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CPRAserves 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.

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at The Petroleum Club of Bakersfield, 5060 California St. 12th Floor Bakersfield, CA 93309, Tel: 661-324-6561
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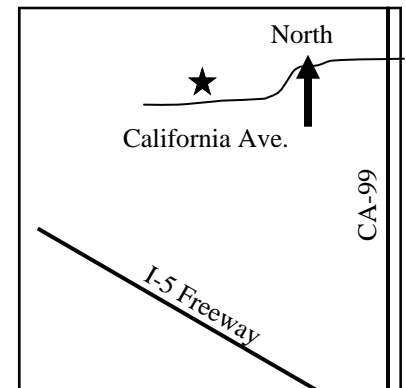
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I-5 Freeway from Los Angeles:

- ◆ Travel I-5 North to CA-99
- ◆ Merge CA-99 North
- ◆ Take California exit towards Civic Center
- ◆ Turn left onto California Ave



Meeting Host: Sam Russell City of Bakersfield

Early bird Sponsor: Paul Poor Communications Enterprises

0800 - 1000 Executive Board Meeting
1000 - 1100 General Meeting
1100 - 1200 **Presentation:** Oil Field Communications
1200 Lunch

Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM ADRIANA SPIRESCU

Thank you to all who participated in the CPRA Award presentations in April. Over 260 award recipients, friends, family and peers were present at the 24th Annual Telecommunicator Awards Banquet. We wish to once again congratulate all of the award winners. A list of this year's recipients is available at www.cpra.org.

CPRA thanks Ron Lyons from SIMOCO for being the Early Bird sponsor for the regular monthly meeting. We had the distinct privilege to have Allan Tilles give us a very informative and captivating presentation on several topics including Narrowbanding, 700 MHz Broadband, LMR, T-Band and Rebanding.

Our appreciation goes to the Banquet Committee for their efforts in organizing this year's banquet: Terri Nelson, John Wright, Cris Martinez, Lena Ramos, Julia Cesena, Eva Espinosza-Montano, and Mae Ford. These individuals put many hours developing a theme, making banquet preparations and promoting the event.

Robert Stoffel, Orange County Sheriff's Communications Division Director, served as Master of Ceremonies. His ongoing contributions and support of CPRA has been greatly appreciated.

State Assembly member Norma Torres, who is a former LAPD dispatcher, presented the Assembly recognitions to this year's winners. CPRA presented Torres the "Commendation of Excellence for Service to Public Safety Communications" certificate.

Thank you to our Corporate Partners for their support of the Awards Banquet: Evan Consoles and Advanced Electronics (Bronze Level Sponsor), and Motorola Solutions (Silver Level Sponsor). A majority of the raffle gifts were provided by the many sponsors and our evening would have not been as successful without their participation.

Join us at the CPRA monthly meeting on May 17th at the Petroleum Club in Bakersfield. We look forward to having members of the NAPCO Chapter (Northern California APCO Chapter) joining us for this meeting.



Todd Paulick (Orange County Sheriff's Department), Brent Rolf (San Bernardino County Info. Systems) and Steve Hall (ComSerCo, Inc.)



*Ryan Dedmon - Anaheim Police Department
Telecommunicator of the Year*



Edith Davenport, Kelli Morton, Cheryl Austin, Joy Nasser West-Comm dispatchers received an award for their coordination of the Seal Beach salon shooting



State Assembly member Norma Torres

CHAPTER MEETING
April 12, 2012
Quiet Cannon
901 Via San Clemente
Montebello, CA 90640

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: CPRA Operations Committee
Early Bird Sponsor: Ron Lyons, SIMOCO
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the March 2012 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "FCC Regulatory Updates – Latest on narrow banding, 700 and 800 MHz, D-Block and the nationwide public safety system" presented by Alan Tilles
Attendance: 70/50

AGENDA

Welcome–Opening – Adriana Spirescu. The meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM. Adriana welcomed everyone and thanked them for supporting Telecommunicators Week.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Rowles

Thank you (Host and Early Bird Sponsor): Thanks were given to CPRA Operations Committee for hosting the meeting and to Ron Lyons from SIMOCO for being our Early Bird sponsor. Alan Tilles was also thanked for being our Program Presenter.

Self Introductions: Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group. Adriana introduced the RF/IT Award winners.

Membership Report – Bill Carpenter.

Membership Numbers: Bill advised we have 397 members. He is unable to report on new members due to a glitch in the APCO website.

