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California Public-Safety Radio Association

February 2010 - El Monte

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the El Sombrero Restaurant, 3550 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte CA 91731 (626) 448-3311 Los Angeles County Thomas Bros 597-C7

CPRA serves the people who manage, operate, maintain and supply the communications systems used to safeguard the lives and property of citizens everywhere. Among the CPRA ranks there are over 500 professionals representing the Police, Fire, EMS, Forestry, Highway and Conservation services. CPRA provides many opportunities to grow professionally, share your ideas, upgrade your skills and network with your colleagues.

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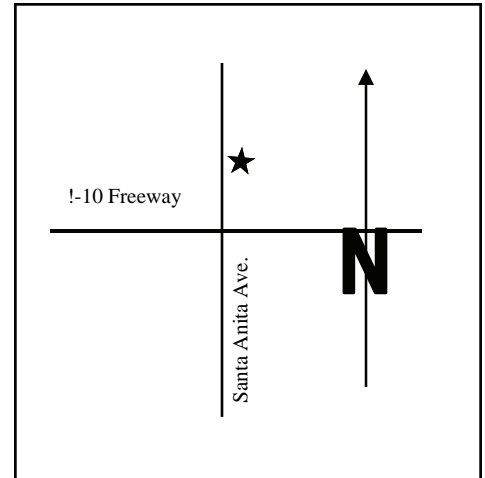
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Meeting Dates

DIRECTIONS:

From Eastbound or Westbound I-10 Freeway

- ◆ Exit I-10 Freeway on Santa Anita Ave.
- ◆ Go North on Santa Anita Ave.
- ◆ Travel .3 mile, restaurant on right.



Meeting Host: Ron Wong Los Angeles County—ISD

Early Bird Sponsor: Andrew Seybold Andrew Seybold Inc.

Agenda:

0830 - 0950	Executive Committee Meeting
1000 - 1055	General Meeting
1100 - 1200	Program: Broadband Technology
	Presenter: Jasper Bruinzeel - CelPlan

Frequency Coordination Immediately Following Lunch

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

GARY POON

If you were unable to attend our January meeting, you missed the very entertaining program "The Complete History of APCO – A Musical Tribute." This program was originally presented at the 2009 APCO International Conference in Las Vegas to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of APCO. The program was very informative and filled with laughter.

I would like to thank Mike Rowles of San Bernardino County, for hosting and program preparation for the meeting. CPRA also would like to thank Chief Eric Hopley of the Ontario Police Department and Darryl Polk, the Assistant Communications Manager for their help and the use of their beautiful facility for our meeting. Finally, we thank Jack Daniel of the Jack Daniel Company and TX/RX Systems for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments.

CPRA made a presentation at the January 2010 Western Regional Conference (WRC) in Denver in a bid to be selected for the 2014 WRC site. Long Beach, California was not selected; the WRC Consortium selected Phoenix, Arizona for the 2014 WRC. We were disappointed, but not all is lost. The APCO International 2013 Conference site has moved from Reno, Nevada to Southern California (most likely in Los Angeles or Anaheim) in 2013. CPRA will support APCO with its International Conference in Southern California.

CPRA plans to celebrate its 75th Anniversary at the September "No Ties Allowed" meeting. We are asking for volunteers to assist with the planning of this special event. If you can help, please contact our Planning Chair, Adriana at Adriana.Spirescu@ocgov.com.

On the national front, APCO's President Richard Mirgon requests that all APCO Chapters and public safety agencies send letters of support to their Congressional delegation, both US Senators and US Representatives, to strongly support our nation's first responders by providing the critical spectrum in the D-Block for priority broadband use. Please contact any CPRA Executive Officer for more information.

CPRA annually recognizes outstanding performance within the public safety community. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 1, 2010. CPRA award winners will also be nominated for APCO International Awards given out at the annual conference. Visit our website address shown below for nomination details.

The next meeting will be held on February 18th at the El Sombrero restaurant in El Monte. Please visit CPRA Web at <http://www.cpra.org> for updates and details.

See you all in the next meeting!

