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

## June 2015 Meeting - Santa Barbara

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at the Chase Palm Park Center, 236 E. Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Santa Barbara County, Thomas Brothers page 996-C5

**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:

#### N/B US 101 from Los Angeles

- ◆ Take US-101 North toward Ventura.
- ◆ Take the Garden St. exit - Exit 96B - toward Downtown.
- ◆ Turn Left onto Garden St.
- ◆ Turn Left onto East Cabrillo Blvd.

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**Meeting Host:** Communications Division, City of Santa Barbara

**Early Bird Sponsor:** Applied Technology Group, Inc.

**Meeting Sponsor:** Moseley Wireless Solutions Group

### Agenda:

0800 - 1000	Executive Committee Meeting
1000 - 1100	General Meeting
1100 - 1200	Presentation: "Spectrum Issues"
	Presentation By: Mark Crosby
1200	Lunch

## Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

**PRESIDENT'S PODIUM**  
**DON MILLER**

The May meeting was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Duarte. Attendees enjoyed an informative presentation arranged by Ron Lyons, Zetron, Inc. with speaker Bob Connell. Their topic was Next Gen 9-1-1. Bob provided updates on the status of the system. He included information on Text to 9-1-1 services in California. Bob noted that there are beta sites going through testing. He commented that in coordination with the cell phone carriers, live services within the state will be released on an incremental basis.

CPRA is proud to have two of our Chapter Technical Award winners also win national recognition. It appears to be the first time ever that two APCO Technical Award recipients have come from the same chapter.

Selected as:

**APCO Radio Frequency Technologist of the Year**

Trish Byrd

Riverside County Information Technology  
Riverside, CA

Selected as:

**Information Technologist of the Year**

Eric Uller

Santa Monica Police Department  
Santa Monica, CA

Please remember to submit nominations for next year's Chapter awards as all nominations can be submitted for national awards, and win!

During the presentation of this year's Technology Awards, Senior Airman Hideyoshi Izumi – 163rd Communications Flight, March ARB was selected as a CPRA Information Technologist Runner Up. He was unable to attend the Chapter award presentations due to military training. The 163<sup>rd</sup> CF requested that CPRA present his award via a second presentation ceremony at March Air Reserve Base. This was done for him where we were meet with an enthusiastic crowd to help Hideyoshi celebrate. Following the presentation we were treated to a very interesting, and informative mission briefing and tour of the remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) facilities. Very cool, one might say.

I am very pleased to announce that Mike Rowles was presented a CPRA Chapter Life Membership for his many years of invaluable service to our Chapter and APCO. Among his many accomplishments Mike served as Chapter Secretary for three terms, Publicity Chair for the two Western Region Conferences that were recently hosted by CPRA, co-chair of the Technical Awards Committee, and Subcommittee Chair, APCO Awards. Congratulations Mike.

Please join us for the June CPRA meeting. It will be held on June 18<sup>st</sup> at Santa Barbara, Chase Palm Park Center where Mark Crosby of EWA will present "Spectrum Issues".

See you there

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## CHAPTER MEETING

**May 21, 2015**  
**Old Spaghetti Factory**  
**1431 Buena Vista St**  
**Duarte, CA 91010**

### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** Richard Granado, LA County (Ret.)  
**Early-Bird Sponsor:** Ron Lyons, Zetron, Inc.  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the April 2015 meeting are posted on the CPRA Website.  
**Program:** "NG911 Update" presented by Bob Connell, Zetron, Inc.  
**Attendance:** 47

### AGENDA

**Call to Order – Don Miller.** The meeting was called to order at 10:08 A.M.

*Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles.*

*Welcoming Remarks – Don Miller.* Don thanked everyone for attending today's Chapter Meeting and thanked Ron Lyons and Zetron, Inc. for being the Early Bird Sponsor. He also thanked Bob Connell for being our Program Presenter. Don advised that members of the Executive Committee went to March ARB in Riverside on Wednesday, to present last month's IT Technologist of the Year Runner-Up, Senior Airman Hideyoshi Izumi his award. Airman Izumi was unable to attend the original awards ceremony. Don also mentioned the Executive Committee was giving a tour, to include a USAF Drone.

*April Chapter Meeting Minutes Approval – Don Miller.* Don asked for a motion to approve last month's Chapter Meeting Minutes. Dick Granado made the motion. Ken Norton seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried.

*Self Introductions:* Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

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

### **Chapter Officer Reports.**

*Future Meetings Report – Ron Wong:* Ron covered upcoming Chapter meetings, sponsors, programs, and meetings still in need of a program. Ron advised our meeting location for June has changed. He advised attendees to check the CPRA website for the update. Gary G. mentioned the meeting is now in the city of Santa Barbara, versus Goleta. Ron also mentioned we are looking for meeting locations and presenters for 2016.

