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

March Meeting - Claremont, Hughes Center

This month's meeting will be held on March 12, 2015 at the
Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd., Claremont
San Bernardino Thomas Brothers 601-B1

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:

Westbound/Eastbound 210 Freeway:

- ◆ Exit Towne Ave
- ◆ South on Towne Ave. to Scripps Dr.
- ◆ Left on Scripps Dr. to Danbury Rd.
- ◆ Right on Danbury Rd. to address

Meeting Host: Mike Rowles San Bernardino County - ISD

Early-bird Sponsor:

Meeting Sponsor: Tim Vitou Relm Wireless

Agenda:

- 0800 - 1000 Executive Committee Meeting
- 1000 - 1100 General Membership Meeting
- 1100 - 1200 Program: Tim Vitou, Relm Wireless
"The state of P25 subscriber offerings"
- Lunch

Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
DON MILLER

Thanks go to Hutton for hosting the February meeting and providing the informative breakout sessions. Also our appreciation goes to RFS for hosting the excellent lunch. There were informative presentations regarding technologies impacting in-building communications. Fire Chief Allen W. Perdue (Ret), Executive Director of the Safer Buildings Coalition served as the program speaker. His topic was "Making Safer Buildings Through Wireless Technologies." The Chief focused on building safety and the need for wireless location accuracy.

Congratulations to Joe Parrino and Ernest Gallo for being nominated by CPRA for APCO Life Membership. Joe has been an APCO and CPRA member for 40 years serving in various board positions and is currently treasurer. Ernest has been a chapter member for 23 years and is currently our most excellent web master.

I would also like to congratulate Andy Seybold for his nomination for senior member. Andy has been a CPRA member for over 20 years. Andy has been a presenter at numerous conferences, published many articles, and served on several APCO committees.

We have two new committee appointments Terri Nelson as Operations Chair, and Ron Dunn as ProCHRT Liaison. Professional Communications Human Relations Task Force (now committee) is an APCO initiative to address personnel issues within the dispatch community.

APCO is hosting its 2015 Broad Band Summit in May. This annual Public Safety Broadband Summit provides a forum for technology experts, policy leaders, industry partners, wireless service providers, and public safety professionals to discuss timely issues affecting the deployment of the FirstNet nationwide public safety broadband network. For those who can attend, it will be held May 4-5, 2015 at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Washington D.C. Here is the link: <http://broadbandsummit.apcointl.org/registration/>.

The APCO National Conference will be held this summer. For your planning, here are two important dates: March 2nd Hotel reservations will be available, <http://www.apco2015.org/hotel-travel/> and April 2nd is Flash Registration Day. Register then and save \$100. <http://www.apco2015.org/registration/>

Notes about Backup Systems. We all have backups for our critical systems, but if the backup system is not an exact duplicate of the main system is your staff sufficiently trained (the person who knows how to do that is off today), do they practice, and are the systems put on line and tested according to a plan?

Print Your Own FCC Licenses. As of Feb. 17th the FCC no longer prints paper licenses. Make sure your email address is correct on your licenses and in the FRN so you can receive notices and print your licenses.

Heads up – the March CPRA meeting will be held a week early so we don't have a schedule conflict with IWCE. Please join us for this meeting at the Alexander Hughes Center in Claremont. Tim Vitou from Relm Wireless will speak on the state of P25 subscriber offerings. See you there.

CHAPTER MEETING

February 19, 2015
Embassy Suites Brea
900 E. Birch Street
Brea, CA 92821

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Hutton Communications
Early-Bird Sponsor: Hutton Communications
Meeting Sponsor: Hutton Communications
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the January 2015 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: Making Safer Buildings, Through Wireless Technologies" presented by Chief Allen W. Perdue (Ret.), Executive Director, Safer Buildings Coalition
Attendance: 89

AGENDA

Call to Order – Don Miller. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M. *Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles.* Due to no flag being present, the Pledge of Allegiance was skipped.

Welcoming Remarks – Don Miller. Don thanked everyone for attending and thanked Hutton Communications for Sponsoring and hosting today's meeting. He encouraged everyone to attend the April Telecommunicators Banquet at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel Resort.

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.

January 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: Ron covered upcoming Chapter meetings, sponsors, programs, and meetings still in need of a program. He also thanked Hutton Communications for sponsoring today's meeting.

Membership Report – Dale Digiambattista.

