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OFFICIAL MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING

Rio Hondo Golf Club
10627 Old River School Rd
Downey, CA
Thursday November 16, 2017

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: CPRA
Early Bird Sponsor: CPRA
Secretary's Report: John W Wright
Treasurer's Report: Joe Parrino
Program: Scott Andrews – Principal Consultant, FirstNet State Outreach and Consultation, AT&T Public Sector Solutions
Presentation on the current buildout status, and future capabilities, of the FirstNet Public Safety Broadband Network.
Attendance: 39

AGENDA

Call to Order

Chapter President **Dale Digiambattista** called the meeting of the Southern California Chapter of APCO International to order at 10:09 am. Dale welcomed everyone to the November Chapter meeting in Downey, CA.

Flag Salute

Chapter Past President **John Sarkissian** led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

President **Dale Digiambattista** asked for a motion to approve the General Membership meeting minutes from the October 26th meeting in Montebello, CA. Chapter President-Elect **Scott Espindola** made the motion to approve the minutes; Past APCO President **Gary David Gray** made the second. There was no additional discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Thank You

President **Dale Digiambattista** thanked Chapter Executive Council Delegate **Jim Acosta** for making all of the arrangements for today's meeting.

Membership Report

Chapter Vice-President **Robert Stoffel** reported on the current membership of the Chapter. There were ten (10) new members added this past month and the Chapter now has 554 members. Of those, 284 are Full Members, 71 are Commercial Members, 45 are Associate Members, and 154 are Online Members.

President **Dale Digiambattista** thanked Vice-President **Robert Stoffel** for his service on the Chapter Executive Committee as he will be stepping off the Executive Committee next month due to a change in employment.

Future Meetings

Chapter President-Elect **Scott Espindola** provided an overview of the future Chapter meetings. December 8th will be the Chapter Officer Installation Dinner at the Citrus City Grille in Corona, CA. The January meeting location is still pending, but will possibly be held in Ontario, CA at the Ontario Police Department facility. The February meeting is scheduled for the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Pasadena, CA. The March 2018 meeting is scheduled for the Hughes Center in Claremont, CA.

President **Dale Digiambattista** noted that the December Frequency Advisory Committee meeting will be held at the Corona Police Department on December 8th at either 4:00 pm or 4:30 pm. Dale will publish the address and additional details prior to the meeting date.

President **Dale Digiambattista** reminded everyone that flyers for the December Office Installation Dinner were on the tables and that members can make payments today for the event. The Riverside County Mountain Rescue Unit will be doing a presentation at the Dinner. The Unit is a non-profit organization and they will gladly accept donations to support their operations.

Financial Report

Treasurer **Joe Parrino** gave the financial report, including income and expenses for the past thirty (30) days. A printed copy of the report is available to members upon request.

President **Dale Digiambattista** thanked Joe for stepping up to fill the Treasurer position for the past four (4) years and for his service to the Chapter.

Introductions

President **Dale Digiambattista** asked those in attendance to introduce themselves, and that if they are a Commercial Member, to say a brief few words about their company or products.

CCAM Report

Vice-CCAM **Ron Lyons** thanked everyone involved in the Annual Vendor Exhibition. Ron noted that he received great vendor feedback on the event. Ron reported that he has a few event programs left over if anyone would like a copy. Ron also reminded everyone that their APCO Membership is up for annual renewal and the due date is January 1, 2018.

APCO International

Chapter Executive Council Delegate **Jim Acosta** reported that the APCO Executive Committee continues to have the Regional Representatives of the Board of Directors attend local Chapter events in their respective regions to represent APCO. Sending the members of the Board of Directors to represent APCO at events was part of the original intention of the Governance Initiative to provide opportunities for Board Members to gain leadership skills and hopefully want to move up to the APCO Executive Committee.

Jim advised that the Call for Papers for the 2018 APCO Conference & Exposition closes on December 31st. There is also a call currently open for those interested in serving as the Chair of the 2019 APCO Conference & Exposition in Baltimore, MD. The submission date closes December 1st and preference would be given to submission from the local Chapter first.

Jim also noted that there is still an opportunity for members to sign up for the APCO Radio & Spectrum Technology Workgroup.

Note: This workgroup was recently created by APCO in response to a formal request to create it from members of the CPRA Chapter at the first Business Session at the 2017 APCO Conference & Exposition.

FCC Issues

Frequency Advisory Committee Co-Chair **David Buchanan** reported that he attended the “Public forum on improving sharing in the 800 MHz band,” on November 6th. One issue is related to possible interference from Cellular Companies to Public Safety after adoption of Docket 12-40 where they changed expressing ERP to EIRP for the cellular companies. This results in increasing the ERP considerably on adjacent cellular channels, and as a result, creates a greater chance of interference to Public Safety uses. David will present a program at the January Chapter meeting with the details and also provide more information about a feature in Motorola radios that can be turned on to help reduce this type of interference.

Chapter member **Ray Grimes** reported that the NYPD is turning up the pressure on the pending loss of the T-Band (UHF) Channels with their Congressman. Of the eleven (11) major market areas currently using T-Band, ten (10) are still in need of a solution. Only Florida was able to move to the 700 MHz Band as sufficient spectrum was still available in that area.

Networking Break

President **Dale Digiambattista** recessed the meeting for a 15 minute networking break.

Keynote

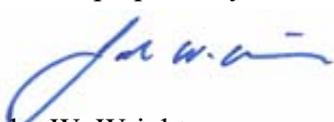
Chapter President **Dale Digiambattista** introduced **Scott Andrews**, Principal Consultant, FirstNet State Outreach and Consultation with AT&T Public Sector Solutions who provided an overview of the FirstNet Public Safety Broadband Network. Scott discussed the overall network design, network resiliency, Quality of Service (QoS) which included priority and preemption, and the evolution of QoS capabilities. Scott provided insight on how FirstNet is defining priority levels, and how agencies will be provided local control and device management. Scott discussed Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) interfaces to the network and network security. Scott noted that the proposed network will cover approximately 99% of the population for the State of California when built out. Scott gave an overview of some of the equipment and devices proposed for use on the network and discussed the FirstNet Application Store. Scott reported that last month, FirstNet provided notification to the states and Washington, D.C, starting the 90-day clock for the governor’s decision, ending Dec. 28, 2017 to Opt-in or Opt-out.

Adjourn

President **Dale Digiambattista** adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.

The monthly meeting of the Frequency Advisory Committee was held immediately following lunch.

Minutes prepared by,



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Secretary / PIO, California Public-Safety Radio Association