



# COMMILINK

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

## February 2012 Meeting - Loma Ridge

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Communications/EOC – Loma Ridge 2644 East Santiago Canyon Rd., Silverado, CA  
Orange County Thomas Brothers 801- B6

**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.

### DIRECTIONS From downtown Los Angeles area:

- Take I-5 South towards Santa Ana
- Take exit 107A for California 22 East and merge onto CA-22 E
- Take exit 17C on the left to merge onto CA-55 N toward Riverside
- Take exit 14A for Chapman Avenue East and merge onto E Chapman Ave
- At Jamboree, Chapman Ave changes to Santiago Canyon Rd
- Pass the 261 / 241 Toll Roads
- Go approximately 1 mile and stay in the right lane
- Turn right at the bridge on top of the hill (OC Deputy Sheriff's Memorial Sign)
- Go over the bridge and turn left (follow the road)
- Push button on speaker and identify yourself when prompted at the 1st Gate
- Drive to top of hill and park in the lower lot
- Push button on speaker and identify yourself when prompted at the pedestrian gate
- Main Entrance to the building is on the North Side (to the right)

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**Meeting Host:** Jim Donovan Orange County Sherriff's Communications

**Early Bird Sponsor:** Greg Glenn TriPower Group

### Agenda:

0830 - 1000	Executive Committee Meeting
1000 - 1100	General Meeting
1100 - 1200	Presentation: Tour of the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Communications/EOC – Loma Ridge
1200	Lunch
<b>1300 - 1430</b>	<b>Dispatcher Roundtable</b>

Frequency Coordination Immediately Following Lunch

**PRESIDENT'S PODIUM**  
**ADRIANA SPIRESCU**

**O**ur first CPRA meeting of the New Year took place at the Alexander Hughes Community Center in Claremont. Thank you to our hosts Mike Rowles and Tim Trager from San Bernardino County, and our Early Bird sponsor, Alcatel-Lucent. An informative presentation was made by Bryan Wassom and John Williams on "The Next Generation Radio System Connectivity," which included a history of Alcatel-Lucent and solutions and products they provide. We also kicked off the first of many periodic "Roundtable" discussions for technicians and dispatchers. A dozen technicians participated in the "Tech Talk Roundtable," where they discussed types of services offered by their agency, employee job classifications, technological trends, opportunities and challenges.

**W**elcome to our new CPRA Members:

- Steven Barden, Riverside County Office of Emergency Services – RACES Operator
  - Russ Douglas, City of Santa Barbara – Senior Communications Technician
  - Laurie Koike, Redondo Beach Police Department – Communications Manager
  - Shelley Schoue, Ontario Police Department – Assistant Communications Manager
  - Chuck Alexander, TriTech Software Systems – Technical Services Engineer
  - Robert Bowman, Higher Ground – Senior Marketing Manager
- Dallas Neville, Nevillewood Group Inc – President

**C**ome to this month's meeting on February the 16<sup>th</sup> at the Orange County Sheriff's Communications/EOC – located at Loma Ridge. On a clear day you can see Catalina Island as well as downtown Los Angeles from the Loma Ridge hill top. The 30,000 square foot communications and emergency operations building is the center for the Emergency Management Bureau (EMB), and the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC and EMB are responsible for emergency contingency planning, management, and become activated in the case of emergency or major disaster. The Loma Ridge facility is the hub for the county's public safety and governmental services radio system and a model of Interoperability. It services the County of Orange and its 34 incorporated cities.

Thank you again to all of those who joined us in Claremont,  
and we'll see you at Loma Ridge!

**Tours of the facility will be given at 11:00 am**

## **Flash Day is coming!!!**

On the first day of conference registration, March 1, Full, Associate and Commercial APCO members in good standing, will have the opportunity to secure a full registration for the conference at the rate of **\$325**.

**This special rate will ONLY be available on the first day of registration.**

Restrictions will apply:

- Available **ONLY** on registration opening day, March 1, 2012 from 12:00am - 11:59pm.
- Must be a Full, Associate or Commercial APCO member in good standing.
- Offer available for online full registration only. No mailed or faxed registration forms will be accepted.

Registrations cannot be accepted over the phone.

- There will be a \$25 registration transfer fee and the recipient must be an APCO member in good standing.

Mark your calendars! [www.apco2012.org](http://www.apco2012.org)

**MINUTES**  
**January 19, 2012**  
**Alexander Hughes Community Center**  
**1700 Danbury Rd**  
**Claremont, CA 91711**

**SUMMARY**

**Meeting Hosts:** Mike Rowles and Tim Trager  
San Bernardino County

**Early Bird Sponsor:** Bryan Wassom, Alcatel-Lucent

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the December 2011 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.