Membership Numbers: Dale advised we had 14 new members. Current membership shows a total of 348 Chapter members, including 194 Full, 66 Commercial, 48 On-Line, and 40 Associate members. The new members included:

Full:

- Margaret Smith, Santa Barbara Police Department
- Juan Ordaz, Metro Cities Fire Authority – System Administrator
- Michelle Riske, City of Irvine – Public Safety Dispatcher
- Brian Shippe, City of Irvine – Dispatcher
- Manuel Soto, Verdugo Fire communications – Shift Supervisor
- Michael Thompson, San Diego Medical Services - Dispatcher

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Commercial:

-Kevin Konczal, TriTech Software Systems

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.

APCO President – John Wright: John updated attendees on some current focus of APCO, including Committees review, Commercial Group Membership, the upcoming 2015 Western Regional Conference in Sacramento, and the 2015 APCO International Conference & Expo in Washington D.C. in August. He briefed the group on current happenings regarding Wireless Location Accuracy and the partnership with APCO, NENA, and Wireless providers. He felt it was the partnership that brought about the successful strides in achieving true location accuracy. He also mentioned APCO has a new Cyber Security Committee and encouraged members to sign-up if interested. APCO's Emerging Technology Forum is in Dallas, TX on March 10-11. The Broadband Summit Leadership Dinner will be in Washington D.C. on May 20.

Executive Council Delegate Report – Jim Acosta: On January 28, the Executive committee, along with APCO senior staff and the events team, gathered in Washington, DC, to preview 2015 APCO International Conference & Expo venues. The conference is August 16-19. Marriot Marquis will be the host hotel. Housing will be open sometime in March. There are limited rooms with government rates. Flash Day is April 2. Register on that day to get \$100.00 off the conference registration fee. Booth sales for the conference are up over last year. Officer nominations deadline was January 15. There are two candidates for APCO 2nd VP. They are JJ McFarland with the Pennsylvania Chapter, and Martha Carter with the Louisiana Chapter. Cheryl Greathouse filed her declaration to seek the next office of 1st VP. On-line voting will open July 17. In accordance with policy, Brent Lee will automatically advance to President and John Wright assumes the mantle of Immediate Past President following the close of the 2015 conference. As of February 1, total membership is at 16,297 members, versus 16,141 the same date last year. Vendors were encouraged to look into booth space for CPRA's October Table Top.

Senior Member Nomination – Gary Gray. Gary advised the group Andrew Seybold was approved by the Executive Committee for nomination as Senior Member. Gary also gave the group a brief history of Andrew's involvement with APCO and CPRA. Gary entered a motion to endorse Andrew's nomination as Senior Member. Dick Granado seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried.

Regulatory Update.

FCC Update Information – Gary Gray: Gary deferred to Dave Buchanan.

Region 5 700 and 800 MHz Update – Dave Buchanan: Dave updated the group with regards to new or updated information from the FCC. He also updated the group on a Power Spectral Density Docket. NPSTC sent a response to the FCC reminding them about areas where interference will be an issue. He spoke in detail with regards to 700 and 800 MHz updates. He also advised the group regarding interference with LED lighting. A survey was issued and received regarding this. They have not had a chance to compile the information to subsequently make recommendations to the FCC. Dave fielded questions from the group as well. Jim Donovan followed Dave, updating the group on Region 5 related information and impact. Jim proposed a working group to send a CPRA generated comment. There will be further discussion at today's Frequency Coordination Meeting.

Minutes, CPRA Chapter Meeting, February 19, 2015 (cont.)

Program Presentation – Allen Perdue. Mike Brownson with Hutton Communications introduced Chief Allen Perdue (Ret.). Allen came from South Carolina, where he is a retired Fire & EMS Chief. He spoke briefly of his work history and involvement with Safer Buildings Coalition. Chief Perdue reinforced his program with a Power Point presentation, focusing on building safety, as well as the need for wireless location accuracy. The Chief fielded questions from attendees.

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. Ongoing 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

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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 - Sierra DC Power

May 21, 2015

Duarte - Old Spaghetti Factory

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

June 18, 2015

Goleta - Moseley Wireless Solutions

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

July 16, 2015

San Marcos - Old Spaghetti Factory

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

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

August 27, 2015

Santa Fe Springs - Talley

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

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**		For beef add \$5.00 to registration price	Paid Guest	Award Recipient
	Chicken	Vegetarian	Beef		

**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"

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Credit Card: Mastercard Visa American Express Discover

Name as it appears on card: _____

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For receipt specify email address: _____