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

February Meeting - Embassy Suites Brea

This month's meeting will be held on February 19, 2015 at the Embassy Suites Brea, 900 E. Birch Street, Brea, CA 92821

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 CA-91 East towards Fullerton
- Take CA-57 North towards Pomona
- Exit CA-90/Imperial Hwy exit towards Brea
- Turn LEFT onto Imperial Hwy
- Turn RIGHT onto S Randolph Ave
- Turn RIGHT onto E Birch Street

Meeting Host: Hutton Communications Inc.

Early bird & Meeting Sponsor: Hutton Communications Inc.

Agenda:

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| 0800 - 1000 | Executive Committee Meeting |
| 1000 - 1100 | General Membership Meeting |
| 1100 - 1200 | Chief Allen W. Perdue (Ret) - "Making Safer Buildings Through Wireless Technologies" |
| 1200 | Lunch |

NOTE: Free Lunch is included with an online registration - See below.

Concurrent Event: Hutton Educational Series - Western Region Register to attend special training, education and discussion sessions to be held before and after the regular CPRA General Membership Meeting and Frequency Coordination. Free lunch is included with a online registration. [Learn more](#) or [register here](#).

Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
DON MILLER

The January meeting attendees enjoyed a very informative update of LA-RICS LMR and LTE presented by Pat Mallon, Executive Director of LA-RICS.

For those of you that deal with towers please look into the FCC's new regulations and requirements for tower registration, the new process will take longer, plan ahead.

<http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/tower-and-antenna-siting>

<http://www.fcc.gov/asr/localnotice>

<http://www.fcc.gov/help/environmental-notification-process-registration-antenna-structures-overview>

From the Consumers Electronics Show in Las Vegas this January it is obvious that among other things the drones are coming - are you ready for them? These nifty critters are available in sizes ranging from those that can be held in your hand to 3 feet or more in wing span. Some models are fully autonomous with GPS navigation, daylight and night vision cameras. Hello 911, there is a drone in my yard?

I hope you are planning to attend the upcoming 2015 WRC this April 7th to 10th in Sacramento. NAPCO has a very informative selection of programs and some fun entertainment planned.

For the dispatchers in our group, CPRA will be hosting its first 2015 Dispatcher's Roundtable in Downey on Wednesday, February 18th. The Dispatcher's Roundtable provides a great opportunity for Southern California's "first", First Responders to gather and discuss current issues, events, and trends in Public Safety Dispatching. There is no charge for this event, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Further information is available on the CPRA website and from Scott Espindola with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept. at sespindola@sbcasd.org, or at 909-356-9652.

Just a reminder that February is APCO committee sign up month. This is an excellent opportunity to network with other members and provide valuable services to the organization. APCO committee members also earn credit towards Senior and Life Memberships.

The next CPRA meeting is February 19th at the Embassy Suites Brea, meeting sponsored by Hutton Communications with presenter Chief Allen W. Perdue (Ret) will be speaking on "Making Safer Buildings Through Wireless Technologies"

Check our web site for more information and the latest updates at www.CPRA.org.

CHAPTER MEETING
January 15, 2015
Rio Hondo Golf Course
10627 Old River School Rd
Downey, CA 90241

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Jim Acosta, Downey Fire Department (Ret.)
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the December 2014 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "LA-RICS LMR and LTE Update" presented by Pat Mallon, Executive Director, LA-RICS
Attendance: 58

AGENDA

Call to Order – Don Miller. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.
Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Parrino.

Welcoming Remarks – Don Miller. Don thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. He said our program presenter today is Pat Mallon, who Ron Wong will introduce 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.

December Chapter Meeting Minutes Approval – Don M. Don asked if there was a motion to approve last month's Chapter Meeting Minutes. Dick Granado made the motion. Jim Acosta seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried.

Chapter Officer Reports.

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

Membership Report – Dale Digiambattista.

Membership Numbers: Dale advised current membership shows a total of 246 Chapter members, including 124 Full, 45 Commercial, 48 Group, and 29 Associate 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.

APCO International Report.

Executive Council Delegate Report – Jim Acosta:

On December 10-11, the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) met in Daytona Beach, FL to brainstorm goals and strategies of a new Long-Range Strategic Plan (LRSP) for 2015-2020. On December 12, the audit team from Weston & Gregory reviewed its findings with the Executive Committee. The auditors rendered an unmodified opinion (its highest level of opinion) on the FY2014 financials.

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Some important dates to remember include: January 1, Scholarship Applications open and PSAP Award Nominations open; January 15, the last day to declare candidacy. Jim knows of two candidates thus far, JJ McFarland from Pennsylvania and Martha Carter from Louisiana; February 1, Committee Sign-ups begin. APCO announced future International Conference & Expo future cities are as follows: 2016 – Orlando, FL; 2017 – Denver, CO; 2018 – Las Vegas, NV; 2019 – Baltimore, MD; 2020 – Orlando, FL; 2021 – San Antonio, TX; and 2022 – Anaheim, CA. Jim reminded the group the Telecommunicator Awards nominations are due next Friday, January 23.

Regulatory Update.

FCC Update Information – Gary Gray: Gary advised he brought handouts issued by the FCC and Homeland Security regarding Signal Jammers. He also emailed them to the commercial members.

