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

July 2015 Meeting - San Marcos

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This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2015, at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 111 North Twin Oaks Valley Rd, San Marcos, North San Diego County, CA, San Diego County - Thomas Bros. Page 1108-H7.

DIRECTIONS:

From the Los Angeles or San Diego Area:

- ◆ I-5 to SR-78 East.
- ◆ Travel East for 12.8 Miles
- ◆ Exit on Twin Oaks Valley Rd
- ◆ Turn left (North) past freeway underpass
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Meeting Host: Anna Holmes San Diego County Sheriff's Dept.

Early Bird Sponsor: George T Ziegler, Cobham-Arcomm

Meeting Sponsor:

Agenda:

0830 - 1000	Executive Committee Meeting
1000 - 1100	General Meeting
1100 - 1200	Presentation: "FCC Rule Making Update"
	Presentation By: David Buchanan
1200	Lunch

Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
DON MILLER

The June meeting was held at the Chase Palm Park Center in Santa Barbara. Unfortunately our scheduled speaker, Mark Crosby, was caught up in an airline delay and was not able to attend. Dave Buchanan and Andy Seybold came to the rescue with an update on FirstNet and a peek behind the curtain about how things are supposed to work. Broadband is coming, but you will need to maintain your LMR systems for many years.

Andy announced that he and his wife will be moving to Arizona and joining the APCO chapter there. It's a dry heat Andy, we'll miss you.

The APCO Executive Committee's decision to eliminate the Spectrum Management Committee caused much concern from the CPRA Executive Committee and the executive committees of several other chapters. The APCO Executive Committee arranged to meet with representatives of the CPRA Executive Committee on June 2nd and listen to our concerns. As a result of the meeting, Brent Lee, APCO 1st VP responded with an email addressed to CPRA. An excerpt is shown here:

As promised, please accept this email as confirmation of the Executive Committee's commitment to providing the PSConnect Radio and Spectrum Technology group with an avenue to conduct a group phone call to discuss responses and reach consensus should that avenue be needed in the future. Staff will provide an individual to monitor the activity of the PSConnect Radio and Spectrum Technology group and that individual will have the ability to arrange a phone call if needed. Staff will be posting (to that PSConnect group) the individual assigned to monitor the activity of that group in the very near future. Please check the PSConnect site for that information and any other information pertinent to the group.

The CPRA Executive Committee believes the plan will work and will continue to monitor the performance of the new structure.

I was very pleased to assist Tim Trager and Gary Gray with presenting Andy Seybold an APCO Senior Membership for his many years of invaluable service to APCO and our chapter.

Please join us for the July CPRA meeting. It will be on July 16st at San Marcos, Old Spaghetti Factory, where Dave Buchanan will present "FCC Rule Making Update". See you there. And remember to be on the alert for information about voting in the forthcoming APCO election. The online system will be used.

See you there

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CHAPTER MEETING

June 18, 2015
Chase Palm Park Center
236 E. Cabrillo Blvd
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: City of Santa Barbara and Mosely Wireless Solutions Group
Early-Bird Sponsor: Applied Technology Group, Inc.
Meeting Sponsor: Mosely Wireless Solutions Group
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 2015 meeting are posted on the CPRA Website.
Program: "FirstNet Update" by Dave Buchanan and Andrew Seybold
Attendance: 32

AGENDA

Call to Order – Don Miller. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.
Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles.

Welcoming Remarks – Don Miller. Don thanked everyone for attending today's Chapter Meeting and thanked Applied Technology Group, Inc. for being the Early Bird Sponsor, and Mosely Wireless Solutions Group for being our Meeting Sponsor. He announced our scheduled program presenter, Mark Crosby, missed his flight and subsequent connector. He will not be here today. He thanked Dave Buchanan and Andy Seybold for graciously stepping in at the last minute and being the program presenter today.

May Chapter Meeting Minutes Approval – Don Miller. Don asked for a motion to approve last month's Chapter Meeting Minutes. Jim Acosta made the motion. Dick Granado 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 – Larry Weber. The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer.

Senior Membership Presentation to Andrew Seybold. Don called Gary Gray and Tim Trager to the front. He asked Andrew Seybold to come forward. The three presented Andy with Senior Membership. Tim spoke of Andy's accomplishments and this being a well deserved designation.

Chapter Officer Reports.

Future Meetings Report – Dale Digiambattista: Dale reported for the absent Ron Wong.

