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The Official Monthly Newsletter of the  
California Public-Safety Radio Association

## March 2011 Meeting - San Marcos

**C**PRA 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.

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 111 North Twin Oaks Valley Rd, San Marcos, North San Diego County, CA, San Diego County - Thomas Bros. Page 1108-H7.

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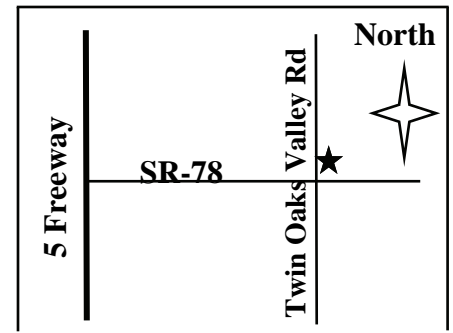
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**From the Los Angeles or San Diego Area:**

- ◆ I-5 to SR-78 East.
- ◆ Travel East for 12.8 Miles
- ◆ Exit on Twin Oaks Valley Rd
- ◆ Turn left (North) past freeway underpass
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**Meeting Host:** Anna Holmes San Diego County Sheriff WSD

**Early Bird Sponsor:** Max Mata Motorola

0830 - 0950 Executive Committee Meeting  
 1000 - 1055 General Meeting  
 1100 - 1200 Presenter: Max Mata - Max is the California and Hawaii - T8, System Technologist Manager for Motorola.  
 Program: Max will present the Basics and Essentials of Standards and Installation Guidelines for Communications Sites, Dispatch Centers and Communications Systems - commonly known as Motorola R56.

1200 Lunch

Frequency Coordination Immediately Following Lunch

**PRESIDENT'S PODIUM**  
**KEN SHEAREN**

**W**elcome back from the 2011 Western States Regional Conference (aka WRC) in Ontario California... Wow what an event. For those who could not attend the WRC you missed some great exhibits and outstanding training classes. This was my first occasion to participate in a support role for this type of conference and I must say that I am very, very impressed with the work the WRC committee has accomplished. To assemble this program in a little over 5 months is a significant if not almost impossible achievement.

Ken Mann stepped up to take the lead as the Committee Chair, in spite of the extra work load being placed upon him by his day time job. Jack Daniel (and Pat), what can one say except they are commercial coordinator(s) extraordinaire, Jack and Pat, you two really do set the bar at a high standard. Chuck Taylor was in charge of the facilities, so if you were able to see it, hear it or sit on it while you were at the conference; thank Chuck. While Mike Rowles worked tirelessly to get the guest speaker speakers, honor guard and worked with John Wright to compose and arrange the conference program. John also "volunteered" to be treasurer and financial chair, again. Ernest Gallo worked his magic behind the scenes to get registration (badges, holder, meals and refreshment tickets), as well as compile reports and put together the WRC web page. Go check out some of Ernest's work @ <http://www.cpra.org/2011APCOWRC.htm> and look at the WRC web or CPRA pages. Joe Parrino worked as our transportation chair and I believe he really liked the blacked out suburban. I know the APCO staff did. Joe even "rescued" a few of our conference visitors when they became stranded. Don Miller was in charge of security and was one of the "go to guys" whenever we anything was needed. While Adriana Spirescu was the chair person for volunteer and family events. She also was a major contributor to the shirts and graphics used at this conference while always having her camera ready.

There were more than 30 volunteers from various agencies and fellow APCO chapters. I wish to acknowledged these volunteers and recognize them for their contributions. This conference could not have been a success with out your assistance.

We had well over 90 commercial exhibitors who have all told us this was one of their best regional programs to date. I also must acknowledge the major sponsors EADS/Plant-CML, Watson, Harris and Tait. We had over 40 presenters who put on training programs. Again without the participation of these vendors and presenters on such short notice this conference would have not been possible. And to our special guest speakers and APCO staff, thank you for taking the time from your busy schedules to work with us at this conference. Thank you to our fellow APCO chapters for your participation and all of the commercials members and attendees, you have made this conference a success and a worth while event.

Congratulations to NAPCO for being selected as the location for the 2015 WRC!

We will see you on March 17, 2011 in San Marcos at the Old Spaghetti factory. Please check the CPRA web site for additional meeting dates and latest news.

**CommLink Reminder**

The CommLink is published on a quarterly basis.

The CommLink will be printed and mailed out in April, July and October.

The rest of the months you will receive a half page postcard giving you meeting information. You can download the monthly CommLink from the website.