Region 5 700 and 800 MHz Update – Dave Buchanan: Dave sent an email blast to the Spectrum List regarding changes, made by the FCC, in tower registration. APCO is a Frequency Coordinator. Additionally, three other companies have petitioned the FCC to become Frequency Coordinators. APCO and other organization have submitted oppositions to these petitions, due to a conflict of interest with the companies being in the business of consulting. The FCC will not submit paper copies of licenses. The licenses will be sent to email addresses instead. Dave encouraged everyone to make sure their email addresses and telephone numbers, on file with the FCC, up-to-date. On January 29 at 10:30 A.M., or shortly thereafter, there will be a 700MHz Work Group. Dave asks that each agency only send one or two people due to limited space. Anna Holmes asked if the meeting will be available on teleconference, for those unable to attend in person. Ray Grimes advised there will be a Rebanding Meeting, prior to the 700 MHz Work Group on the same day. He also spoke of the requirement of the FCC regarding the registering of signal boosters.

APCO Life Membership Nominations – Gary Gray. Gary presented the name of Joe Parrino to the group for nomination as an APCO Life Member. Joe has been an APCO and CPRA member for 40 years. He's served in various CPRA Board positions. Gary made a motion to submit Joe for APCO Life Membership. Jim Acosta seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried. Gary presented the name Ernest Gallo for nomination as an APCO Life Member. Ernest has been a Chapter member for 23 years. Ernest has served the Chapter as Past President and currently is our Webmaster. Dick Granado made a motion to submit Ernest for APCO Life Membership. Jim Acosta seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried.

Program Presentation – Pat Mallon. Ron Wong gave a brief biography of Pat Mallon prior to introducing him. Pat presented to a full house regarding the LA-RICS LMR and LTE Update. His extensive presentation informed the group as to, not only the status of the project, the criteria, scope, and reaching affects as well. Pat then fielded questions from attendees.

Meeting Adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 11:58 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

2015 Meeting Dates

January 15, 2015

Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday December 29, 2014
Early Bird Sponsor -

February 19, 2015

Embassy Suites Brea

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday February 2, 2015
Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Hutton Communications Inc.

March 12, 2015

Claremont - Hughes Center

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday February 23, 2015
Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Relm Wireless

April 8-10, 2015 - 2015 WRC

Sacramento Convention Center - Sacramento, CA

April 16, 2015

Buena Park - Knott's Berry Farm Resort

Technical Awards AM
Annual Dispatchers' Banquet PM
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday March 30, 2015
Early Bird Sponsor -

May 21, 2015

Duarte - Old Spaghetti Factory

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday May 4, 2015
Early Bird Sponsor -

June 18, 2015

Goleta - Moseley Wireless Solutions

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday June 1, 2015
Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Moseley Wireless Solutions

July 16, 2015

Santa Fe Springs - Talley

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday June 29, 2015
Early Bird Sponsor - Talley?

August 16-19, 2015 - APCO Intl Conference **Washington D.C.**

August 27, 2015

San Marcos - Old Spaghetti Factory

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday August 10, 2015
Early Bird Sponsor - Zetron

September 17, 2015

Annual "No Ties Meeting" -

CommLink Cutoff Date
Tuesday August 31, 2014
Early Bird Sponsors - Bassett Sales & Talley Communications

October 22, 2015

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday October 5, 2015
Early Bird Sponsor & Meeting Sponsors - Commercial Members

November 19, 2015

Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday November 2, 2015
Early Bird Sponsor

December 9, 2015

Annual Holiday Officer Installation

Long Beach - The Reef

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday November 23, 2015
Early Bird Sponsor

2015 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

January 21, 2015 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

April 1, 2015 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

July 8, 2015 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

November 4, 2015 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

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The California Public-Safety Radio Association
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Presents the

27th Annual Telecommunicator Awards Banquet

Please come join us as we honor public safety employees
for their outstanding service.

Date: Thursday April 16, 2015

Time: 6 p.m. Social Hour
7 p.m. Dinner

Location: Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel
7675 Crescent Avenue
Buena Park, California 90620

Tickets: \$40 per person (Paid by March 31, 2015)
\$45 per person (After April 1, 2015)
Reservation deadline is April 5, 2015 at 5 p.m.
No tickets will be sold at the door.
Make all checks payable to California Public-Safety Radio
Association (No abbreviations)

(Checks, Money Orders, Purchase Orders, & Credit Cards will be accepted)

To register please mail or fax the attached form and payment to:

CPRA Banquet
Post Office Box 39100
Downey, CA 90239-0100
FAX: 213-291-9411

There will be raffles and prizes throughout the evening.

We look forward to a wonderful evening honoring our best of the best!



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Registration Form

****OPEN SEATING, FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS****

Use additional forms if necessary

Agency/Company: _____
 Contact Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip Code: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 E-mail: _____

PRINT INFORMATION LEGIBLY

Use additional forms if necessary

| Print Name | **MEAL SELECTION** | | | Paid Guest | Award Recipient |
|------------|--------------------|------------|---|------------|-----------------|
| | Chicken | Vegetarian | Beef | | |
| | | | For beef add \$5.00 to registration price | | |
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**If no meal selection is noted chicken will be served. **

Date: _____ Total # of tickets: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Add \$5.00 to the price below when selecting beef.

\$40 per person (Paid by March 31, 2015)

\$45 per person (After April 1, 2015)

Reservation deadline is April 5, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Method of payment: Check Money Order Purchase Order # _____

Make all checks payable to "California Public-Safety Radio Association"

No abbreviations please

Credit Card: Mastercard Visa American Express Discover

Name as it appears on card: _____

Card number: _____ Exp date: _____ Security code: _____

For receipt specify email address: _____