*Membership Report – Dale Digiambattista.* Dale advised we had three new members. Current membership shows a total of 459 Chapter members, including 231 Full, 70 Commercial, 108 Online, and 50 Associate members. The new members included:

*Full:*  
 -Christopher Herren, Santa Monica Fire Department – Administrator  
 -Tawney Montes, Burbank Police Department - Supervisor  
 -Mishele Richards, Orange County Fire Authority - Supervisor

*Treasurer's Report- Monthly Financial Report – Joe Parrino.* 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. He also outlined some specifics from the 2015 Telecommunicators Awards Banquet Income and Expense Report.

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### **2015 Board of Officers**

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**Jack Daniel Award – Ron Lyons.** Ron, as a member of the APCO CAC, is part of an ad hoc committee to search for qualified individuals to be considered for the Jack Daniel Award. Ron announced his committee nominated a qualified recipient to be honored in August at the 2015 APCO International Conference & Expo. He also advised the group Pat Daniel will be on hand in August, on the stage, to assist with presenting the award. The recipient's name will be announced in June.

### **APCO International Report.**

*Executive Council Delegate Report – Dick Granado:* In the absence of Jim Acosta, Dick gave the report. On April 6-8, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Brent Lee attended the FirstNet Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) meeting in Denver, CO. On April 7-9, Immediate Past President Gigi Smith participated in the National Homeland Security Consortium (NHSC) Meeting in Miami, FL. On April 7-10, President John Wright and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Cheryl Greathouse attended the Western Regional Conference in Sacramento, CA. On April 13-14, Gigi participated in the Louisiana Chapter Conference in Lake Charles where she provided the keynote speech and administered the oath to incoming officers. On April 19-22, Mr. Wright attended the Pennsylvania Chapter Conference in Lancaster where he delivered the State of the Association during their luncheon. On April 19-22, Brent and Gulf Coast Regional Board Representative Matt Stillwell attended the Arkansas Chapter Conference in Eureka Springs. On April 20-22, Cheryl attended the Texas Chapter Conference in Galveston. On April 29-30, John and Brent participated in the APCO Australasia Conference in Melbourne, Australia. Brent, in collaboration with his Executive Committee colleagues, has announced the committee chair selections for the upcoming 2015-16 program year, with the exception of the following, which will be announced in August: Conference & Expositions AdComm (CEAC), Cyber Security Committee, Finance and Budget Committee, and Management Committee. On April 14, Jeff Cohen and Farokh Latif attended the annual meeting of the Land Mobile Communications Council in Washington, DC. On April 21, GRO filed Reply Comments on behalf of APCO in response to the FCC's notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on 9-1-1 Governance and Accountability. On April 22, Jeff Cohen and Mark Reddish met with Department of Commerce Inspector General Todd Zinser and his staff. The purpose of the meeting was to provide APCO's perspective on FirstNet, including how the law establishing FirstNet was drafted, progress on implementing the NPSBN, and the RFI and notice of proposed legal interpretations released last year. On April 24, Jeff Cohen and Stephen Devine addressed questions from staff of the Government Accountability Office regarding public safety communications interoperability and P25 services. As of April 1, total membership was at 22,495, versus 19,746 the same time last year. The APCO Block Party! will take place at the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum. APCO will have the museum exclusively for attendees from 7-10 p.m. and will provide transportation to and from the venue and official APCO hotels. Chris Phelps retired as AFC Licensing Specialist. Chris has decided to enjoy her golden years with family and friends after 26 years of dedicated service. Debbie Moore promoted to the Senior Member Services Coordinator, following a restructuring of the Member Services department. Debra will continue to provide excellent customer service to our members.

### **Regulatory Update.**

*FCC Update Information – Dave Buchanan:* Dave updated the group regarding current FCC related issues, concerns, and rulings. The FCC recently asked APCO to put a White Paper together on 4.9 MHz. APCO is putting together a committee to do so. The deadline is May 22 to sign-up if wanting to be on the committee. He also reported on 700 Narrowband and P25 related information from the FCC. Dave will have further

information on the 700 MHz Plan at today's Frequency Advisory Committee meeting. Dave also fielded questions and comments from attendees.

### **C&B Revisions Update/Vote – Gary Gray.**

Gary passed out copies of the proposed C&B revisions/changes. The updates/changes, outlined at a previous meeting, are to the Finance and Budget, Commercial, and Historical Committees. Gary made a motion to adopt the revisions/changes. Dick seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried.