**Treasurer's Report:** See comments

**Program:** Next Generation Radio System Connectivity

**Presenter:** Bryan Wassom, Sr. Account Director  
Alcatel-Lucent

**Attendance:** 48/43

**AGENDA**

**Welcome–Opening – Adriana Spirescu.** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Thanks given to Mike Rowles and Tim Trager for hosting the meeting.  
*Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Rowles*

*Self Introductions:* Members were welcomed. The microphone was passed around for everyone in attendance to introduce themselves to the group.

**Membership Report – Bill Carpenter.**

*Membership Numbers:* Bill advised we have seven new members since the November report. He also mentioned that the new members will receive the requisite complimentary lunch. They included:

*Active:*

- Steven Barden, Riverside County Office of Emergency Services-RACES – RACES Operator
- Russ Douglas, City of Santa Barbara – Senior Communications Technician
- Laurie Koike, Redondo Beach Police Department – Communications Manager
- Shelley Schoue, Ontario Police Department – Asst Communications Manager

*Commercial:*

- Chuck Alexander, TriTech Software Systems – Technical Services Engineer
- Robert Bowman, Higher Ground – Senior Marketing Manager
- Dallas Neville, Nevillewood Group Inc - President

*Renew APCO/CPRA membership:* Bill noted we have 251 (paid) Chapter members, 186 Active Members and 64 Commercial Members. This number is traditionally low in the first months of the year and should increase by March or April.

**2012 Meetings & Programs Review – Tim Trager.** Future meeting information was reviewed. Also announced was today's Tech Talk/Roundtable, as well as next month's Roundtable at Loma Ridge for dispatchers. Anyone interested in participating was encouraged to stay for today's Roundtable or get with Tim regarding next month's meeting.

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**Treasurer – John Wright.** In addition to giving the Financial Report, John spoke of the National Conference in 2013 in Anaheim. We will be advertising at the WRC next month in Alaska. Commercial vendors should reserve their space as soon as possible. John also asked all members to vote in the upcoming APCO election, hopefully voting for him, but to vote regardless.

*Monthly Financial Report:* John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He stated the total income for the month was \$152.06 and the total expenditures were \$9731.44. Income was noted as CD Interest Income and meeting registration cash deposits. Expenses included officer travel reimbursements, Visa card officer travel payments, CPRA website domain fees, and the CPRA Officer Installation cruise decorations and officer recognition.

**Regional Director Report – Richard Granado.** At the last meeting, discussions ranged around electronic voting for future elections, so all members can vote regardless of attending the conference. The Board of Directors decided all future voting will be electronic, regardless of the number of candidates for office. Candidates will continue to have the opportunity to speak at the general assembly. Additionally, it was voted to continue with the current International Conference location selection team until the next international conference, when a new committee can be elected. Also voted on was the upcoming 2016 International Conference location. Next month there will be a teleconference meeting prior to the face-to-face meeting in May.

**Executive Council Report – Jim Acosta.** On December 27, 2011 past President Joseph Nassar, passed away. A card was sent by CPRA. There were five bids to host the 2016 International Conference, which was narrowed to three for the Board's consideration. The conference will be held in Orlando. The primary reason for picking Orlando was a significant cost savings to APCO resulting from complimentary exhibit and meeting space. The Women in Public Safety Communications Leadership Conference and the Technology Roundtables for 2012 has been cancelled. National membership is 2% less than last year at this time. Registration will begin in February for this year's National Conference in August.

**Constitution & Bylaws Amendments – Mike Rowles.** Mike handed out amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws. The reason for the changes was to update terminology and comply with APCO's changes. These changes were briefly reviewed. In addition to changes of the membership names, committee names and responsibilities were reviewed. The new Director-At-Large position was outlined by Mike; specifics read from the verbiage on the amendment. He told the group to fill out an application, if interested in the position, and give it to Adriana. Mike invited a motion to accept the amendments. Richard G. made the motion. Garret M. seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

**Frequency Coordinator Update – Ray Grimes.** Specific information regarding rebanding was covered by Ray. System upgrades is not a reason to asking for delays in rebanding. A next rebanding discussion group will possibly be at the end of April. See the CPRA website for Rebanding Notes.

*FCC Updates:* The FCC will be traveling to Mexico for a meeting regarding the Mexico border area rebanding.

