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INTRODUCING —

FRED G. CROWDER,
1956 NATIONAL CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN

Frederic G. Crowder of 3774 Edgehill Drive, Los Angeles, California, was appointed on February 29, 1956, Director of the Bureau of Communications, Department of Public Works. On a competitive Civil Service examination for the post, Crowder was the highest among a number of applicants.

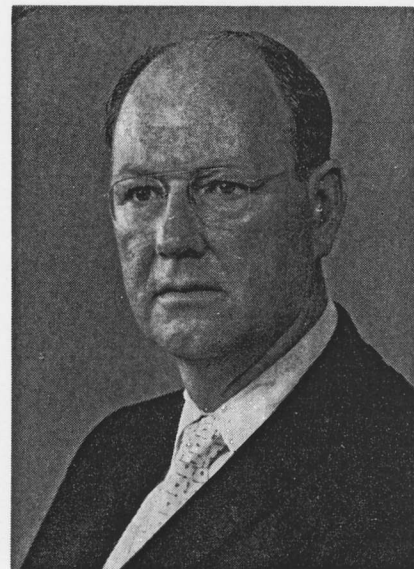
Since July 7, 1955, Fred has been serving as Director of this Bureau under a temporary appointment without Civil Service status.

The Bureau of Communications is a recently created part of the Department of Public Works. It has taken over the centralized administration of previously separated city communications functions including telephone operations and management, the radio systems of the Bureaus of Street Maintenance and Sanitation and the Civil Defense and Disaster Corps, plus the Health and Animal Regulation Departments. The Mail and Messenger Service of the City Government organization also comes

under Crowder.

Fred Crowder was born in 1911 in Tennessee. He has made California his home since 1924, and has resided in Los Angeles since 1932. Entering the city service in 1941 as a radio technician in the Police Department, he has progressed steadily. In 1943 he was placed in charge of the Police Department's Radio Technical Division and has held this position until his temporary appointment as Bureau Head, last year. Under his direction the Los Angeles Police Department radio system grew to become the largest such system in the country and has attracted international attention for its efficiency. Before leaving the Police Department, Crowder directed the design and construction of the splendid communications control installation in the new Police Facilities Building.

Fred has appeared for the City of Los Angeles before Congressional Committees of the FCC, is past President of



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CPRA, Chairman of its Frequency Allocations Committee, and past Chairman of its Engineering Committee. Besides being Conference Chairman, Fred is Second Vice-President of National APCO, and is Chairman of the National Planning Committee.

Crowder has also served as a member of the Industry Advisory Committee for Los Angeles Trade Technical Junior College.

Fred Crowder will be on hand to extend a very cordial welcome to his many friends throughout the country at the National Conference in Los Angeles, August 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1956.

CPRA

STRONG WORKING ON NEW CPRA CODE BOOK

Following a pleasant coffee and conversation period, the June 15th meeting of the California Public-Safety Radio Association at Lakewood Country Club, Long Beach, was called to order at 10:15 a. m. by President Foster Strong.

Kenneth Corner introduced his guest, Max Sallisbury, Los Angeles Civil Defense Coordinator; Carroll White introduced his guest, Loren D. Morgan, Glendale Civil Defense Director; and Bill Kellogg presented his guest, Bob Faulkner, Motorola Service Manager.

Harold Bosacki, of the C. & H. Supply Company of Inglewood, California, gave a short talk on new metal decals his company is manufacturing, using Scotch Bond. As a permanent transmitter identification plate they will meet FCC requirements. Mr. Bosacki promised to

return to the July 13 meeting with a complete color slide story of the manufacturing process and use of C. & H. metal decals.

Fred Crowder was unable to attend the meeting due to a special conference that required his presence at the Los Angeles City Hall. Vice-President Kenneth Corner presented the frequency requests in the absence of Frequency Chairman Fred Crowder.

Mendota City requested recommendation for a new frequency close to their present assignment. On a motion by Calvert the request was referred to Bill Whiting and Orval Wood for study and report to the Frequency Committee with power to act. The request of San Luis Obispo to go on Intersystem was also referred to Bill Whiting and Orval Wood for survey, investigation and report.

Steve Mishik from the Ohio Chapter of APCO was introduced. He said that after being here four months California looked very good and he thought he would like to stay!

Treasurer Eddie Simon reported that

the CPRA bank balance was now \$539.85; and that ten members had not paid their 1956 dues. Eddie also gave the highlights of his cost accounting system report for San Diego radio equipment. It was expressed by several in the group that a complete report from Eddie Simon and others (also commercial rates) on equipment service and operational cost should provide many Bulletin readers with a valuable study as to approximately what the average service and operation of various types of communications equipment should cost!

The duties and Code Book activities of Robert D. Miller have been transferred to Foster Strong. President Strong is working on a new CPRA Code Book that should be out soon.

Kenneth Corner reported on the National APCO Conference in the absence of Conference Chairman Fred Crowder. Following his Conference report, Corner reported recent frequency changes and corrections in the states of California and Nevada.

WARREN L. DAVIS, Sec'y

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