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## 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 - Sierra DC Power*

### May 21, 2015

#### **Duarte - Old Spaghetti Factory**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday May 4, 2015

*Early Bird Sponsor - ZETRON*

### June 18, 2015

#### **Santa Barbara - Chase Palm Park Center**

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 24, 2015

#### **Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Rio Hondo Event Center**

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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**CPRA Life Membership Nomination - Tim Trager.** Tim advised we have a unique opportunity to nominate one of our members for Chapter Life Membership. He announced the member is Mike Rowles. Tim read a list of Mike's Chapter related accomplishment to the group, solidifying his qualifications as Chapter Life Member. Don endorsed this and asked the group to make a motion to nominate Mike for Chapter Life Member. Adriana Spirescu made a motion to nominate Mike for Chapter Life Membership. Anna Holmes seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried. Don asked Mike to the podium where Don presented Mike with his certificate of CPRA Chapter Life Membership.

**Program Presentation – Bob Connell.** Ron Lyons introduced Bob Connell, ENP, Director 9-1-1 Sales for Zetron, Inc. Bob gave a brief history of his experience as a Communications Center Manager prior to Zetron, Inc. Bob's presentation included a great deal of information regarding NextGen 9-1-1, with an emphasis on Text-to-911. He updated the group on operational specifics, technologies, and governmental mandates. Bob also fielded questions from attendees.

**Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting adjourned at 11:54 A.M.

**Notes for the Record.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Espindola, Secretary

Senior Airman (SrA) Hideyoshi Izumi was selected as a CPRA 2015 Information Technologist of Year Runner Up. He was absent from the April CPRA luncheon presentations due to military training. We were honored to do a personal presentation for him at his unit (163rd Communications Flight), March ARB, CA on May 20, 2015. SrA Izumi was recognized for his superb, hands-on technical support of the Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC).



Photo - LR: Tim Trager, Don Miller, Terri Nelson, SrA Izumi, John Sarkissian, Mike Rowles, Dave Buchanan

## To the members of the CPRA APCO Chapter

My name is JJ McFarland and I am a candidate for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of APCO International. Many of you know me or have heard of me and I hope it was all good. I don't want to bore you with the mundane list of my accomplishments, rather just highlight a few. I have been a member of APCO since 1992; I have served the Pennsylvania Chapter since then including being a past president and a life member. I am presently serving in my third year as a member of the Board of Directors of APCO, a position I cherish. I have served on many committees with APCO and even the ADA Task Force. I am a life member of the Niagara Engine Company #2 of the Pittston City (PA) fire department. I retired after 31 years from the Pennsylvania State Police as a Police Communications Supervisor and have served as the Executive Director of the Luzerne County (PA) 9-1-1 Center. I have served many municipal offices in the City of Pittston (PA) including planning commission and Civil service commission. I have also served as a member of the Pittston Area (PA) School Board.

But enough of the past, I am looking forward to the future. It is a future we can share. I am very excited over the changes that have been happening in APCO and have been glad to have been a part of them. Being a member of the Board of Directors has given me valuable insight into the inner working of our organization. We have our largest membership in history and I want to see it continue to grow, together we can do it. I have witnessed a rebirth in our Executive Council, a new enthusiasm that is helping us move forward.

I am APCO PROUD! I want you to join me in that and if are APCO PROUD too then together we can be APCO STRONG.

In order to accomplish this I need you vote and support in the upcoming election. The election will start online on July 17. I encourage all to exercise your right to vote.

There are so many things ahead of us that we have to work together in order to accomplish. The members of the Executive Committee or even the Board of Directors don't run APCO alone, it is a strong membership, it is you, that runs APCO. I want to you all to be involved in APCO, it starts with your involvement in your chapter and goes up from there. I remember being a scared kid that joined this big organization; I didn't know anyone (or anything for that matter). I took a few courses, became an APCO Telecommunicator Instructor, started doing classes for the Pennsylvania State Police, became a Subject matter Expert for the State of Pennsylvania and here I am today, asking you to vote for me for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. It is your vote that makes the difference, you get to decide on your future. Who will our leaders be?

If anyone feels the need to reach out to me and ask any questions, fee free.  
My email is [JJMSOCCER@AOL.COM](mailto:JJMSOCCER@AOL.COM) Phone is 570-905-0409

I will always be available to any member,

Thank you in advance for Your support

JJ McFarland

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### MISSION TOUR

Following the presentation, we were invited to receive a tour of the Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) mission facilities. In the photo is a "Predator" aircraft on static display. Standing in front is SrA Izumi and the CPRA presentation group.

