



# COMMILINK

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

## September No Ties Meeting - Downey

This month's meeting will be held on September 24, 2015 at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Rd., Downey, (562) 806-2050 Thomas Brothers Page 705-J6

**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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- ◆ Go West to Old River School Rd
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**From I-5 Freeway:**

- ◆ Exit Lakewood or Paramount Blvds.
- ◆ Go South to Florence Ave
- ◆ Go West to Old River School Rd
- ◆ Go South to Address

**Meeting Host:** Jim Acosta Downey Fire Communications (Retired)

**Early bird Sponsors:** Craig Bassett - Bassett Sales & Larry - Feige Talley Communications

**Agenda:**

0830 - 1000 Executive Committee Meeting  
 1000 - 1100 General Membership Meeting  
 1100 - 1200 **Presentation:** Pete Hambuch - The Genesis Group, "Software to manage trunked radio systems"

**General Program:** 80th Anniversary recognition and presentation of past chapter presidents

**Special Program:** Some brief words from Dr. Henry Richter upon the publication of his book, "America's Leap into Space: My time at JPL and the first Explorer satellites"

1200 Lunch

## Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

**PRESIDENT'S PODIUM  
DON MILLER**

The August meeting was held at Talley in Santa Fe Springs, Mel Samples provided some very thought provoking issues facing the future of Public Safety LTE. Larry Feige presented the door prize (a fine back pack) to Dick Granado.

The APCO International conference in Washington was a great success with a wide selection of programs and exhibits so there was plenty for everyone.

Also announced at the conference were life memberships for CPRA's Joe Parrino and Ernest Gallo. APCO president John Wright acknowledged Gary Gray's many years of outstanding contributions to the organization by presenting Gary the President's Award. Congratulations to all of you.

This year CPRA Celebrates 80 years of service to Public Safety, Please join us in our celebration at the "No ties BBQ" September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Rio Hondo Golf Course. To add to the special occasion Dr. Henry Richter will be attending and bringing his new book on the Explorer satellite program: "America's Leap into Space, My Time at JPL and the First Explorer Satellites." Henry will recount some of these experiences as well as do a book signing. This is a very rare opportunity please don't miss it.

## 2016 CPRA Officer Candidates

President - Ron Wong

President-Elect - Dale Digiambattista

Vice-President - Scott Espindola

Secretary - Jim Bare

Treasurer - Joe Parrino

Sgt.-at-Arms - Jeff Loveland

Executive Council - Jim Acosta

## CHAPTER MEETING

**August 27, 2015**  
**Talley Communications**  
**12976 Sandoval Street**  
**Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670**

### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** Larry Feige, Talley, Inc.  
**Early-Bird Sponsor:** Larry Weber, The Sales Group  
**Program Sponsor:** Talley Communications  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the July 2015 meeting are posted on the CPRA Website.  
**Program:** "What's missing in the PS LTE discussion?" by Mel Samples  
**Attendance:** 38

### AGENDA

**Call to Order – Don Miller.** The meeting was called to order at 10:11 A.M.

*Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles.*

*Welcoming Remarks – Don Miller.* Don thanked everyone for attending to-day's Chapter Meeting. Larry Feige addressed the group and thanked them for coming to the meeting at Talley Communications. He welcomed anyone wanting a tour of the facility to meet at 12:45 P.M. Don thanked Larry Feige, Talley, Inc., for being today's Meeting Host; and also thanked Larry Weber, The Sales Group, for being the Early Bird Sponsor. He thanked Mel Samples for being today's program presenter.

*July Chapter Meeting Minutes Approval – Don Miller.* Don asked for 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.

*Life Memberships – Don Miller.* Don announced Joe Parrino and Ernest Gallo were awarded Life Membership.

*President's Award – Don Miller.* Don announced Gary Gray received the President's Award for his fine work.

*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.

### **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 next month we will be celebrating our eightieth anniversary at the No Ties meeting at Rio Hondo Golf Course. He asked anyone with questions about upcoming meetings to check the CPRA website. Ken Norton asked the date of next month's meeting, which Ron advised will be September 24. Don asked Ron to confirm the December Installation Meeting date, being

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### **2014 Board of Officers**

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held at The Reef in Long Beach, will be December 10. Ron replied with the affirmative.

