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## MINUTES

### CHAPTER MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 "NO TIES BBQ" CONEJO CREEK PARK THOUSAND OAKS, CA

#### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** Charles Taylor, Ventura County (Ret.)  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Larry Feige, Talley, Craig Bassett, Bassett Sales,  
**Soft Drinks Sponsor:** Michael Bravo, Motorola  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for the August meeting are posted on the CPRA web site  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "Bomb Squad Technologies"  
**Presenter:** Ventura County Sheriff's Bomb Squad  
**Attendance:** 40/38

#### AGENDA

**Greeting – Ken Shearen.** President Ken opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the September CPRA meeting.

*Opening.* Mike Rowles led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Hosting & Sponsorship.* Ken thanked Chuck Taylor for hosting the meeting. He also expressed sincere thanks to Larry Feige, Talley, Inc. and Craig Bassett, Bassett Sales for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments, and to Michael Bravo, Motorola for sponsoring the luncheon soft drinks.

**Introductions - All.** New members were welcomed. All in attendance were then asked to introduce themselves.

**Membership Report – Tim Trager.** Mike reported on behalf of Tim that we have 437 members. He noted that five new people joined APCO and CPRA. They included:

#### *Active*

- Chuck Rushing, County of Riverside Sheriff's Department – Lead Radio Technician
- Patrick Samosky – County of Riverside Sheriff's Department – Deputy Sheriff
- Marcella Santiago – County of Riverside Sheriff's Department – Telecommunicator/Dispatcher
- Tammy Moran – Santa Monica Fire Department – Communications Operator

#### *Commercial*

- Dane Lesch – MCI West G-6, Manager

#### *Welcome Letter*

It was noted that that each individual had been sent a welcome letter. Tim let them know in the letters that they had a complimentary lunch coming when they attended their first CPRA meeting.

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## Minutes, CPRA Chapter Meeting, September 15, 2011 (cont.)

**Special Presentation – Ken Shearen.** President Ken summoned all the members with APCO Life Member and Senior Member status to the front of the assembly. He then announced that there was someone missing from the gathering. He asked Ken Mann to come forward and be recognized as the newest CPRA member to receive APCO Senior Member status. A congratulatory letter from APCO Immediate Past President Bill Carrow was read. Then Gary Gray presented the APCO Senior Member pin to Ken. All in attendance joined together to give Ken a resounding round of applause.

**Meeting Program Review – Adriana Spirescu.** Adriana reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings. It was noted that details for the 2011 schedule are on the website. Adriana reminded everyone that the next CPRA meeting would be held at the Quiet Cannon Conference Center in Montebello. She commented that this will be the annual “Table Top” exposition – one of the highlights of the CPRA annual schedule. Adriana encouraged everyone to plan for the Officer Installation Meeting in December. She reminded everyone that the Installation meeting would be an evening event. It will be a dinner cruise that departs from the Long Beach area. She asked everyone to “save the date” for Friday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Treasurer’s Report – John Wright.**

*Monthly Financial Report.* John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. He stated that total income for the month was \$705.00 and the total expenditures were \$14,537.12. Income was noted as meeting registration cash deposits. Expenses included Visa card officer travel payments, officer travel reimbursements, and printing costs for the CommLink.

**Executive Council Delegate – Jim Acosta.** Jim submitted a combined Executive Council Delegate & Regional Director Report.

*APCO News – Public Relations.* It was noted that APCO International was in 2,600 articles throughout the month of August.

*Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ratification.* The Board of Directors recently ratified an appointment made by President Greg Riddle for Dick Mirgon to serve as Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> VP pending selection of a person to permanently fill the vacancy.

*Accepting Nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.* Jim advised that applications to fill the Association’s open 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President had to be submitted by close of business on Friday, September 23, 2011. The Credentials Committee will review all submissions and forward those that qualify to President Gregg Riddle for consideration. Procedures are shown in the APCO Policy Manual Section 6.4.

*Government Affairs, Letter Writing Campaign.* It was reported that more than 2000 letters were generated by members at the 2011 APCO Conference. They advocated allocation of the 700 MHz D Block to public safety. The letters were sorted by the proper member of Congress and hand delivered to the respective offices.

*APCO 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference by the Numbers.* Preliminary information indicates that this year’s event exceeded the number of attendees and booths sold from the previous year. Attendees – 4,976; Booths – 709.

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### Executive Council Delegate Report (cont.)

*APCO Events.* Jim's report indicated the following items and dates of interest.

-APCO 2012 Conference Call for Papers. An ad has been placed in the September issue of PSC Magazine.

-APCO Global Congress 2012. Dates are April 30 – May 2, 2012.

-APCO Technology Roundtables 2012. Dates are March 28 (Anaheim, CA); October 10 (Orlando, FL).

-Women in Public Safety Communications Leadership Conference 2012. Dates are April 18-19 (Orlando, FL).

*APCO Membership, August 2011.* The report indicated the total number of members was 13,163.

**APCO-OPOLY Games.** It was noted that the chapter had purchased 36 games. They were the last ones available from APCO. There was an announcement that the games would be for sale to chapter members for \$15. Also the games would be used as a raffle at the Chapter meetings.

*June Raffle Ticket Holder.* Scott Harvey, UCLA

*July Raffle Ticket Holder.* To be announced

*August Raffle Ticket Holder.* Keith Jensen

*September Raffle Ticket Holder.* None. This was deferred due to raffle items provided by Commercial members.

**Frequency Coordinator Updates – Gary Gray.** The following reports were provided:

*CalSIEC SPA.* It was noted that the next Southern Planning Area (SPA) meeting will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Arcadia Police Department.

*FCC Announcements.* Dave Buchanan commented about a Notice of Inquiry pertinent to airborne deployable equipment (repeaters).

*LightSquared.* It was noted that the APCO and NPSTC position is that more testing is still required. Dave indicated that there are plans for LightSquared to conduct additional tests.

*800 MHz Rebanding.* Dave provided information about a preliminary agreement with Mexico regarding allocation of the 800 MHz spectrum. He advised that a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) pertinent to the band plan would be the next step.

**Officer Candidate Presentations – Gary Poon.** Gary announced that this would be a time for officer candidates to introduce themselves and comment about their backgrounds and experience in public safety communications. The following individuals gave short presentations:

Bill Carpenter, Candidate for CPRA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Rick Polehonka, Candidate for CPRA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Scott Espindola, Candidate for Secretary (biographical sketch provided by Gary P.)

President Ken asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Seeing none, a motion was made to close nominations. Motion carried.

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**Chapter Commercial Advisory Member – Jack Daniel.** Jack invited each of the Commercial Members in attendance to do a self introduction and give a brief comment about their respective products and services.

**Technical Presentation – Speakers.** Captain Paul Higgason, Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Darren Smith, Ventura County Sheriff's Office gave a presentation on bomb squad operations. This included a demonstration of one of the robots used in conducting bomb threat procedures. They provided a review of bomb squad mission taskings, and information pertaining to the communications technologies used to control the robot. President Ken commented how informative the presentation was and those in attendance extended to the speakers a strong round of applause.

**Meeting Adjourned.** President Ken then thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

### **Notes for the Record.**

*Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC).* Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were then presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Rowles  
Secretary