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

March 2013 Meeting - Vista

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at the Datron World Communications *Inc.*, 3030 Enterprise Court, Vista, CA. 92081

CPRAs serve 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 the Los Angeles area:

- Take I-5 South towards San Diego
- Take exit 51B for Vista Way/CA-78
- Merge onto CA-78 E
- Take exit 9 for Sycamore Ave
- Turn right onto Sycamore Ave
- Turn left onto La Mirada Dr
- Take the 2nd right onto Commerce Way
- Turn left onto Progress St
- Take the 1st right onto Enterprise Ct

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Meeting Host: John Biljan Datron World Communications, Inc
Early Bird Sponsor: John Biljan Datron World Communications, Inc
Meeting Sponsor: John Biljan Datron World Communications, Inc

Agenda:

0830 - 0945 Executive Committee Meeting
 1000 - 1100 General Meeting
 1100 - 1200 Presentation: Border Security and Drone Presentation
 Scout Arial Surveillance Vehicle Demo
 Presentation by: Bill Brown - Metric Systems
 1200 Lunch

Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
TIM TRAGER

February's meeting under sunny skies in Santa Barbara, or actually Goleta, just a block or two away from the University of California, Santa Barbara provided a great time to get together and learn even a little more about LTE. I want to take a moment and thank our own Andy Seybold for presenting such a great program for our members. Andy spoke in depth about the current status of LTE as a roll out technology, and also covered in detail the interrelationship between First Net, the State of California, commercial carriers, and finally the governmental end user. I also want to convey my appreciation to the Moseley Wireless Company for providing an excellent facility for our day, and also the Applied Technology Group, Scott and Jeff Gillam, for serving as the meeting host and taking care of the delicious lunch arrangements for the group.

CPRA continues to look out for the interests of the Southern California public safety community. Attending our February meeting was Preston Thompson, Frequency Coordinator with NAPCO , or the Northern California APCO Chapter. Preston attended the meeting and offered to team up with Gary Gray to first analyze then respond to the FCC's Comment on Options which is the FCC's formal outreach to seek practitioner input on the T-Band issue. Both CPRA and NAPCO believe that a strong and cohesive voice representing the T-Band situation in both Northern and Southern California will be compelling at the FCC. Part of the D-Block bill that Congress penned last year ended up setting the T-Band on the auction block. This element of the bill really put the FCC in a bind because there are nowhere near enough frequencies in other bands to replace the T-Band. As we keep hearing from experts ranging from the federal Department of Homeland Security officials to industry experts like Andy Seybold, a reliable "one to many" PTT voice solution for LTE remains elusive, thus necessitating an LMR presence well into the future. CPRA is using its voice to make sure Southern California's T-Band dilemma is clearly delineated and well understood in Washington DC. CPRA is also working to paint the picture that LTE and LMR have yet to converge as an integrated voice and data technology suitable to meet the mission critical needs of California's all risk public safety communications environment.

On another front, CPRA is attending a March meeting in Sacramento with Karen Wong, California's Chief Information Officer. This meeting will discuss some proposed 911 program funding changes. These proposed changes, if implemented, will take some valuable local discretion away from the dispatch centers. Once again CPRA will use its voice to illustrate the needs of PSAP funding within the local public safety community.

Public Safety communications in Southern California remain full of challenge and change, often fraught with opportunities and occasionally pitfalls. Navigating amongst those opportunities and pitfalls, public safety communications agencies must successfully position themselves to best utilize personnel and technology, under a cloud of scarce funding, to best serve their public. CPRA's priority is to both explore and then serve as a sounding board for those challenges in Southern California.

I wish everyone the best, and look forward to seeing each of you in Vista for our March 21 CPRA Chapter meeting at the Datron Company.

Sincerely Yours,

Tim Trager

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.

CHAPTER MEETING
February 21, 2013
Moseley Wireless Solutions Group
82 Coromar Drive
Goleta, CA 93117

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Jamal Hamdani, Moseley Wireless Solutions Group
Early Bird Sponsor: Jamal Hamdani, Moseley Wireless Solutions Group
Meeting Sponsor: Scott and Jeff Gillam, Applied Technology Group, Inc.
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the January 2013 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.
Treasurer's Report: Not provided
Program: "FirstNet Update" presented by Andrew Seybold, Andrew Seybold, Inc.
Attendance: 40

AGENDA

Call to Order – Tim Trager. The meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM.
Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles: There was no flag in the room for the Pledge of Allegiance, however, Mike briefly took the time to thank those in the Armed Forces for their contribution to keeping our freedom. Additionally, he spoke to the group of the departed officer from Riverside Police Department and deputy from San Bernardino Sheriff's Department. The group observed a moment of silence in memoriam.
Welcoming Remarks – Tim Trager: Tim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the February CPRA Meeting, and coming out in what was thought would be a day of bad weather. Tim thanked Moseley Wireless President, Jamal Hamdani, for being our Early Bird Sponsor. He thanked Scott and Jeff Gillam from Applied Technology for being our Meeting Sponsor.
Tribute to Jack Keating – Jim Acosta: Jim spoke of his relationship with Jack, from the time they met in 1988. His tribute was uplifting and moving as he remembered Jack as a person, as well as his contributions to CPRA and APCO. The group also observed a moment of silence for Jack.
Self Introductions: Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

Commercial Members Introductions – Larry Weber. The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer.

