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MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 THOUSAND OAKS, CA ANNUAL "NO TIES" BBQ

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Chuck Taylor, County of Ventura Retired
Early Bird Sponsor: Talley Communications & Bassett Sales & TriPower Group
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the August 09 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "Incident Commander's Command, Control, and Communications Unit"
Presenters: Sergeant Major Salvatore Santangelo, Army National Guard
Attendance: 61

AGENDA

Greeting – Ken Mann. Ken opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the September 2009 meeting. Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken thanked Chuck Taylor, County of Ventura Retired for hosting the meeting. Chuck Taylor provided information about the park facilities and arrangements for the meeting. He expressed a big "thank you" to Talley Communications, Bassett Sales and TriPower Group for sponsoring the meeting refreshments.

Announcements – Gary Gray. Gary announced that Steve Kendrick, Kern County Communications is retiring. Gary noted his many contributions to public safety communications. Ken presented him a plaque honoring his retirement. Gary also made an announcement about silent key Walter Rheingans and his APCO/CPRA legacy.

Introductions - All. New members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

Officer Candidates – Ken Mann. Ken announced information about officer candidates.

Candidates include:

President-Elect: Dawn Lopez

Vice-President: Courtney Allison, Garden Grove PD, Ken Shearan, South Bay Regional

Executive Council Delegate: Chuck Taylor, Jim Acosta

Secretary: Mike Rowles

Treasurer: John Wright

Sgt-At-Arms: Howard Newton

Candidates in attendance made comments at the Chapter meeting. Officer elections will occur at the October Chapter Meeting.

Membership Report – Dawn Lopez. It was noted we have a total of 536 members. There were four new members for the month of August 2008.

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Meeting Program Review – Gary Poon. Gary reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings including dates and locations. Details for the 2009 and 2010 schedules are on the website. He commented that the next meeting will be held on October 15th at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello. This meeting is the annual “Table Top Expo.” It was noted that this is one of the “highlight” meetings of the year.

Treasurer’s Report – John Wright. John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. He noted that total income for the month was \$ 9,963.70 and the total expenditures were \$ 7,483.78. Expenses included officer travel to the APCO Conference, printing costs for the CommLink and luncheon costs for the August meeting.

Regional Director– Richard Granado. Richard provided information about the upcoming Regional Director’s meeting to be held at APCO HQ. It will begin on September 27th.

Interim Executive Council Delegate – Chuck Taylor. Chuck indicated that he is focusing on representing CPRA interests in this position.

Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray. The following comments were provided:
Universal Licensing System (ULS) Update. Gary provided information about upcoming changes in the ULS. One item is adding point of contact information for first responder organizations. These will be voluntary inputs.

Ca/SIEC. The next Southern Planning Area (SPA) meeting normally held on September 23rd was rescheduled to October 8th at 9:30 a.m.

700 MHz- David Buchanan. Dave noted the need to develop procedures for deploying 700 MHz interoperability frequencies in Region 5. He also provided comments about ongoing initiatives to allocate designated portions of the 700 MHz spectrum.

800 MHz- Jim Donovan. Jim reported on the progress of updating the 800 MHz Regional Plan. Editing processes are underway.

800 MHz Rebanding – Ray Grimes. See the Resources portion of the CPRA web site.

2010 Telecommunicator Banquet – Dawn Lopez. Dawn reported that the 2010 Telecommunicator’s Banquet will be held on April 15, 2010 at the Quiet Cannon. Planning is continuing on track. Designs for the 2010 Telecommunicator Button have been finalized and opportunities for button orders will be available soon. Telecommunicator Award nomination packages will be released shortly and available on line. John Sarkessian commented about the technical awards. John provided definitive comments about the importance of recognizing top performers within our organizations. He indicated nomination packages will be available soon. Dawn noted that sponsorships are still available and needed for the banquet.

Chapter Commercial Advisory Member – Jack Daniel. Jack asked commercial members and guests to introduce themselves and give a brief comment about their respective products and services. Other comments included:

Table Top in October. Jack noted that one booth and a few tables are still available. He encouraged those in attendance to get their reservations in promptly. Jack asked all commercials to submit their applications and payments directly to him for processing.

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Reminders – Ken Mann.

Table Top Expo. October 15, 2009

Officer Installation. December 10, 2009

Western Region Conference. Jan 20-22, 2010, Denver, CO

General Interest Program Presentation – Chuck Taylor. Chuck provided information about the FCC mandated conversion to narrow band operations by 2013. He and Jack Daniel presented a very informative and clever tutorial using a series of large graphic cards pertinent to narrow band technologies.

Technical Presentation - Sergeant Major Sal Santangelo, Army National Guard. Sgt Santangelo and his crew provided very informative “hand on” tours and explanations of the features of the Incident Commander’s Command, Control, Communications Unit (IC4U). It was noted that the interoperable communications capabilities of the unit serve as a valuable asset in high stress conditions involving multiple public safety agencies.

Ken offered comments of sincere appreciation to Sgt Santangelo for his program.

Meeting Adjourned. Ken thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Notes for the Record. Following the meeting, Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary

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ATTACHMENT TO THE CPRA CHAPTER MINUTES, 09/17/09 800 MHz Rebanding Overview (Ray Grimes)

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