*Membership Report – Dale Digiambattista.* Dale advised we had 14 new members. Current membership shows a total of 477 Chapter members, who include 244 Full, 79 Commercial, 98 Online, and 56 Associate members. He also mentioned the new full members will receive the requisite complimentary first time meeting registration. The new members included:

*Full:*

- Christopher Brown, Orange County Sheriff's Department – Comm. Coordinator II
- Cole Duran, Bureau of Land Management
- Harry Rote, LA-RICS – LMR System Manager

*Commercial:*

- Michael Galvin, DELTAWRX – Consultant
- Ernest Rampen, Gartner – Consultant
- Sarah Schwettman, Gartner - Consultant

*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. Ron Lyons confirmed some of the expenses Joe outlined were due to the purchase of CPRA shirts, which will be made back upon sale of the shirts.

### **APCO International Report.**

*Executive Council Delegate Report – Jim Acosta:* Jim did not get his usual Communiqué from APCO, but was able to cover some information and activities which came out of the APCO International Conference & Expo last week. He attended a four hour Project Management Class, which was very informative. Resolutions voted on by the Executive Council to recommend approval were 1, 2, 3, and 5. Two of the resolutions were amended to have consistent wording regarding using time in years versus months. The Resolution voted on by the Executive Council which recommended non-approval was Resolution 4. The Resolution was initiated to change the standing practice of casting a vote for candidates running unopposed for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President to bypassing the voting process. It garnered 33 Nay votes to nine yes votes. Elections also were held. Margie Moulin was voted in as Western Regional Director, to take the spot vacated by Peggy Fouts. Jim was once again elected as the CEAC Committee Chair. Desi Calzada was elected to the Management Committee, and Sheila Blevins was elected to the Finance & Budget Committee. Martha Carter was elected to the Executive Committee as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. Advancing were Brent Lee to President, Cheryl Greathouse to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, and John Wright to Immediate Past President. The registration number for attendees is unofficially over 5,700. Ron Lyons pointed out this was the largest attendance since Baltimore in 2007. Don Miller weighed-in on the voting that took place at the conference. He advised attendees that, with the exception of Executive Committee elections, all voting is done at the APCO General Business Meetings by APCO members in attendance and present at the meeting. Through CPRA's Executive Committee and Chapter members attending, we continue to have a strong presence at the conference (as with past conferences), thereby having a voice and vote in issues and resolutions affecting our Chapter and APCO.

### **Regulatory Update.**

*FCC Update Information – Gary Gray:* A new public-safety interference complaint system is being developed, though not yet implemented, by the FCC. This is the result of having only two-thirds of the FCC field offices remaining open. The interference complain system will have issue escalation procedures. There will be a web portal where one can submit a complaint of interference. NPSTC, who also represents APCO, participated in a related industry call. Outlined in the call was the process that will take place when this is implemented. Gary spoke of, and fielded questions about, other FCC related information.

**PSC Magazine – Ernest Gallo.** Ernest spoke to the group and solicited information and articles for the APCO magazine. With an emphasis to Commercial members, he stated he also welcomed article

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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**

**Hutten Communications**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday February 2, 2015

*Early Bird Sponsor -*

### **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

*Early Bird Sponsor - Applied Technology Group*  
*Meeting Sponsor - Moseley Wireless Solutions*

### **July 16, 2015**

**San Marcos - Old Spaghetti Factory**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday June 29, 2015

*Early Bird Sponsor - Zetron*

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

### **August 27, 2015**

**Talley Communications**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday August 10, 2015

*Early Bird Sponsor - The Sales Group*

### **September 24, 2015**

**Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Downey**

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 - See Program Guide at Venue*

### **November 19, 2015**

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

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday November 2, 2015

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### **December 10, 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

## The Wave of the Future

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THE WAVE!!

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information from public safety agencies as well. This is Ernest's last year on the Editorial Advisory Committee, and he would like to submit more articles highlighting southern California.

**Program Presentation – Mel Samples.** Ron Wong introduced Mel, advising the group of Mel's history with CPRA and APCO, as well as his professional history. Mel addressed the group about what is missing from PS LTE and FirstNET discussions. Unable to use his Power Point demonstration due to technical issues, Mel managed to convey his message to the group nonetheless. Mel fielded questions from attendees at the end of his presentation.

**Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting adjourned at 12:10 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



# 2015 Annual CPRA/APCO Vendor Display & Luncheon



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015**

Quiet Cannon, Montebello, CA

901 N. Via San Clemente, 90640 Tel: 323-724-4500

Hilton Garden Inn is located adjacent to Quiet Cannon.

801 N. Via San Clemente, Montebello

Telephone: 323-724-5900

**BOOK EARLY, THIS HOTEL ALWAYS SELLS OUT!**

The Annual CPRA Vendor Display is the premier place to promote your communications products and services to key decision makers representing many cities, counties, state and other public agencies serving over 19 million citizens throughout the area. Past events have been sell-outs.

