



## OFFICIAL CHAPTER MINUTES

Orange County Family Justice Center  
150 W Vermont Ave  
Anaheim CA 92805  
Thursday, January 16, 2020

### SUMMARY

**Meeting Host:** Scott Maddy, Anaheim PD (ret)  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** None  
**Secretary:** Terri Nelson  
**Banner Sponsor:** The Sales Group  
**Sponsored Training:** Brian Hanking, Director, NDSL (aka Cellwatch Frontier)  
**Program:** Dr. Frank Vernon, UCSD HPWREN Director  
The High-Performance Wireless Research Network in Southern California  
**Attendance:** 34

### CALL TO ORDER

Chapter President **Howard Newton** called the meeting of the Southern California Chapter of APCO-International to order at 1000 hours and welcomed everyone in attendance.

### FLAG SALUTE

Chapter Treasurer **John Wright** led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PRESIDENT REMARKS

Chapter President **Howard Newton** asked for a motion to approve the Chapter Meeting Minutes from December 2019 meeting in Riverside. **John Wright** made the motion to approve the minutes as is. **Joe Parrino** made the second. There was no discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** announced that **Anna Holmes** is retiring and this will be her last meeting. He invited **Anna** to say a few words. Past President **Anna Holmes** shared with all that it has been an honor to serve this great Association for seventeen (17) years. She is pleased to see so many people in attendance and taking part. She wished everyone well.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** reports that today's presenters are **Brian Hanking** and **Dr. Frank Vernon**.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** announced and thanked The Sales Group for being our Banner Sponsor for 2020.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** called on Director **Scott Espindola** to discuss the First Responder Bill. **Scott** informed the membership that our Western Regional Director has been working with the State Assembly to reclassify Telecommunicators. The Bill will define First Responders in California from Fire, Police, EMT, and Telecommunicators to qualify for the reclassification within the State.



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Chapter President **Howard Newton** advised that his goal for the Chapter is to increase Full Members and Commercial Membership. He challenged all in attendance to reach out to Operations Personnel and their perspective Vendors and bring them to the February meeting.

### INTRODUCTIONS

In the absence of CCAM **Larry Weber**, President-Elect **David Duenas** assisted with introduction of all in attendance.

### FUTURE MEETINGS REPORT

Chapter President **Howard Newton** provided an update of future meetings.

**February** – Meeting to be held at the County of Riverside Emergency Management Department in Riverside. Our program speakers will be **Angie Johnson** and **Bill Cleveland** with JPS Interoperability Solutions. Their presentation topic will be about how to get reimbursed when you lose a site.

**March** – We will be at the Hughes Center in Claremont. **Tim Trager** has secured the venue for the meeting.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Chapter Vice-President **Tim Buchfeller** provided membership update as of December 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Total Current Chapter Membership: 302

Full Members:	164
Commercial	33
Online:	94
Associate	11

**Tim** promoted our future meetings and encouraged all to bring a guest.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Chapter Treasurer **John Wright** gave the Financial Report. A printed copy of the Report is available to Members upon request.

**John** advised the Annual Report is complete and it covers all the Chapter Meeting information and Conferences. This is a good resource for the membership to share with their perspective supervision.

### CCAM REPORT

**Ron Lyons** informed all that he has been part of the APCO Commercial Advisory Council Committee and this is his final year. If anyone has any questions on how they can take part in the Committee, they can contact **Ron** directly.

### APCO INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Chapter Executive Council Delegate **Ernest Gallo** advised that APCO is in favor of reinstating a Radio Spectrum Committee.



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At the August Conference Business Meeting, the changes to accrue points for the Senior and Lifetime Membership will be discussed. Contact **Ernest** if anyone has questions.

### FCC UPDATE

Frequency Advisory Committee Chair **Gary Gray** and Frequency Advisory Committee Co-Chair **David Buchanan** together reported to the Membership.

Congress is planning the disposal of T-band. Three (3) States have filed suit to stop this. Besides the suit, there are Bills that have been introduced to the House of Representatives and the Senate to do away with this provision. Co-Chair **David Buchanan** encourages all to contact their respective Representatives in order to pass this Bill.

The FCC has tightened up more in regards to T-Band Licensing. Check with the FCC before attempting any T-Band changes as they are making it very difficult.

The 800 MHz Rebanding project is going away soon. The FCC deadline for filing any disputes with Sprint was yesterday, January 15, 2020. It is highly recommended you contact your agency attorney or you may lose out. It was brought up from the floor that Sprint has been unresponsive to this issue.

Regarding the 6 GHz band, no one from Public Safety or Critical Infrastructure was invited to take part in the generated report. A Study was done by supporters of unlicensed use to address interference concerns of the licensed services in the band.

Regarding 9-1-1 location accuracy, the FCC did not require the amount of accuracy that APCO was asking for. However, the FCC did ask providers to tighten up the accuracy for the Z-axis vertical location.

During the meeting, Co-Chair **David** received an update that the accuracy requirements are effective by March 16, 2020.

Frequency Advisory Committee Chair **Gary Gray** brought up that APCO International has Committees. He encourages those present to sign up and take part in helping our Community. The sign-up period is between February 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. The points earned for participating count towards APCO Senior and Life Membership.

### TELECOMMUNICATORS BANQUET AND TECHNICAL AWARDS

Chapter President Howard Newton called on Director **Dale Digiambattista** and Operations Chair **Terri Nelson** to promote the upcoming Awards Luncheon and Banquet.

Together, they advised the membership that this year's Nomination Packets have been posted on the Chapter Website. All are encouraged to nominate someone who deserves recognition. Due dates for Telecommunicators nomination is February 14<sup>th</sup> and for the Technical nominations is February 18<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorship opportunities are available and welcomed.



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### VENDOR SPONSORED TRAINING

**Brian Hanking**, Director of NDSL conducted training on Battery Monitoring for Data Centers, a way for agencies to prevent unplanned power outages.

### NETWORKING BREAK

Chapter President **Howard Newton** ten (10) minute break 1105 hours.

### GENERAL PROGRAM

**Dr. Frank Vernon**, with the University of California San Diego, conducted a presentation on High-Performance Wireless Research and Education. The presentation covered tools to assist First Responders with State-of-the-Art Cameras.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Chapter President **Howard Newton** presented **Dr. Vernon** with a Chapter Coin.

### ADJOURN

Chapter President **Howard Newton** announced that next month's meeting will start at 0945 hours and he adjourned this meeting at 1205 hours and lunch followed.

### FREQUENCY COORDINATION

Meeting to follow after lunch.

Minutes prepared by,

Terri Nelson  
Secretary, California Public-Safety Radio Association

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