



# COMMILINK

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

## February 2014 Meeting - Duarte

This month's meeting will be held on February 20, 2014 at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 1431 Buena Vista St, Duarte, 91010 - 568-A5

**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.

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**DIRECTIONS:**

**From the Los Angeles Area:**

- ◆ Take I-605 San Gabriel River Freeway North
- ◆ Take the Interstate 210 West Foothill Freeway exit on the left toward Pasadena
- ◆ Take the exit toward Buena Vista St
- ◆ Turn left onto Central Ave
- ◆ Restaurant on the North West corner of Central Ave & Buena Vista St

**Meeting Host:** Richard Granado Los Angeles County-ISD Retired  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Carl Peek Survey Technologies Inc.  
**Meeting Sponsor:** Harris Corp

**Agenda:**

0830 - 1000 Executive Committee Meeting  
 1000 - 1100 General Meeting  
 1100 - 1200 Presentation: "County-Wide Integrated Radio System"  
 Presentation By: Ian Telfer, County of Los Angeles-ISD  
 1200 Lunch

## Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

**Region 5 Meeting Notice:** The Region 5 (Southern California) Joint 700 MHz & 800 MHz NPSPAC Public Safety Regional Planning Committee (RPC) will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Orange County Loma Ridge facility, 2644 Santiago Canyon Rd. Silverado, California

**PRESIDENT'S PODIUM**  
**RICHARD GRANADO**

**T**he New Year started with our first meeting at the Rio Hondo Golf Course Club House in Downey. I want to thank all the members who attended our first meeting of the year. I also want to thank The Sales Group, Larry Weber for providing the Early Bird Coffee and Rolls.

At our January Meeting we had Dr. Henry Richter give us a presentation on Deep Space Communications. For me it brought back memories of my younger days when I could hear the roar of the rocket engines being tested at JPL in Pasadena.

As Dr. Richter talked about his involvement in the development and in participating in the Voyager-1 successfully launch in 1977. He described the Interstellar Spacecraft from the power source to the size of the antennas and the power of the transmitter as well as the instruments to measure cosmic rays. He also went on to say that Voyager-1 primary mission was to explore Jupiter and Saturn and to date has travel more than 19 billion kilometers. Although Voyager-1 has left the solar system last year the spacecraft continues feedback information far more than was ever expected. It is so remarkable that Dr. Richter and his colleagues were able to develop a spacecraft that is still providing valuable data from technology that was developed more than 36 years ago.

I want to thank Dr. Richter for taking the time to come to our meeting to and presenting such a stellar program and sharing all his personal involvement on the Voyager-1 Program.

Last month I forgot to mention a President's award that Tim presented back at our December meeting to Scott Espindola for facilitating the Dispatcher's Round Table Program since their inception. There's just not enough thanks for what Scott has accomplished with this program.

At our first Quarterly Executive Meeting a big thanks to Chuck Taylor who provided an informative training covering responsibility, and duties for all the Chapter Officers. In addition Chuck suggested the development of an annual budget and reviewing the operating budget regularly. He also recommended spending funds for a program to recruit new members. Chuck has been a major contributor to our Chapter over the years and it is always wonderful to have him put on a refresher course for our Executive Officers.

February meeting will be held at the Duarte's The Old Spaghetti Factory on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The program will be on County-Wide Intergraded Radio System (CWIRS) Upgrade presented by Ian Telfer, County of Los Angeles.

Finally, I am looking forward in seeing everybody at our next meeting, always check our web site [www.cpra.org](http://www.cpra.org) for updates and please feel free to contact me at [President@CPRA.org](mailto:President@CPRA.org) if you have any questions or thoughts.

**CommLink Reminder**

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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 16, 2014**  
**Rio Hondo Golf Course**  
**10627 Old River School Rd**  
**Downey, CA 90241**

**SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** Jim Acosta, Downey Fire Department  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Larry Weber, The Sales Group  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the December 2013 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "Deep Space Communications" presented by Dr. Henry Richter  
**Attendance:** 39

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order – Dick Granado.** The meeting was called to order at 10:06 A.M.

*Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles.*

*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.

**Dispatcher Banquet & CPRA Awards – Mike Rowles.** Mike updated the group that the nomination process will now mirror APCO's awards process. The nominations can be done on the APCO website, which simplifies the process overall. The CPRA Telecommunicators Awards deadline is January 31. The CPRA RF/IT Awards deadline is March 10. APCO's awards deadline is April 1. Terri Nelson is Chairing the Banquet Committee. The banquet will be held at Knott's Berry Farm Hotel.

**Life & Senior Member – Gary Gray.** Gary advised the group Jim Acosta is our nominee for APCO Life Member. Gary read Jim's qualifications to the group. Gary offered Jim's name for nomination. Mike Rowles seconded the nomination. No discussion ensued. The motion carried. Gary also advised the group Tim Trager is our nominee for APCO Senior Membership. He read Tim's qualifications to the group. Gary offered Tim's name for nomination. Mike Rowles seconded the nomination. No discussion ensued. The motion carried. Gary congratulated the two nominees.

**Western Regional Conference – Dick Granado.** Dick advised the group regarding the host hotel room cost for the WRC, being \$175.00 per night. He told them he will research surrounding hotels for better cost efficiency.

