CPRA serves 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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February Meeting - Riverside

This month’s meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the County of Riverside Emergency Management Department, 4210 Riverwalk Parkway, Suite 300 Riverside, CA 92505

DIRECTIONS: From the Los Angeles area
- Take CA-91 E toward Riverside
- Take exit 54 for Pierce St
- Turn left onto Pierce St
- Turn left to stay on Pierce St

Meeting Host: Dan Bates, Riverside EMD
Early Bird Sponsor: JPS Interoperability Solutions, Iggy Bragado, Senior Sales Engineer. A discussion of defined voice interoperability methodologies and distributed interoperability.

Sponsored Vendor Training: Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

Agenda:
0745 - 0930 Executive Committee Meeting
0945 - 1200 General Meeting
1100 - 1200 General Program: Anjie Johnson, Program Coordinator II, County of Riverside Emergency Management Department, "FEMA Reimbursement"
1200 Lunch
Our January Meeting, at the Orange County Family Justice Center in Anaheim, was a success! Our Host, retired Anaheim PD Sergeant Scott Maddy, provided a great central location in a comfortable setting for our Executive Committee Meeting and General. The venue is ours to use anytime with adequate notification. Thanks Scott and the OCFJCF (http://www.ocfjcfoundation.org/) for supporting CPRA as well as all of the great services they provide for the community (I love our industry).

 três things to remember for the February Meeting
1. The Meeting starts at 9:45 a.m. and ends at 12:15 p.m. Frequency Coordination meeting after a great lunch. R and R BBQ will be our caterer and the food will be awesome! Let’s have a party.
2. It is bring a new Commercial Member to the Chapter Meeting month – bring a private industry service provider/manufacturer/consultant to participate in our meetings/join the Chapter.
3. Bring a friend – even if they are not a Commercial Entity. They will learn something valuable --I guarantee it.

John Wright lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, after which David Duenas, our Chapter Vice-President, facilitated introductions around the room. Our Commercial Members were afforded the opportunity to provide the membership with updates on their various products and services. David also provided an update on future meetings, Vice-President Tim Buchfeller provided the Membership update. He asked that everyone renew their memberships as soon as possible, as they run on a calendar basis. Treasure John Wright provided an introduction to our Annual Report, which he did a very professional job in producing; you can view it on the Chapter Website at www.cpra.org. This Report can be shown to your management to assist in justification for attending also. John also gave an overview of our Chapter Online Store (great job to John and Ernest for pioneering the Store)! Executive Council Delegate, Ernest Gallo, provided the group with some insight into the interworking of APCO at the International level. Secretary Terri Nelson discussed the upcoming evening National Telecommunicators Banquet held at Knott’s Berry Farm in April, and talked about our recycling fundraiser. Director Dale Digiambattista discussed the upcoming Technical awards that will be the day meeting at Knott’s Berry farm in April. Please take the time to nominate someone in each category--anyone can do it and it is a simple form that you can click on the Chapter Website and take just a few minutes to fill out. Go ahead--make someone’s day.

This month, we had a couple of informative presentations, starting out with Mr. Brian Hankin providing a remote site battery monitoring solution through his company’s Cellwatch product line. Watch the video at (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vt9hARplbE0). Brian’s product line can make you aware of your back-up batteries performance/impending failure in real time.

Dr. Frank Vernon of UCSD provided an informative presentation about the HPWREN program, which provides wilderness and remote site camera solutions for fire detection/monitoring, security and science. Public Safety agencies partnering with UCSD can achieve a win-win for security and situational awareness, while helping conservationists and scientists at our higher-level education and research organizations. Check it out at http://hpwren.ucsd.edu/

Our February Meeting will be held at the Riverside County Emergency Management Department. Look forward to a presentation by Anjie Johnson from the Riverside County EMD about how to apply for Federal and State Disaster recovery dollars in the event of floods, fires, etc. This can help you maintain your budget and should be of interest to our Commercial Members as to the recovery process funding. Please check the CPRA Website at www.cpra.org regularly for updates. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at president@cpra.org.
CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
Orange County Family Justice Center
150 W Vermont Ave
Anaheim CA 92805
Thursday, January 16, 2020

SUMMARY
Meeting Host: Scott Maddy, Anaheim PD (ret)
Early Bird Sponsor: N/A
Secretary’s Report: Terri Nelson
Treasurer’s Report: John Wright
Banner Sponsor: The Sales Group
Sponsored Training: Brian Hanking, Director, NDSL (aka Cellwatch Frontier)
Program: Dr. Frank Vernon, UCSD HPWREN Director
The High-Performance Wireless Research Network in Southern California

Attendance: 34

CALL TO ORDER
Chapter President Howard Newton called the meeting of the Southern California Chapter of APCO-International to order at 1000 hours and welcomed everyone in attendance.