Extended Introduction – Jamal Hamdani, Moseley Wireless: Jamal spoke to the group, not about Moseley Wireless, but about personal responsibility to develop and use technology in a way to take care of those in the world who are less fortunate. Jeff Gillam from Applied Technology Group briefly spoke to the group, welcoming them and thanking them for their attendance.

Chapter Officer Reports.

Future Meetings Report – Richard Granado: Richard covered upcoming Chapter meetings, sponsors, and programs. He advised the group we have program and location vacancies for upcoming meetings and welcomed any ideas or suggestions.

Membership Report – Tim Trager.

Membership Numbers: Current membership shows a total of 468 Active members, including 75 Commercial members. Tim advised we have eight new Active, Associate, and Commercial members. He also mentioned the new full members will receive the requisite complimentary lunch. They included:

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Active:

- Dale Digiambattista, Riverside County Sheriff's Department – Communications Supervisor
- Gloria House, Visalia Police Department – Communications Supervisor
- Teresa Maurizi, Santa Monica Fire Department
- Janine Pruet, Santa Monica Fire Department

Commercial:

- Kenny Logan, FSI Energy Services – Regional Sales

APCO International Report.

Executive Council Delegate Report – Jim Acosta: Information given by Jim included the dedication of the Virginia Office, on January 24th, named after Gregory T. Riddle in honor of a lifetime of distinguished service. Colleagues Terry Hall, Gigi Smith, and John Wright voted to bestow this honor on Gregg. On January 30th, the Executive Committee conducted a site visit of the host hotel and Anaheim Convention Center in preparation for the 2013 APCO International Conference & Expo. Total Membership climbed from over 11,000 to over 16,000 in the past month. This is attributed to agencies signing-up for group memberships. April 1st is the deadline for nominations for the Public Safety Communications Awards, and to volunteer for committees for the next fiscal year. The Emerging Technology Forum was held on January 30-31, 2013. 301 were in attendance. The Chapter Leaders Teleconferences are February 26th and February 28th. The tentative agenda includes the APCO Awards Program, the APCO Scholarship Program, and Chapter Rosters. From January 1 - March 31, 2013, APCO Institute is accepting applications for CAC/Silent Key Scholarships. One must be a member to apply.

Regulatory Update.

FCC and T-Band Information – Gary Gray: Gary addressed the group regarding T-Band frequencies. He covered news on specific channels. Gary invited Preston Thompson to the microphone to advise the group he has copies of the FCC rulings. It will be discussed further at the Frequency Coordination Meeting. Dave Buchanan spoke of the comprehensive report NPSTK has put together regarding changing T-Band to some other spectrum, as well as the cost involved to do so. He also reminded the group this is not the FCC's doing, they are following the laws handed down by Congress. Dave also fielded a couple of questions from members.

Region 5 700 and 800 MHz Update – Dave Buchanan/Jim Donovan: Dave advised we are still expecting the FCC to come out with a 700 MHz Cleanup Docket. We're also still expecting a 4.9 Docket. Jim Donovan advised any 800 MHz information will be talked about at the Frequency Coordination Meeting.

Program Presentation – Andrew Seybold. Tim introduced Andy Seybold by advising the group of his professional background, as well as his involvement with APCO. Andy's presentation covered the Public Safety Broadband Network. He gave in-depth information and extensively covered the role the government plays in the LTE Network, and the effects that role plays on every public safety agency. After he finished his presentation, he took questions from those in attendance.

Meeting Adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM.

Notes for the Record.

Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC). Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Espindola
Secretary



2013 National Telecommunicator Week Buttons
Now available on the CPRA website

www.cpra.org

CPRA Meeting Fees

Monthly Meeting Attendees

Beginning with the April 2013 meeting, the \$20 attendee fee shall apply to all monthly meetings, including the October "Table Top". The fee shall apply to all attendees participating in the General Meeting, General program, or lunch. There is no fee for attending Frequency Coordination or Tech Talk sessions only.

Policy Background

The CPRA Executive Board recently voted unanimously to begin collecting a \$20 meeting fee from all in attendance at each of the monthly chapter meetings, beginning in April 2013. In the past, attendees could opt out of lunch, and thus not be charged the meeting fee. As everyone knows, the cost of doing business has gone up, and CPRA sees those increased costs as higher facility and food expenses at our meeting locations. Insuring that all attendees pay the \$20 dollar fee offsets those cost increases. Members or guests arriving after lunch for the Frequency Coordination or Tech Talk workshops are exempt from meeting fees. Also, our annual vendor Table Top Luncheon will have no meeting fee collected, as CPRA provides both the luncheon and facility as a courtesy to everybody in attendance.