If you are dealing with more than one agency in Southern California, you need to be here!

***Purchase Your Exhibit Space TODAY!***

Please use the reservation and payment form on the next page and email, fax or mail to:

**Larry Weber, CCAM**

**c/o The Sales Group, Inc.**

**23942 Craftsman Road**

**Calabasas, CA 91302**

**Mobile: 818-512-1888**

**FAX: 818-222-0833, or [larry@thesalesgroup.com](mailto:larry@thesalesgroup.com)**

**2015 CPRA Vendor Exhibition**  
**Space Reservation and Payment**  
*Additional information on page 3*

**1. Vendor Information**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Space Reservation and Fee Calculation:**

Payment is enclosed to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tables @ \$ 250/table = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*One lunch ticket provided with each table or booth.*

Or \_\_\_\_\_ 10' x 4' booth positions @ \$ 350.00/ each.....= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus \_\_\_\_\_ Additional lunches @ \$ 20.00 each (see back) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus special sponsorship (call for details) .....= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CPRA FID: 95-4324700**

**TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. Payment Methods:**

**a. Checks:** Make checks payable to: **California Public-Safety Radio Assn.**, not CPRA, and mail to:  
CPRA c/o Larry Weber, The Sales Group, Inc, 23942 Craftsman Rd, Calabasas, CA 91302

**b. Credit Card payment:**

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card type (Amex, Visa, M/C (not Discover): \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code # \_\_\_\_\_

Card holder signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount authorized to charge to card: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration & payment to: [larry@thesalesgroup.com](mailto:larry@thesalesgroup.com)

or by Fax to: 818-222-0833



## CPRA / APCO 2015 ANNUAL VENDOR EXPO: EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Date: **Thursday, October 22, 2015** (See time schedule below)  
Address: Quiet Cannon (at Montebello Country Club)  
901 N. Via San Clemente, Montebello, CA 90640  
Telephone: 323-724-4500 FAX: 323-724-0950 <http://www.quietcannon.com/>

Driving directions: 60 freeway: Exit at Wilcox/Garfield, South on Garfield 1/2 block to Via San Clemente (right turn only at large sign). Go west to facility. Elevator to upstairs ballroom.

Display types: \$ 250.00 per 8 foot x 30 inch draped table. (end-to-end 'in a row' layout)  
\$ 350.00 per 10 x 4 ft. booth position. 1 table included. LIMITED QUANTITY!  
*Call if you have special needs -----*  
**ABSOLUTELY No refunds after October 1, 2015**

*Table/Booth location is selected by CPRA for best fit with surrounding vendors.*

**Set-up** and earliest display area availability: 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM, **day of show only.**  
**Displays Open: Approximately 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.** (Optional displays until 3 PM)  
**Early Tear-down:** After 1:00 PM but **NOT** during lunch or chapter election meeting, **please.**  
**Final Tear-down:** 3:00 PM, vacate room by 4:00PM.  
**- PLEASE RESPECT OTHERS BY NOT LEAVING EARLY OR MAKING LOUD NOISES -**

**Exhibit storage and transportation is each exhibitor's own responsibility.**  
**For pre-show exhibit material deliveries, contact Quiet Cannon directly at 323-724-4500.**

110 VAC outlets available (max, 1 x 15 A circuit each) but bring your own 25 - 50 ft extension cords.

**Luncheon:** Lunch tickets are free for all non-vendor attendees to build attendance. Exhibitors are provided free lunch tickets on the following schedule:

1 lunch ticket per table top.

2 lunch tickets per booth space.

**ADDITIONAL VENDOR LUNCH TICKETS ARE \$20.00 EACH.**

On-site Registration: **Attendees and Exhibitors must register to obtain a lunch ticket.**

The registration desk will open in the foyer entrance at approximately 8:00 AM. Please register no later than 10:30 AM to assure enough lunches for all. Your cooperation will be appreciated. See Larry Weber for lunch tickets that come with space rental, the registration desk cannot help you.

### **DOOR PRIZES:**

Non-vendors will receive an additional ticket that enters them into a door prize drawing during lunch. We would like to have at least each vendor provide a quality door prize donated for this purpose. The donor/sponsor will be announced with each prize. Promotional items (caps, pencils, t-shirts, etc.) may be included BUT are not appropriate to be the prize itself.

**Refreshment Sponsorships: 2 available at \$500:** 6 - 9 AM and 9 AM - Noon. These are early sellouts. Sponsor signage and recognition in the program. The president announces and thanks from the podium at lunch in recognition of refreshment sponsors.

**Contact: Larry Weber, CCAM at 818-512-1888 for more information**