China Trip

The APCO trip to China in March still has space available if anyone is interested. It is fascinating to see how other people conduct communications center operations, put out fires, and attend criminal activities, and so on. I was on the first APCO trip into China in 1988 and I am so looking forward to see what has transpired in the interim; specifically with the explosion of cell phone usage. Due to the small number of telephones in China in 1988 (possibly one telephone for four square blocks), the Guangzhou (about the size of Los Angeles) dispatch center felt they were kept busy in handling four calls per a 24 hour dispatching shift.

The trip is less than 90 days off and only two people from the West Coast have signed on.

Please contact me for further details.

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MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2010

ONTARIO PD COMMUNITY ROOM

ONTARIO, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Mike Rowles, County of San Bernardino
Early Bird Sponsor: Jack Daniel, Jack Daniel Company - TXXR Systems
Secretary's Report: Minutes for the December 09 meeting are posted on the CPRA web site
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "The Complete History of APCO – A Musical Tribute"
Attendance: --48

AGENDA

Greeting – Gary Poon. Gary opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the January 2010 meeting. Mike Rowles led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Community Host – Chief Eric Hopley, Ontario PD. Mike thanked Chief Hopley and his staff for making available the Community Room to the Chapter for the January meeting. Special thanks were extended to Darryl Polk, Assistant Communications Manager for his superb assistance. Gary thanked the County of San Bernardino for their support. He also thanked Jack Daniel, Jack Daniel Company for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments.

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

Membership Report – Ken Shearen. Ken reported that there were 322 members on the books to start the year. There are approximately 272 members who are in the renewal process. Ken advised that there was one new member registered for the month of December 2009.

Meeting Program Review – Dawn Lopez. Dawn reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings including dates and locations. Details for the 2010 schedules are on the website. She commented that the next meeting will be held on February 18th at the El Sombrero restaurant in El Monte.

75th Anniversary Celebration – Jim Donovan. It was noted that this year - 2010 is the 75th anniversary year of CPRA. Gary advised that Jim Donovan had been appointed to serve as the Chairman for the 75th Anniversary Committee. Jim indicated that the CPRA celebration would be held at the September "No Ties" meeting. He asked for volunteers to assist with the planning of the event.

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 \$4,683.97 and the total expenditures were \$3,795.68. Expenses included the December Installation Luncheon, officer travel to the WRC Conference, and printing costs for the CommLink. John commented about the three CDs that serve as a critical resource for Chapter finances.

Regional Director– Richard Granado. Richard reported that the APCO Conference for 2013 would be change from Reno to a new location. Candidate locations included Los Angeles, Anaheim, San Diego, Phoenix, and Denver. Richard indicated that a selection will be made by January 24th.

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2010 APCO Conference in Houston. There was discussion about the 2010 APCO Conference. The schedule has been shortened by one day to save overall expenses for attendees.

Executive Council Delegate – Jim Acosta. Jim reported that he would be attending an upcoming conference call pertinent to the new plans for the 2013 APCO Conference.

Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray.

FCC Chairman Outreach. Gary commented about the FCC Chairman's initiative to develop a public outreach program that focuses on developing a Consolidated Licensing System (CLS) and increasing citizen interaction with the FCC. A web site has been designed to support this effort. It is <http://reboot.fcc.gov>.

Narrowbanding Article, APCO Magazine. It was noted that Chuck Taylor had written an article for the APCO magazine about preparing for the FCC mandated conversion to narrowband operations. The article was published in the January issue. The Executive Committee extended congratulations to Chuck for his success in this endeavor.

700 MHz – Dave Buchanan. Dave provided a brief update on the proposed interoperability plan being developed by the 700 Regional Planning Committee.

800 MHz- Jim Donovan. Jim advised that there were no specific actions pending for the 800 Regional Planning Committee.

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

2010 Telecommunicator Banquet – Dawn Lopez. Dawn reported that planning is well underway. She noted that there is a very active committee. She also encouraged agencies in attendance to submit Telecommunicator Award nominations. The nomination packages are on CPRA web site. The deadline for submissions is February 5th. The ticket price will be \$40. This is the same as last year. She noted that the theme would focus on the 75th Anniversary of CPRA. Sponsorships are still available. Dawn announced that the Telecommunicator Week Buttons for 2010 are available for sale. She commented that purchasing information is on the web site.