**Chapter Officer Commitment – Dick Granado.** The Executive Committee decided, in last week's CPRA Executive Quarterly Workshop to reduce the six year commitment for anyone interested in running for Vice-President/President-Elect/Preside to three years

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### **Chapter Officer Reports.**

*Future Meetings Report – Dick Granado:* Dick covered upcoming Chapter meetings, sponsors, programs, and meetings still in need of a program.

*Membership Report – Dick Granado.*

*Membership Numbers:* Dick advised we have one new member. Current membership shows a total of 356 Chapter members, including 138 Full, 72 Commercial, 52 On-Line, and 52 Associate members. He also mentioned the new full members will receive the requisite complimentary meeting registration. They included:

*Active:*

-Elizabeth O'Dell, Redondo Beach Police Department

*Executive Council Delegate Report – Jim Acosta:* Gigi Smith, John Wright, Brent Lee, and Terry Hall attended the Emerging Technology Forum in Boston on December 3 & 4, 2013. There were 168 attendees. On December 10 & 11, Gigi Smith and Terry Hall participated in SAFECOM meetings in Brunswick, GA. First Vice President John Wright participated in the holiday meeting, on December 19, 2013, of CPRA and administered the oath of office to the incoming Chapter Officers. A revised Policy Manual (PM) is now available on the governance web page under the “governing Documents” tab. The Institute is accepting CAC/Silent Key Scholarship applications through March 31. APCO members are eligible. The scholarship money can be applied to books, tuition, and/or registration costs. As of December 31, 2013, total membership was 20,334, versus 16,547 on the same date in 2012. Leaders Teleconferences are scheduled for February 5 at 12:00 P.M. ET, and February 6 at 2:00 P.M. ET, for aspiring Chapter leaders. APCO 2014 Flash Day is April 2, which will save \$100.00 off the registration fee. Exhibit booths sold/held are at 507. The number of exhibiting companies is 181, repeat exhibitors is 172, and new exhibitors is 9. There are two candidates this year for APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Cheryl Greathouse of the Georgia Chapter and Mike Jeffres of the Nebraska Chapter. They will be invited to the WRC in May to address members.

*Treasurer's Report – Joe Parrino.*

*Monthly Financial Report:* Joe provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He outlined specific dollar amounts regarding income and expenditures, all of which can be made available upon member request.

### **Regulatory Update.**

*FCC Issues – Dave Buchanan:* Dave advised the 700 Docket, which will change the date for the narrowbanding, will come out this quarter. . The FCC is requiring registration if you have a Class B Signal Booster Amplifier by November 1, 2014. Anything after that date must be registered prior to installation.

**Program Presentation – Dr. Henry Richter.** Mike Rowles spoke of Dr. Richter's education and professional history prior to asking him to the front and introducing him. Dr. Richter gave an interesting Power Point presentation regarding the space program and Deep Space Communications. He spoke of his history with the space program and fielded questions from the group.

**Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

### **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

## 2014 Meeting Dates

### January 16, 2014

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

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday December 30, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor - The Sales Group*

### February 20, 2014

#### **Duarte—Old Spaghetti Factory**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday February 3, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor - Survey Technologies Inc*

### March 20, 2014

#### **Loma Ridge**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday March 3, 2014

*Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Times Microwave*

### April 17, 2014

#### **Buena Park - Knott's Berry Farm Resort**

Technical Awards AM  
Annual Dispatchers' Banquet PM

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday March 31, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor - Simoco Americas*

### May 7-9, 2014 - 2014 WRC

#### **Wigwam Resort - Litchfield Park, AZ**

### May 22, 2014

#### **TBA**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday May 5, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor - Axell Wireless*

### June 19, 2014

#### **Goleta - Moseley Wireless Solutions**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday June 2, 2014

*Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Moseley Wireless Solutions*

### July 17th 2014

#### **San Pedro - USS Iowa**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday June 30, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### August 3-6, 2014 - APCO Intl Conference

#### **New Orleans**

### August 21, 2014

#### **Victorville - Hilton Garden Inn**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday August 11, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### September 18, 2014

#### **Annual "No Ties Meeting" -**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Tuesday September 2, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsors - Bassett Sales & Talley Communications*

### October 23, 2014

#### **Quiet Cannon - Montebello**

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"  
CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday September 29, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### November 20, 2014

#### **TBA**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday November 3, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### December 5, 2014

#### **Annual Holiday Officer Installation**

#### **TBA**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday November 24, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### 2014 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

January 8, 2014 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

April 9, 2014 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

July 9, 2014 - Redondo Beach Yacht Club

November 12, 2014 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course



# 2014 Emerging Technology Forum

February 26-27, 2014

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# **26th Annual Telecommunicator Awards Banquet**

**“More Than A Voice”**

**Reason - Comfort - Trust**

**The California Public-Safety Radio Association**

*(Southern California Chapter of APCO, International Inc.)*

*Will be hosting the*

*26th Annual Telecommunicators' Awards Banquet...*



**Awards for Telecommunicator of the Year, Outstanding Performance by an individual (Police, Fire, EMS), Exemplary Service Awards, Trainer of the Year, Supervisor of the Year... Nominations have been accepted from Police & Fire agencies from all over Southern California... Winners will be presented with their awards that night – plan on attending the banquet and show that your agency supports your Communications Professionals!**

**Dinner**

**Entertainment**

**Awards & Prizes**

**Awards for the winners, runner up and honorable mention recipients, special recognition of all nominees, drawing for door prizes... It's your 911 Dispatchers' big night – Seating is limited, register early!**

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