*Sprint Nextel – CDMA Operation in 817-821/862-866 MHz:* Ray reported about Sprint Nextel's intent to begin on-the-air CDMA testing in the 800 MHz band almost immediately, starting in Los Angeles. This may have significant interference impacts to some of our public safety 800 MHz licensees, particularly those in non-rebanded Wave 4 border-impacted regions that closely share spectrum with Sprint Nextel. Ray suggested the Sprint Nextel letter be posted on the CPRA website with a special bulletin on the CPRA website home page.

*CalSIEC – Southern Planning Area (SPA)- Rick Polehonka:* The SPA quarterly newsletter came out. It covers various SPA information as well as quarterly meeting dates. Additionally, they are looking to increase membership and/or participation, possibly tapping into CPRA's membership for new interests. The first meeting, last Thursday in Orange County, had a good turnout. Cal EMA lost its office on K Street in Sacramento due to budgetary cuts, and now has an office at Mather Field. The Governor's new budget included the elimination of Cal EMA, with a reversion back to the OES. SPA is preparing the State Agency Narrowbanding Report, which will be available for distribution as soon as approved.

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## 2012 Meeting Dates

### January 19, 2012

#### **Hughes Center - Claremont**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday January 3, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Alcatel.Lucent*

### February 16, 2012

#### **Loma Ridge - Orange County**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday January 30, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor TriPower Group*

### March 15, 2012

#### **San Marcos**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday February 27, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Motorola*

### April 12, 2012

#### **Quiet Cannon - Montebello**

Technical Awards AM

Annual Dispatchers' Banquet PM

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday March 26, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor SIMOCO*

### May 17, 2012

#### **Bakersfield - Petroleum Club**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday April 30, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Communications Enterprises*

### June 21, 2012

#### **Santa Fe Springs - Talley**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday June 4, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Talley Communications*

### July 19th 2012

#### **Knott's Berry Farm - Buena Park**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday July 2, 2011

*Early Bird Sponsor The Sales Group*

### August 9, 2012

#### **TBA**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday July 30, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Axell Communications*

### September 20, 2012

#### **Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Thousand Oaks**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Tuesday September 20, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsors Bassett Sales & Talley Communications*

### October 18, 2012

#### **Quiet Cannon - Montebello**

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday October 1, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsors TriPower Group & Open*

### November 15, 2012

#### **Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday October 29, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Open*

### December 7, 2012

#### **Annual Holiday Banquet & Officer Installation**

**TBA**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday November 19, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsor Open*

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**Chapter Commercial Advisory Update – Jack Daniel.**

*Commercial Membership Introductions:* The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer. Motorola Solutions was thanked for sponsoring our pocket calendars.

**Door Prize Drawing – Jack Daniel.** A drawing was conducted for two door prizes, donated by commercial members Axell (Kevin Persing) and Sales Group (Larry Weber).

**Meeting Presentation – Bryan Wassom.** “Next Generation Radio System Connectivity” was presented by Bryan and colleague John Williams. Microwave radio solutions and the products and services Alcatel-Lucent provides were included in the presentation. Bryan and John were given a nice round of applause for their informative presentation.

**Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

**Notes for the Record.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Espindola  
Secretary



**2012 CPRA Executive Committee**

Left to Right: Tim Trager, Scott Espindola, Don Miller, John Wright, Bill Carpenter, Adrian Spirescu, and Jim Acosta.



***National Telecommunicator's Week Buttons  
for Sale by CPRA Chapter***

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 2 1/4" round pin-backed. They are worn during National Telecommunicators' week (April 8-14, 2012) to show support for our professionals.

To order buttons, send your name, address, and quantity desired to CPRA, P.O. Box 1181, Riverside, California 92502 or fax to CPRA at 213.291.9411). Check, money order or purchase order should be made payable to "CPRA."

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.

***Send order form to:***

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76-100 buttons \$.90 each	31-75 buttons \$4.00
101+ buttons \$.85 each	76+ buttons \$6.50

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## 2012 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

January 4, 2012 - Orange County

April 4, 2012 - American Red Cross, West LA

July 11, 2012 - San Bernardino County

November 7, 2012 - SBRPCA

## *CommLink Reminder*

The CommLink is published on a quarterly basis.

The CommLink will be printed and mailed out in January, 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.