FLAG SALUTE
Chapter Treasurer John Wright led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT REMARKS
Chapter President Howard Newton asked for a motion to approve the Chapter Meeting Minutes from December 2019 meeting in Riverside. John Wright made the motion to approve the minutes as is. Joe Parrino made the second. There was no discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chapter President Howard Newton announced that Anna Holmes is retiring and this will be her last meeting. He invited Anna to say a few words. Past President Anna Holmes shared with all that it has been an honor to serve this great Association for seventeen (17) years. She is pleased to see so many people in attendance and taking part. She wished everyone well.

Chapter President Howard Newton reports that today’s presenters are Brian Hanking and Dr. Frank Vernon.

Chapter President Howard Newton announced and thanked The Sales Group for being our Banner Sponsor for 2020.

Chapter President Howard Newton called on Director Scott Espindola to discuss the First Responder Bill. Scott informed the membership that our Western Regional Director has been working with the State Assembly to reclassify Telecommunicators. The Bill will define First Responders in California [See Minutes on Page 4]
from Fire, Police, EMT, and Telecommunicators to qualify for the reclassification within the State.

Chapter President Howard Newton advised that his goal for the Chapter is to increase Full Members and Commercial Membership. He challenged all in attendance to reach out to Operations Personnel and their perspective Vendors and bring them to the February meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS
In the absence of CCAM Larry Weber, President-Elect David Duenas assisted with introduction of all in attendance.

FUTURE MEETINGS REPORT
Chapter President Howard Newton provided an update of future meetings.

February – Meeting to be held at the County of Riverside Emergency Management Department in Riverside. Our program speakers will be Angie Johnson and Bill Cleveland with JPS Interoperability Solutions. Their presentation topic will be about how to get reimbursed when you lose a site.

March – We will be at the Hughes Center in Claremont. David Duenas is working on booking a speaker for the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Chapter Vice-President Tim Buchfeller provided membership update as of December 13th.

Total Current Chapter Membership: 302
Full Members: 164
Commercial: 33
Online: 94
Associate: 11

Tim promoted our future meetings and encouraged all to bring a guest.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Chapter Treasurer John Wright gave the Financial Report. A printed copy of the Report is available to Members upon request.

John advised the Annual Report is complete and it covers all the Chapter Meeting information and Conferences. This is a good resource for the membership to share with their perspective supervision.

CCAM REPORT
Ron Lyons informed all that he has been part of the APCO Commercial Advisory Council and this is his final year. If anyone has any questions on how they can take part in the Council, they can contact Ron directly.

APCO INTERNATIONAL REPORT
Chapter Executive Council Delegate Ernest Gallo advised that APCO is in favor of reinstating a Radio Spectrum Committee.

At the August Conference Business Meeting, the changes to accrue points for the Senior and Lifetime Membership will be discussed. Contact Ernest is anyone has questions.

FCC UPDATE
Frequency Advisory Committee Chair Gary Gray and Frequency Advisory Committee Co-Chair David
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**Buchanan** together reported to the Membership.

Congress is planning the disposal of T-band. Three (3) States have filed suit to stop this. Besides the suit, there are Bills that have been introduced to the House of Representatives and the Senate to do away with this provision. Co-Chair **David Buchanan** encourages all to contact their respective Representatives in order to pass this Bill.

The FCC has tightened up more in regards to T-Band Licensing. Check with the FCC before attempting any T-Band changes as they are making it very difficult.

The 800 MHz Rebanding project is going away soon. The FCC deadline for filing any disputes with Sprint was yesterday, January 15, 2020. It is highly recommended you contact your agency attorney or you may loseout. It was brought up from the floor that Sprint has been unresponsive to this issue.

Regarding the 6 GHz band, no one from Public Safety or Critical Infrastructure was invited to take part in the generated report. A Study was done by supporters of unlicensed use to address interference concerns of the licensed services in the band.

Regarding 9-1-1 location accuracy, the FCC did not require the amount of accuracy that APCO was asking for. However, the FCC did ask providers to tighten up the accuracy for the Z-axis vertical location.

During the meeting, Co-Chair **David** received an update that the accuracy requirements are effective by March 16, 2020.

Frequency Advisory Committee Chair **Gary Gray** brought up that APCO International has Committees. He encourages those present to sign up and take part in helping our Community. The sign-up period is between February 1st and April 1st. The points earned for participating count towards APCO Senior and Life Membership.