RF/IT/Comm Manager Award Nominations – John Sarkessian. John reviewed the upcoming awards program. He noted the deadline for submitting nominations was March 1, 2010. John amplified on the how CPRA award winners are nominated for APCO awards. He also provided information about a new award category. This is the Comm Manager award. John encouraged all the members to use the CPRA award program as an effective way to recognize outstanding performance within the public safety community.

Chapter Commercial Advisory Member – Jack Daniel.

APCO Scholarships. Jack presented information about the APCO Scholarship Program. Funding for this program is provided by commercial members. Scholarships are available for qualified applicants to participate in public safety communications type training. Details are on the APCO web site.

Introductions. 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.

Reminders – Gary Poon.

Western Region Conference. It will be held Jan 20-22, 2010 in Denver, CO. Gary indicated that during the WRC, a Consortium will be held to select the host chapter for the 2014 WRC. He noted that CPRA will be making a presentation to compete for the hosting opportunity.

Program. Mike played the DVD titled "The Complete History of APCO – A Musical Tribute." He noted that this program was originally presented at the 2009 APCO Conference to reflect on the 75th Anniversary of APCO.

Luncheon. A luncheon catered by Gourmet, Gourmet was served to all in attendance. Many complimented the pleasing presentation and the excellent quality of the food.

Meeting Adjourned. Gary thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.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

800 MHZ REBAND CPRA/OCFA MEETING NOTES

**By: Ray Grimes
January 19, 2010**

- ◆ **2010—(MAYBE) THE DECISIVE YEAR!** FCC, TA, APCO and industry news sources had very little Wave 4 Rebanding reported activity or indication of real progress as to a U.S./Mexico Treaty Agreement affecting the 800 MHz border frequency plan in 2009 and are only promising to meet in mid-2010 to continue discussions..
- ◆ **FCC Fourth M&O WT Docket 02-55** released Feb. 25, 2009. U.S./Canada Border Rebanding policy to proceed. Canada 800 MHz Rebanding NPSPAC frequency plan mirrors that of U.S. and sets expectations that ‘future’ U.S./Mexico Treaty Agreement NPSPAC frequency plan should be identical for international and national mutual aid frequencies (ITAC, CLEMARS, FIREMARS).
- ◆ **FCC Public Notice - The FCC** released a Public Notice (DA 09-2645) dated December 31, 2009 extending the 800 MHz Rebanding negotiation period for Wave 4 NPSPAC and Non-NPSPAC Licensees along the U.S.- Mexico Border until April 01, 2010.
- ◆ **FCC Order WT Docket No. 02-55** released December 23, 2009 postpones 800 MHz Rebanding financial reconciliation ‘true-up’ period from December 31, 2009 to June 30, 2010 with mandatory requirement for TA to file report on May 31, 2010 with recommendation for *possible further postponement* of ‘true-up’ date.
- ◆ **TA September 30, 2009 Quarterly Progress Report**, released December 28, 2009 available online at 800 MHz Transition Administrator web site.
- ◆ Though no one would disagree that the cost of operating a motor vehicle historically has risen each year, it’s fascinating to note that without ceremony, the IRS has adjusted vehicle business mileage allowance *downward* from \$0.55/mile in 2009 to \$0.50/mile in 2010. This will undoubtedly become a point of argument with Sprint-Nextel upon submitting Rebanding cost recovery requests for previous years, as it would seem appropriate that you should be able to recover costs for the years reported at the IRS rates for those years, and not at the new lower 2010 rate.
- ◆ Per June 18 OC Fire Chief’s Association (OCFCA) monthly meeting, OCFCA agreed to NOT include *legacy* FIREMARS, ICALL, AND ITAC programming in *new* Rebanding radio programming. This will minimize the need to touch these radios two or more times, though that still may be necessary to manage Rebanding of Orange County 800 MHz radios with State-specific 800 MHz programming such as State Parks and Universities. Some risk regarding interim availability of mutual aid Fire communications capability in disaster though agencies can always exchange packets on-scene or employ local cross-patches. OCFCA also agreed that Huntington Beach Fire, Laguna Beach Fire, Newport Beach Fire, and OCFA WILL retain ‘legacy’ California State Parks programming and WILL require second reprogramming at some future date. Additionally, OCFCA agreed that Fullerton Fire Dept. shall retain ‘legacy’ CSU Fullerton Police Dept. programming and will thus require future second Rebanding reprogramming. Similar mutual aid programming considerations must also be made for OCCOPSA and OC Lifeguard Association members.
- ◆ APCO, IACP, and IAFC on November 12 jointly requested the FCC to release information used to develop cost metrics as applied by the Transition Administrator. This request is in consideration of a need for incumbents to have some information to weigh vendor quotes against customary and approved Rebanding costs for vendor services, coupled with complaints that the TA’s cost metrics were outdated and misapplied. An important challenge for incumbent negotiations with Sprint-Nextel is that Rebanding metrics appear to be formulated on the size of systems to be rebanded, failing to factor in complexity (large radio networks, agency partnerships, mixtures of local and state operations with complex licensing agreements, etc.).

