered some of the trials, tribulations, and challenges EMS encountered, during times past, with radio communications in their attempts to save lives. His presentation covered current times, as well as future plans for communication. Joseph interjected clarifying points and communication challenges, as well as jurisdictions which have communication technology his agency is reviewing for effectiveness, and possible practical application. The representatives from Apple Valley Fire District put on an EMS response demonstration for a gentleman suffering from chest pains.

Meeting Adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM. Tim reminded the group about Frequency Coordination at 1:00 PM. He also let everyone know a tour of Talley Communications will be conducted at 12:45 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

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

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.

ATTENTION!!!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHAPTER OFFICER? CHAPTER ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 17, 2013

If you are interested in becoming an officer of our Chapter, or know someone you would like to nominate, please contact: Adraina Spirecu (714) 628-7150 or send an email to: adriana.spirecu@comm.ocgov.com

The Executive Committee requires a letter of support from each prospective candidate's agency to become eligible for the ballot. Listed below are the offices that will appear on this year's ballot, and their respective commitments.

President-Elect: Requires a two year commitment to progress through the chairs from President-Elect, President, followed by three years of involvement.

Vice-President: Requires a three year commitment to progress through the chairs from Vice-President, President-Elect, President, followed by three years of involvement.

Secretary: Requires two years commitment.

Treasurer: Requires two years commitment.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Requires a one year commitment.

Executive Council Delegate: Requires two years commitment.

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