

**CHAPTER MEETING**  
**September 19, 2013**  
**Conejo Creek Park**  
**1379 E Janss Rd**  
**Thousand Oaks, CA 91362**

**SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** Chuck Taylor, County of Ventura (retired)  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Craig Bassett-Bassett Sales, Larry Feige-Talley Communications  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the July 2013 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "Fire Communication Plan" presented by Theodore Smith, Division Chief, Ventura County Fire  
**Attendance:** 43

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order – Tim Trager.** The meeting was called to order at 10:16 AM.

*Pledge of Allegiance – Don Miller*

*Welcoming Remarks – Tim Trager*

Tim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the September CPRA Meeting.

*Self Introductions:* Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

**Commercial Members Introductions – Larry Weber.** The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer.

**Chapter Officer Reports:**

**Future Meetings Report – Richard Granado:**

*President Elect – Meeting Schedule – Richard Granado.*

Richard covered upcoming meetings and programs.

October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tabletop at the Quiet Cannon – Montebello
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last Dispatch Roundtable for the year - Downey Golf Course
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Chapter Meeting at the Hughes Center - Claremont (Presentation by JPL)
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Officer Installation. Most likely taking place at the Proud Bird. Luncheon event. Inviting dispatchers to attend the daytime event.
January	Downey Golf Course – No Program

**Membership Report – Don Miller.**

*Membership Numbers:* Don advised we have 81 new members. Current membership shows a total of 581 Chapter members including 292 Full, 98 Commercial, 97 On-Line, and 93 Associate members.

He also mentioned the new full members will receive the requisite complimentary meeting registration.

They included:

*Active:*

- Kasandra Bowen – Irvine Police Department
- Jim Compton – Burbank Water & Power Communications
- Larry Harris – Radio Systems Lead – American Red Cross
- Jeff Kermode – City of Tehachapi Police Dept.
- Michael Tobey – Los Angeles City Fire Department
- David Wilson – Assistant Police Chief – Ventura Police & Fire Department
- Nicholas Thomas – IT Technician – North County Dispatch Joint Powers Authority
- Jim Griffiths – County of Riverside

*Commercial:*

- Kristina Ackermann – Pennwell Corporation
- Jack Chamberlin – CIO Pacific Region – Harris Dailey and Wells Communications
- Gary Correia –
- Jessica Deragisch – Account Manager of Radio Sales S. California – Harris Corporation
- Don Ferguson – CFO – Mobiletrec Corporation
- Patricia Ferguson – Subject Matter Expert – MCM Technologies
- Alan Gatlin – Regional Sales Manager – Firetide
- Chris Odenthal – Federal Engineering, Inc.
- Henry Sigel – VP Emerging Markets – Mobiletrec Corporations

**Program Presentation – Ventura County Fire.** Tim introduced Division Chief Theodore Smith Division Chief. Chief Smith spoke on the Fire Communication plan in place in May of 2013 for the Conego Grade Fire. Ventura CO Fire partnered with the Sheriff’s Department. Freedom Park was where the Mobile Command Post was established. CAL Fire brought the State assets and embedded with the Ventura County Fire Dept. On hand were 40 hand crews, 235 fire engines. The fire ended up running two weeks along. Fire was divided into geographical areas and unites were assigned to specific areas. Aircraft support was lost due to air turbulence. Did not have airborne video, but tapped into news feeds of the media Lessons Learned: Coordinating with law enforcement. “Sheltering in place” is hard to do when a wall of fire is near. When having an evacuation plan, have an assigned incoming route and an assigned outgoing route, otherwise chaos is created. Too often, due to turbulence, aircraft support is lost, therefore cannot count on them. Radios worked great.

**Treasurer’s Report – Joe Parrino.**

*Monthly Financial Report:* Joe provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He stated the total income for the month was \$11,005.38 and the total expenditures were \$10,245.10. He outlined specific dollar amounts regarding income and expenditures, all of which can be made available upon member request.

**C&B Revision – Gary Gray.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Constitutional By-Laws Amendment.

**Senior Membership Nominee – Gary Gray:**

Gary Gray brought forth three nominations for Senior Membership: Robert Stoffel, Spence Leafdale and Mike Rowles. All meet the requirements for Senior Member. Motion made on the floor and passed.

***Executive Council Delegate Report – Jim Acosta: No report given***



## **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

### **Regulatory Update.**

*FCC and FAC Update – Gary Gray:*

*Region 5 700 and 800 MHz Update – Dave Buchanan/Jim Donovan:*

#### *FCC Proposal*

NPSTC to define specifications for emission mask to be used for digital modulation vs. analog modulation, in response to growing interest in TETRA network deployment. NPSTC will recommend the rule change to the FCC . Alert that the FCC has put a freeze any equipment that will not provide analog modulation on 800 MHz Mutual Aid channels.

Ray Grimes 800MHz Rebanding . Rebanding meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> at OCFA Headquarters.

**Officer Election Speeches.** Each of the below candidates spoke to the group regarding the positions they seek.

*President-Richard Granado.* Richard gave his list of qualifications with CPRA and APCO.

*President Elect-Don Miller.* Don gave his list of qualifications with CPRA and APCO.

*Vice-President-Ken Mann.* Ken spoke of his current position and involvement with CPRA.

*Secretary-Scott Espindola.* Adriana Spirescu listed Scott's list of qualifications on his behalf.

*Treasurer-Joe Parrino.* Joe gave his list of qualifications with CPRA and APCO.

*Sergeant-at-Arms-Jeff Loveland.* 28 year member of CPRA. Has been active in the federal level of disaster response and management since 1983.

**Nominations From the Floor – Tim Trager.** Tim asked the group if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations.

*Motion – Nominations to be CLOSED.* Dave Buchanan made a motion to accept and close the nominations as they stand. Larry Weber seconded the motion. The Chapter voted affirmatively to close the nominations.

### **Raffle.**

**Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting adjourned at 11: 50 AM.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Adriana Spirescu