County of Orange recently (though unsuccessfully) requested Sprint-Nextel’s permission to proceed with limited Wave 4 non-cost-duplicative or non-frequency-specific Rebanding activities for \$1.06 million (13% of the \$8.06M



National Telecommunicator's Week Buttons for Sale by CPRA Chapter

National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week honors all those in public safety communications. In some areas, the observance is called National Telecommunicators' Week. The week historically has been acknowledged by a letter from the President of the United States congratulating the dedicated and hard working individuals who work in our industry.

The California Public-Safety Radio Association (the Southern California chapter of APCO, Int'l.) is making available National Telecommunicator's Week buttons again this year. Cost is still \$1.00 each, plus shipping and handling.

This year's buttons are red, white, and blue and are a two inch oval shape. They are worn during National Telecommunicators' week (April 11-17, 2010) to show support for our professionals.

Send order form to:

**CPRA
2010 National Telecommunicator's Week Buttons
PO Box 1181
Riverside, CA 92502-1181
OR fax to 213-291-9411**



TIN # 95-4234700 www.cpra.org Shown actual size

Quantity Discount:	Shipping & Handling:
50-75 buttons \$.95 each	1-30 buttons \$2.00
76-100 buttons \$.90 each	31-75 buttons \$4.00
101+ buttons \$.85 each	76+ buttons \$6.50

"National Telecommunicator's Week" Buttons ordered at \$1.00 each \$ _____

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Credit Card Payment: Visa MasterCard AMEX

Note: Please PRINT name and credit card information clearly

Name on Card: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____/____ 3 or 4-Digit PIN Number (required): _____

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previously requested in County's Implementation FRA). Proposal included tasks such as replacement of 2 SIMS terminals, replacement of 32 base station antennas, Rebanding upgrades or replacement of 28 Motorola Service Monitors, replacement or reconfiguration of 55 BDA's, replacement of 16 mobile radio scanners, and reimbursement of 33% of County's initial cost for MCM labor and projects tracking software now in use in support of Rebanding. Sprint-Nextel stated that County could only Rebanding 'negotiate' with Sprint-Nextel but could not proceed with any Rebanding actions. At recommendation of the TA, the County on August 11, 2009 filed a Rebanding Change Notice, starting the clock for a mandatory Sprint-Nextel formal response within 30 days. Sprint-Nextel to date has verbally agreed to (most) all of the County's limited Implementation FRA request items, though has not yet delivered a formal agreement to close the deal. Regardless of recent agreement, Sprint-Nextel had recently request that the County justify the replacement of numerous privately owned and operated BDA's that affect the 800 MHz CCCS network, further delaying the County's ability to proceed in any manner. The FCC Rules and the TA processes related to Wave 4 Rebanding would seem to bear very few guarantees for Wave 4 incumbents in terms of due process and timeliness.

2010 Meeting Dates

March 18th
San Diego
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday March 1, 2010

April 15th
Annual Dispatchers' Banquet
Quiet Cannon
Montebello
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday March 29, 2010

May 20th
Victorville
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday May 3, 2010

June 17th
Santa Fe Springs
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday June 1, 2010

July 15th
Orange County
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday June 28, 2010

August 26th
Downey
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday August 9, 2010

September 16th
Annual "No Ties Meeting"
Thousand Oaks
CommLink Cutoff Date
Tuesday August 30, 2010

October 21st
Annual "Tabletop Meeting"
Montebello
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday October 4, 2010

November 18th
Palm Springs
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday November 1, 2010

December 9th
Annual Holiday Banquet &
Officer Installation
Monterey Park
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday November 29, 2010

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