Membership Report – Dale Digiambattista. Dale advised we had three new members. Current membership shows a total of 462 Chapter members, including 234 Full, 70 Commercial, 107 Online, and 51 Associate members. The new members included:

Full:

-Robert Bearss, Santa Diego Communications Division
 -Meagan Nagy, Santa Monica Fire Department
 -Eric Uller, Santa Monica Police Department

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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. Don advised the group we are in the process of changing our non-profit designation from 501(c)(6) to 501(c)(3). This will allow for donations to the Chapter to have the ability to be tax deductible.

APCO International Report.

Executive Council Delegate Report – Jim Acosta: On May 5, the Executive Committee presented this year's APCO Leadership in Policy Awards honoring several individuals in the Washington, DC area. On May 6, the full Board of Directors met for its quarterly meeting in Washington, DC. The Board approved the 2015-2016 Budget for APCO International, and voted to recommend it to the Quorum in August. After a national search spanning several months, APCO International welcomed Naylor Association Solutions as its new partner in publishing the print and digital editions of Public Safety Communications and related e-newsletters and websites. The publications will now be bi-monthly, versus monthly. Additionally, the publications will eventually only be in a digital format, instead of printed as it is now. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the 2015-2016 CAC/Silent Key Scholarships. There were 216 applications, awarding 140 scholarships for a total of \$69,310.00. Commercial Scholarship Donors included Motorola Foundation, Avtec, Intrado Inc., New World Systems, and Public Safety Group, to name a few. Voting for the 2015 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidential candidates opens electronically on July 17. Voting ends on Tuesday, August 18 at 1:50 P.M. EDT. Membership on May 1 is 23,257, versus 20,276 on the same day last year. Registration for the 2015 APCO International Conference & Expo is at 1,161, which is ahead of 2014 registrations the same time last year. The President's Dinner entertainment this year will be the Capitol Steps, a comedy troupe that for more than 30 years has been providing a unique blend of musical and political comedy to our nation's capitol. Future cities have been announced for upcoming conferences. They are as follow: 2016, Orlando, FL; 2017, Denver, CO; 2018, Las Vegas, NV; 2019, Baltimore, MD; 2020, Orlando, FL; 2021, San Antonio, TX; 2022, Anaheim, CA; and 2023 will be at a Wild Card City. Roger Wespe resigned as the Government Relations Manager. Roger has decided to pursue other avenues in his career after supporting the Government Relations Department since 2010.

Regulatory Update.

FCC Update Information – Dave Buchanan: APCO has put together a task force/group to document ways public safety can better use the 4.9 band. This is per a request from the FCC. Basically, what it comes down to is use it or lose it. Otherwise, it may be opened up to commercial use as well. APCO's official position is it should be just for use by public safety. Dave will have more information after August. The FCC field office made compromises and changes regarding field offices. Broadcasters brought the issue to members of the House of Representatives. Under the revised plan, 15 field offices will remain open. There will be two Tiger Teams, one on the east coast and one on the west coast. They will not be channeling the savings from closing field offices to funding positions in Washington, DC. Dave advised the group what direction to take when experiencing interference. Dave fielded several comments, related issues, and questions from attendees.

Spectrum Committee Discussion – Dave Buchanan & Don Miller. Dave briefed the group about the disbanding of the Spectrum Committee by APCO. He gave some history regarding the dissolution of the committee, and stated the stance the CPRA Executive Committee took, trying to reverse the decision of the APCO Executive Committee. He spoke of the meeting in Orange County between the APCO Executive Committee and representatives from CPRA. What was decided at the meeting with the APCO Executive Committee is that APCO will have a designated person monitor the FCC for issues, who will then post this information on PSConnect. Additionally, a "blog" will be established, and interested individuals will sign-up. Dave invited anyone interested to do so. Dave advised he recommended we monitor the compromise and see if it works. There was a bit of feedback, comments and questions from attendees. Anna Holmes voiced some concerns about 4.9 and was advised by Dave we will be responding to these concerns in future meetings. It was established we only have two months to come to some sort of resolution.

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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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Program Presentation – Dave Buchanan & Andrew Seybold. Dave advised the group he and Andy would be filling-in as program presenters today, in the absence Mark Crosby, who missed his flight. Dave and Andy will be speaking about FirstNet. Dave spoke about priorities, background, and local controls. Andy then addressed attendees about the future of FirstNet, as well as some regulatory obstacles. Both presenters spoke at length then fielded questions and comments from their audience.

Meeting Adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.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

ATTENTION!!!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHAPTER OFFICER? CHAPTER ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 22, 2015

If you are interested in becoming an officer of our Chapter, or know someone you would like to nominate, please contact: Richard Granado (626) 657-8167 or send an email to: RGranado@gmail.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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