As a separate initiative, CPRA developed a policy item wherein Commercial Members are given the opportunity to sponsor meetings. Sponsorship opportunities range from facilitating our Early Bird Refreshment table, to the highest level of sponsorship which provides the opportunity for the Commercial Member to specifically showcase a product or service directly to CPRA members during the monthly meeting. The link below provides details on these opportunities.

The intent of CPRA's monthly chapter meetings is to provide value to the membership through a mix of educational and informative monthly chapter meetings while offering the opportunity for Regular and Commercial members to improve their knowledge base, exchange ideas, and develop partnerships. The Meeting Fee and Sponsorship initiatives further CPRA's ability to deliver value across the membership.

Fair Market Value Information

Unless advertised otherwise, the \$20 meeting fee shall cover the cost of all food, beverages, materials and services provided to meeting attendees. When applicable, the fair market value of any food, beverage, etc provided to an attendee by a commercial company shall be advertised in advance or provided upon request.

Goods or services donated by a commercial company to CPRA (a 501c not-for-profit) and subsequently distributed by CPRA to its paid meeting attendees shall generally not be considered reportable benefits. Attendees are ultimately responsible for determining whether they can accept or must reimburse the benefit per their employer's policy and any applicable laws.

25th Annual Telecommunicators' Awards Banquet

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Knotts Berry Farm Hotel & Resort

Keynote Speaker Gordon Graham

32-year veteran of the California Law Enforcement

Registration information and form now

Available on the CPRA website

www.cpra.org

2013 Meeting Dates

January 17, 2013

Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday January 2, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *MCM Technology, LLC*

Dispatchers' Round Table

February 21, 2013

Santa Barbara

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday February 4, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Moseley Wireless Solutions Group*

Meeting Sponsor *Applied Technology Group*

March 21, 2013

Vista

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday March 4, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Datron World Communications*

Meeting Sponsor *Datron World Communications*

April 18, 2013

Buena Park - Knott's Berry Farm Resort

Technical Awards AM

Annual Dispatchers' Banquet PM

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday April 2, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Simoco Americas*

May 16, 2013

TBA

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday April 29, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Open*

June 20, 2013

Arcadia - LA County Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday June 3, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *The Sales Group*

July 18th 2013

Santa Fe Springs - Talley Communications

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday July 2, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Talley Communications*

August , 2013

TBA

Anaheim

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday August 5, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Open*

September 19, 2013

Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Thousand Oaks

CommLink Cutoff Date

Tuesday September 3, 2013

Early Bird Sponsors *Open*

October 17, 2013

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday September, 2013

Early Bird Sponsors *Open*

November 21, 2013

Hughes Center - Claremont

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday September 4, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Open*

December 6, 2013

Annual Holiday Banquet & Officer Installation

TBA

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday November 25, 2013

Meeting Sponsor *Open*

2013 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

January 9, 2013 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

March 27, 2013 - Montclair P. D.

July 10, 2013 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

November 13, 2013 - Montclair P. D.



APCO 2013
August 18-21
Anaheim, CA

Registration for APCO 2013

Gain access to valuable educational programming, networking and exhibits.

Online Registration

Printable Form

What is Included in Your Registration

Volunteer >

Attendee Service Center

Volunteer

Volunteering for APCO 2013 is a great way to give back, be involved and meet other individuals in the public safety sector. There are guidelines to volunteering, so please be aware of the following before you decide if you will volunteer:

- Volunteers will receive a day pass for each four hours of service.
- Service **MUST** be a minimum of four hours each day you volunteer.
- Volunteers will receive a "Volunteer Shirt".
- Certain meals will be provided for the volunteers, consisting of breakfast and lunch on the day of service.
- There will be **NO REFUNDS** on already purchased registrations and **NO TRANSFERS!**
- All day passes issued must be used



Stay tuned for special registration rates!

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APCO 2013
 August 18-21
 Anaheim, CA

Volunteer Interest Application

<u>VOLUNTEER Information</u>		APCO Member # _____ <small>(Membership is not required)</small>
Name: _____		
Phone: _____	Onsite Cell: _____	
E-Mail Address: _____		
VOLUNTEER SHIRT	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	SHIRT SIZE (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, Etc.) _____
Agency/Company: _____		
Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Fax: _____	

DATES & TIMES AVAILABLE - Minimum of 4 Hrs. on the DAY(s) you choose

DATE	Hours Available	Approximate Times Available
Saturday, August 17		to
Sunday, August 18		to
Monday, August 19		to
Tuesday, August 20		to
Wednesday, August 21		to

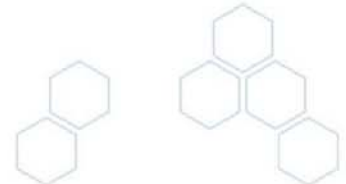
We cannot guarantee times or assignments but we will make every effort to accommodate varying schedules and assignment preferences based on staffing needs.

Please Submit Your Completed Form To:

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