**TELECOMMUNICATORS BANQUET AND TECHNICAL AWARDS**

Chapter President Howard Newton called on Director **Dale Digiambattista** and Operations Chair **Terri Nelson** to promote the upcoming Awards Luncheon and Banquet.

Together, they advised the membership that this year’s Nomination Packets have been posted on the Chapter Website. All are encouraged to nominate someone who deserves recognition. Due dates for Telecommunications nomination is February 14th and for the Technical nominations is February 18th. Sponsorship opportunities are available and welcomed.

**VENDOR SPONSORED TRAINING**

**Brian Hanking**, Director of NDSL conducted training on Battery Monitoring for Data Centers, a way for agencies to prevent unplanned power outages.

**NETWORKING BREAK**

Chapter President **Howard Newton** ten (10) minute break 1105 hours.

**GENERAL PROGRAM**

**Dr. Frank Vernon**, with the University of California San Diego, conducted a presentation on High-Performance Wireless Research and Education. The presentation covered tools to assist First Responders with State-of-the-Art Cameras.

[See Minutes on Page 7]
At the conclusion of his presentation, Chapter President Howard Newton presented Dr. Vernon with a Chapter Coin.

**ADJOURN**
Chapter President Howard Newton announced that next month’s meeting will start at 0945 hours and he adjourned this meeting at 1205 hours and lunch followed.

**FREQUENCY COORDINATION**
Meeting to follow after lunch.

Minutes prepared by,

Terri Nelson
Secretary, California Public-Safety Radio Association

All Past CPRA Presidents are invited to gather for an Historic Picture at the monthly chapter meeting on April 16th, 2020 at the Knott’s Berry Farm Hotel commemorating CPRA’s 85th Anniversary!

Fourteen past presidents pictured for CPRA’s 75th Anniversary in San Diego (2010)

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Pictured From Left to Right
Jerry Campbell, Gary David Gray, Don Root, Joe Parrino, Spence Leafdale, John Wright, Jim Acosta, Ernest Gallo, David Buchannan, Richard Granado, John Sarkission, Ron Wong, Anna Holmes, Bob Uribie, Ken Mann & Gary Poon
SACRAMENTO – Today, Assemblymember Rudy Salas (D-Bakersfield) joined a group of public safety dispatchers from across the state for a press conference to celebrate Assembly Bill 1945 (AB 1945), which would recognize the brave work of public safety dispatchers by classifying them as first responders. Currently, the Federal government describes dispatchers as an “administrative” occupation. This classification does not accurately describe the work of dispatchers who undergo extensive training and whose work can mean the difference between life and death. The idea for this bill was brought to Assembly member Salas by a local dispatcher from Kings County, Maribel Stinson, who emailed him directly suggesting the potential legislation.

“It is an honor to officially recognize the incredible work of our public safety dispatchers,” said Assembly member Salas. “Dispatchers are vital to keeping our communities safe. When a hostage taker or a suicidal person calls 9-1-1, the first individual they speak with is often a dispatcher whose negotiation skills can save lives. I want to thank Ms. Stinson for contacting me with this idea. Her life-saving in the community was the start of AB 1945, which ensure that brave women and men who are working as dispatchers are properly acknowledged for their work.”

Public safety dispatchers or public safety telecommunicators play a vital role in emergency response. They routinely communicate with individuals in great distress, harm, fear, or injury, including during active shooter situations. Dispatchers are trained to coach callers through first aid, collect vital information for officers, and negotiate in a variety of hostile situations.

“I congratulate Assembly member Rudy Salas for his introduction of important legislation that would rightfully designate 9-1-1 dispatchers as first responders,” said Brian Fontes, CEO of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA). “For too long, federal and state agencies have categorized the work of 9-1-1 professionals as administrative or clerical in nature, which is inaccurate and a disservice to the specialized, lifesaving work done by dispatchers every day.”

Assembly member Salas was joined at today’s press conference by Assembly member Freddie Rodriguez, a principal coauthor of the bill and former EMT, as well as dispatchers from the Central Valley, Monterey County, the Bay Area, Sacramento, and Sonoma County. In addition, Allena Wiggins, President of the Northern California Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (NAPCO) and Lee Ann Magoski, President of the California National Emergency Number Association (CALNENA), attended in support of AB 1945.

There are currently over 6,000 dispatchers employed in California who responded to over 27 million 9-1-1 calls in 2018 alone. Additionally, these dispatchers responded to 28,014 emergency text messages which is up 10,000 from 2017.
Future Cities

2020 - Orlando, FL  August 2-5, 2020
2021 - San Antonio, TX  August 15-18, 2021
2022 - Anaheim, CA  August 7-10, 2022
2023 - Nashville, TN  August 20-23, 2023

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