17th Annual
Public Safety Technologist’s
Awards

Hosted By

California Public-Safety Radio Association
Southern California
APCO
Leaders in Public Safety Communications

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A Virtual Zoom Event

Celebrating Those Who Support Public Safety
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Welcome Technical Professionals and Guests,

On behalf of the executive committee and the members of the Southern California Chapter of APCO International (the California Public-Safety Radio Association), it is my great pleasure to extend our warmest welcome to the annual CPRA Technical Awards Ceremony. Each year, CPRA recognizes the top technical talent across Southern California for their dedication and contributions in supporting public safety communications. This year’s categories include GIS technologist of the year, IT technologist of the year, RF engineer of the year and RF technologist of the year. Special recognition is also made for IT Professional Achievement and RF Professional Achievement.

The selection process this year was very challenging for the award committee as they reviewed the nominations of so many dedicated professionals. We saw many examples of technical excellence and dedication to supporting many facets of public safety communications. Ultimately, only a few can be selected for awards however all nominees can be proud of their accomplishments.

In closing, I want to congratulate all of the technical professionals being recognized at our ceremony today. Your dedication to supporting the mission of public safety communications reflects well on yourself, earns much respect from your peers and brings great honor to our profession.

Congratulations on a job well done.

Howard Newton
President,
Southern California Chapter of APCO-International
PROGRAM

2 p.m.

Introductions

John W Wright, 79th President of APCO International

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Howard Newton, APCO Chapter President

Master of Ceremonies

Robert Stoffel, Orange County Sheriff’s Dept. (Retired)

Guest Congratulatory Speaker

Congresswoman Norma Torres
California 35th Congressional District

Presentation of the Awards

Congratulations to all our winners & nominees!
GIS Technologist of the Year

Winner
Tracy Venegas
Riverside County Sheriff’s Department

IT Technologist of the Year

Winner
Ray Howard
Murrieta Police Department

RF Engineer of the Year

Winner
Nick Condaras
Orange County Sheriff’s Department
RF Technologist of the Year

Winner

Peter Jimenez
Orange County Sheriff’s Department

Runner-Up

Jeff Cockrell
Riverside County Information Technology

Honorable Mention

David Lopez
South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
About APCO-International

APCO International is the world’s oldest and largest organization of public safety communications professionals and supports the largest U.S. membership base of any public safety association. It serves the needs of public safety communications practitioners worldwide - and the welfare of the general public as a whole – by providing complete expertise, professional development, technical assistance, advocacy and outreach.

Mission

The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) is an international leader committed to providing complete public safety communications expertise, professional development, technical assistance, advocacy and outreach to benefit our members and the public.

Vision

APCO International commits to strengthen our communities by empowering and educating public safety communications professionals.

About the CPRA Chapter of APCO International

Established in 1935, the California Public-Safety Radio Association is the Southern California Chapter of APCO International. The Southern California Chapter is made up of over 500 local public safety professionals from Police, Fire, EMS, 9-1-1, Local Government, Tribal, Military, Forestry, Highway and Conservation services who volunteer their time and expertise for the betterment of all disciplines within public safety communications. The CPRA Chapter of APCO meets monthly in various Southern California locations.

With over 34,000 members worldwide, APCO International is the world’s largest organization dedicated to public safety communications. Our Chapter members rely on APCO for their professional needs – from examining standards and issues to providing education, products and services. Being a member of APCO International connects you to a larger community that understands your needs as a public safety communications professional.

Visit www.cpra.org or www.apcointl.org for more information
About the Technical Awards Program

In 2004, the CPRA Chapter of APCO International created the Annual Technical Awards Program. These annual awards recognize individuals who are providing the technical support that stands behind communications systems used by first responders. They are the behind-the-scenes men and women who 24/7 keep radio, computer, and GIS systems operational for all public safety officials. Throughout the full spectrum of communications, design, installation, implementation, maintenance, and operations their total focus is on putting the best possible communications resources in the hands of law, fire, and EMS first responders.

The Southern California Chapter of APCO International’s Technical Awards Program highlights the teamwork and dedication of technical support personnel who provide critical services to dispatch operations and first responders so that they may complete their role of providing the finest of public safety services to the citizens of southern California.

Awards Committee

Dale Digiambattista (Chair)  City of Hemet Police Department
Scott Espindola  San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department
Jeffrey Loveland  City or Riverside Fire Department
David Buchanan  County of San Bernardino (Ret)
Adriana Spirescu  Orange County Sheriff’s Department
John W Wright  Riverside Police Department (Ret)
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