2012 Meetings Review – Tim Trager.

General Meetings: Tim gave a quick overview of the upcoming meetings in the next two months. He advised members to access the website for further meetings. July's meeting will be at Knott's Berry Farm.

Tech Talk/Dispatch Round Tables Dates: Tim covered the upcoming Tech Talks and Dispatch Roundtables, specifically the upcoming Tech Talk in June.

Executive Council Report – Jim Acosta. Jim advised of the upcoming 2nd Annual Broadband Summit and Expo on May 14-15. He also reported that Early Bird registration is still open for the APCO International 2012 Conference & Expo. Flash day brought in 305 registrations in one day. Additionally, APCO was in 77 articles throughout the month of March. In articles where APCO and NENA were mentioned, APCO received 70% of the coverage, to NENA's 30%. Total APCO membership is 13,138, which is 1939 fewer members than last year at this time. Finally, APCO International's Commercial Advisory Council (CAC) is now accepting applications for membership. You're invited to nominate yourself. He will find out and advise if the nomination as our CAC Chapter Representative comes from our Chapter's Commercial Committee Chair or President.

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Regional Director Report – Richard Granado. Richard let the group know to contact him, or Jim Acosta, if they have any concerns they would like taken to APCO. They have an upcoming telecom meeting and will be able to voice those concerns at that time.

Treasurer – John Wright.

Monthly Financial Report: John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He stated the total income for the month was \$4604.34 and the total expenditures were \$14,088.19. Income was noted as CD Interest Income, banquet registration and button sales cash and credit card deposits, and APCO membership dues. Expenses included officer travel reimbursements, Visa card officer travel payment, and banquet expenses. The disparity between the income and expenditure totals will be made-up next month with revenue from the banquet. Additionally, John spoke of his candidacy for APCO 2nd VP and encouraged everyone to vote.

Telecommunicators Banquet: The banquet is this evening. Currently we have 262 registered attendees. Also, we have three sponsors: Motorola Solutions (Silver Sponsor), and Evans Consoles and Advanced Electronics (Bronze Sponsors). We sold several thousand Telecommunicator Buttons. This was a big success. The buttons brought in approximately \$2000.00 towards the banquet.

Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray. Gary quickly mentioned there's a lot going on right now with narrow-banding. He also mentioned a western region Frequency Coordination Meeting suggested by the western region representative from the military, for those interested in participating.

CalSiec/Spa – Adriana Spirescu: The next CalSiec meeting will be on July 10th, the location is to be determined.

700 MHz – Dave Buchanan: Dave covered various frequency related reports and issues presently on the horizon.

Commercial Membership Introductions – Larry Fiege. The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer.

Door Prize Drawing – Adriana Spirescu. A drawing was conducted for two door prizes. Larry Weber donated a \$25.00 gift card, which Anna Holmes won. Ernest Gallo won a CPRA T-Shirt.

CommLink Reminder

The CommLink is published on a quarterly basis.

The CommLink will be printed and mailed out in January, April, July and October.

The rest of the months you will receive a half page postcard giving you meeting information. You can download the monthly CommLink from the website.

2012 Meeting Dates

January 19, 2012

Hughes Center - Claremont

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday January 3, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Alcatel.Lucent

February 16, 2012

Loma Ridge - Orange County

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday January 30, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor TriPower Group

March 15, 2012

San Marcos

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday February 27, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Motorola

April 12, 2012

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

Technical Awards AM

Annual Dispatchers' Banquet PM

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday March 26, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor SIMOCO

May 17, 2012

Bakersfield - Petroleum Club

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday April 30, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Communications Enterprises

June 21, 2012

Santa Fe Springs - Talley

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday June 4, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Talley Communications

July 19th 2012

Knott's Berry Farm - Buena Park

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday July 2, 2011

Early Bird Sponsor The Sales Group

August 9, 2012

TBA

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday July 30, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Axell Communications

September 20, 2012

Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Thousand Oaks

CommLink Cutoff Date

Tuesday September 20, 2012

Early Bird Sponsors Bassett Sales & Talley Communications

October 18, 2012

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday October 1, 2012

Early Bird Sponsors TriPower Group & Open

November 15, 2012

Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday October 29, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Open

December 7, 2012

Annual Holiday Banquet & Officer Installation

TBA

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday November 19, 2012

Meeting Sponsor Open

2012 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

January 4, 2012 - Orange County

April 4, 2012 - American Red Cross, West LA

July 11, 2012 - San Bernardino County

November 7, 2012 - SBRPCA

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