## MINUTES

### CHAPTER EVENT APCO WESTERN REGION CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 7-9, 2011 ONTARIO CONVENTION CENTER ONTARIO, CA

#### SUMMARY

**Event Host:** California Public-Safety Radio Association (CPRA)  
**Sponsors:** Plant CML; Harris; Watson Dispatch; Raytheon  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for the January 20th meeting are posted on the CPRA web site  
**Treasurer's Report:** Comments deferred  
**Program:** Keynote Speaker, Training Sessions, Exhibits Exposition  
**Attendance:** 750 (Estimated)

#### AGENDA

**Conference Opening – Ken Mann.** Conference Chair Ken Mann opened the 2011 APCO Western Region Conference at 0830 on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. The City of Ontario Police Department Color Guard presented the colors. Mike Rowles led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain (Lt Col) Rick Givens, 452 Air Mobility Wing, March Air Reserve Base gave the invocation. Ken introduced the conference staff. Then City of Ontario Police Chief Eric Hopley presented “Welcome to Ontario” remarks. The spokes person for Plant CML-EADS introduced the keynote speaker Bernard K. Melekian, Director, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice. Director Melekian gave an interesting presentation titled “Advancing Public Safety in a Changing Environment.” Ken thanked all for attending and reminded everyone about the Exhibits Grand Opening scheduled for 3:30 pm.

**Conference Events (Mon – Wed).** There were over 50 training sessions and a variety of panel presentations offered during the conference. Special events included an APCO Town Hall meeting, APCO chapter officer training, and an APCO IT/ Tech Roundtable.

**APCO Western Region Consortium Meeting.** Conference Chair Ken convened the WR Consortium Meeting on the morning of Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Three chapters bid for the hosting of the 2015 Western Region Conference. The northern California chapter (NAPCO) was selected. The Alaska chapter (2012 WRC) and the Arizona chapter (2014 WRC) presented progress reports.

**Conference Closing.** The concluding event for the conference was a super session presentation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation titled “Cyber Crimes and Computer Terrorism.” After a delayed arrival, the speaker provided an interesting overview of the topic. In closing the conference, Conference Chair Ken thanked all participants for their attendance. He emphasized the significant role of the exhibitors and commercial members.

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Ken encouraged everyone to attend next year's WRC to be hosted by the Alaska chapter in Anchorage, February 29 – March 2, 2012. He then adjourned the 2011 APCO Western Region Conference.

**Notes for the Record.** During the conference, Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Rowles  
Secretary

## *CPRA 2011 Technical Awards*

*Dear CPRA Members and Public Safety Communications Colleagues:*

*Re: CPRA Annual Technical Awards Program, Nominations Due March 17, 2011*

This is a reminder that there is still plenty of time to submit a nomination for the CPRA 2011 Technical Awards Program. Here is a quick summary for your consideration:

**What is the purpose of the award program?** Provide recognition for public safety telecommunications professionals from throughout southern California.

**What are the award categories?** RF Technician, IT Technician, RF Engineer, Communications Manager

**Who is eligible to be nominated?** All individuals employed by agencies with public safety responsibilities at the federal, state, county, local level within s. CA.

**Who can nominate?** Any individual as shown above. (Please note: You do not have to be a CPRA member to be nominated or to submit a nomination.)

**How are individuals recognized?** Individuals selected are recognized for their accomplishments with awards presented at the CPRA Awards Luncheon in April.

**Is there additional competition?** Yes, we forward the nominations to APCO for competing within the APCO Awards Program.

**Who may attend?** The Awards Luncheon is open to all. We encourage spouses/guests to accompany the award recipients. Lunch is complimentary.

**Is the nomination form on the CPRA web site ([www.cpra.org](http://www.cpra.org))?** Yes. It is easy to use. Complete the form on line, save it as a .pdf; send to John Sarkissian.

**What goes into the nomination?** A few short paragraphs will do it. Focus on performance, innovation, "extra mile" accomplishments, etc. Keep it simple.

**Is it worth it?** Yes! It is a great feeling to know you have helped a colleague receive earned recognition, boost a career, plus provide agency visibility.

**If I have questions, who can I call?** Please contact: John Sarkissian, 951-486-7757; Joe Parrino, 323-246-3899; or Mike Rowles, 909-388-5971.

As the old Nike commercial said: **“Just Do It!”**

Best to all,  
Mike

## 2011 Meeting Dates

April 14th

***Annual Dispatchers' Banquet***

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

More Info & Register at ([www.cpra.org](http://www.cpra.org))

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday March 28, 2011

May 19th

Victorville

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday May 2, 2011

June 16th

Santa Fe Springs

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday May 30, 2011

July 21th

Santa Barbara

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday June 27, 2011

August 25th

Oak Glenn

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday August 1, 2011

September 15th

Annual "No Ties Meeting"

Thousand Oaks

CommLink Cutoff Date

Tuesday August 29, 2011

October 20st

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday October 3, 2011

November 17th

Downey

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday October 31, 2011

December 9th

Annual Holiday Banquet &

Officer Installation

New Port Dinner Cruise

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday November 21, 2011

## 2011 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

April 6, 2011 - Riverside PD

July 6, 2011 - Los Angeles

November 2, 2011 Long Beach

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