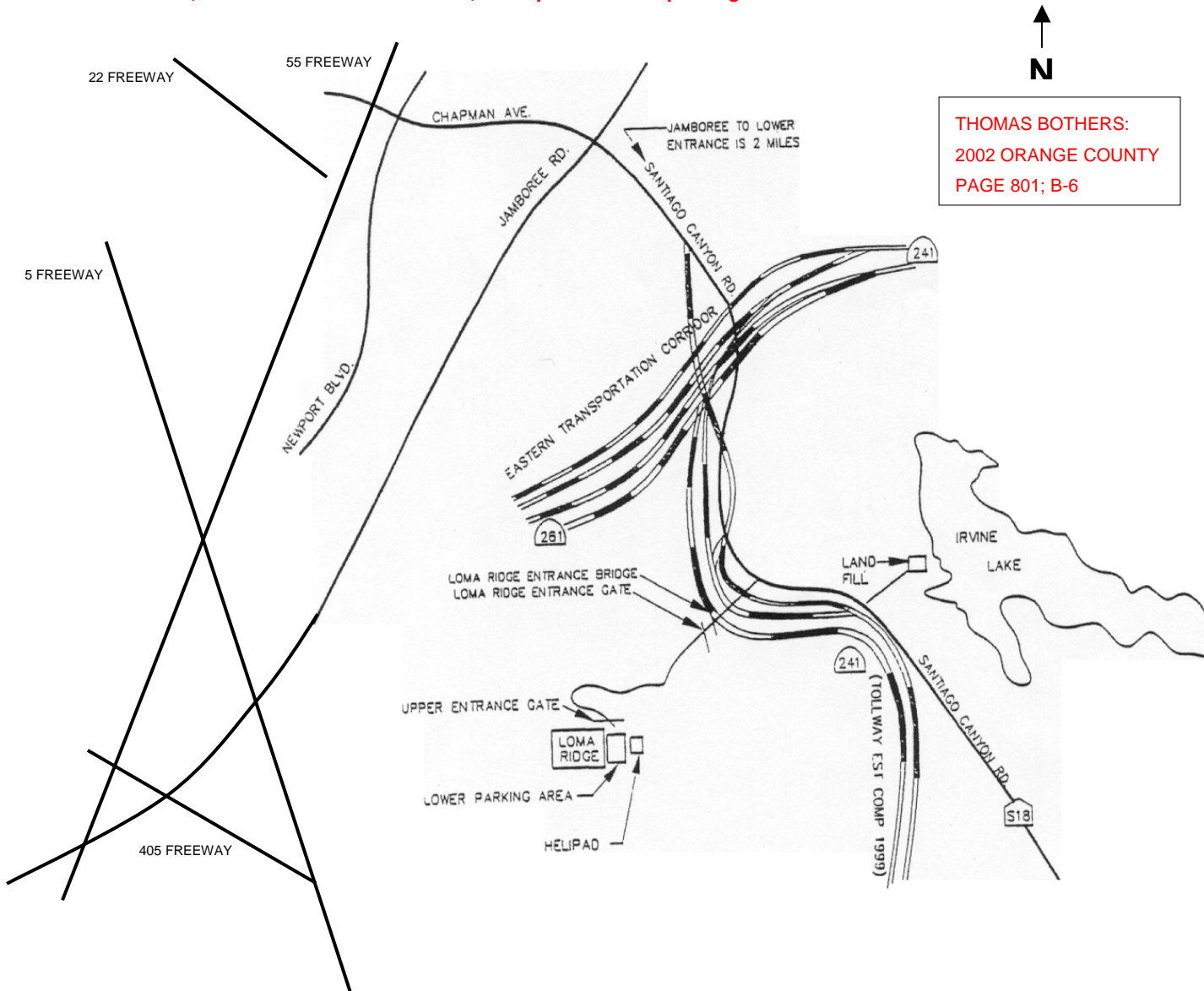
# Map to Loma Ridge Facility

## Emergency Management Bureau

2644 Santiago Canyon Road · Silverado · CA 92676-9719

Office Phone: (714) 628-7055

Going east on Chapman Avenue, as you cross over Jamboree, the street name changes to Santiago Canyon Road. Continue on Santiago Canyon Road crossing over the toll roads, passing all **“on” and “off” ramps** for toll roads. Just as you pass the last signal for the 241 **“off” ramp**, the road narrows and you will see a sign that says “right lane must turn right”, get into that lane. This is the EOC Road Bridge. Turn right going **over** the 241 toll road. At the end of the bridge you will see a sign that says “Private Road No Public Access”. Continue to the left around the mountain to the call box at gate. **The distance from Jamboree to the EOC Road Bridge is approximately 2 miles. All visitors, unless otherwise instructed, must park in lower parking lot.**



### PLEASE NOTE:

The road to Loma Ridge Facility is narrow. Watch for opposing traffic.  
Use caution and control vehicle speed.