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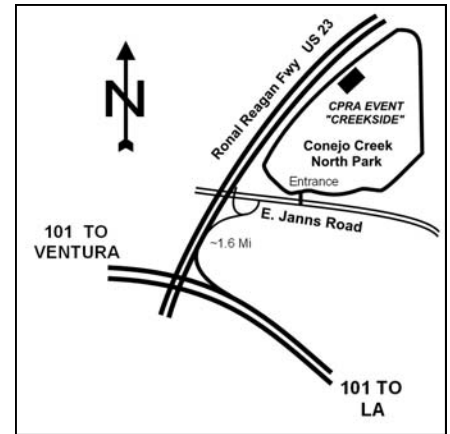
## September 2013 - Annual "No Ties Meeting"

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at the  
Conejo Creek Park, 1379 Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks  
Ventura Thomas Brothers Page 526-H6

**C**PRAs 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 101 Freeway

- ◆ Exit 101 Freeway on CA-23 north.
- ◆ Travel north 1.9 miles to Janss Rd.
- ◆ Take Janss Rd. exit.
- ◆ Turn right at the signal and go 1 block.
- ◆ Turn left onto Library/Park North.
- ◆ Drive around the park to Creekside, approximately 3/4 mile.



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<b>Meeting Host:</b>	Charles Taylor	Ventura County (Retired)
<b>Early Bird Sponsors:</b>	Larry Feige	Talley Inc.
	Craig Bassett	Bassett Sales

### Agenda:

- 0830 - 1000 Executive Board Meeting
- 1000 - 1100 General Meeting
- 1100 - 1200 Program
- 1200 - Lunch

### Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

## PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

As CPRA winds down the summer, just off the heels of the extremely successful APCO 2013 Conference in Anaheim, I want to thank all of the CPRA membership who came together and made themselves a part of the conference. While many volunteered and gave back to both APCO and CPRA through this event, there were a number of our members that went above and beyond to help make the conference such an outstanding success. Ken Mann and Don Miller served as the Conference Co-Chairs and were supported extensively by Adriana Spirescu, Robert Stoffel, Joe Parrino, and Ernest Gallo who worked to bring so much of the conference logistics together. This group worked very diligently over the last six months and made sure that CPRA successfully put its best foot forward to insure the conference was well organized, staffed, and coordinated. I heard from numerous attendees that 2013 was one of the best conferences ever, which stands as a testament to the hard and high quality work of everyone that came together to make our week in Anaheim special!

In early August, I had the pleasure of being invited by Randy Hagar, NAPCO's President, to be a special guest at NAPCO's August meeting on the USS Hornet museum ship in Alameda Bay. NAPCO filled the ship's "Wardroom" with their members and guests for a very informative presentation on the BayRICS project. BayRICS, similar to Southern California's LARICS, is the greater San Francisco area's initiative to provide interoperable public safety voice and data (LTE) communications in Northern California. While in Northern California, I was able to meet in Sacramento with Karen Wong, the Director of the State of California Public Safety Communications Office. Karen Wong has a passion for, and has organized her resources to improve and maximize 911 capabilities and operations in California. Her office is making Next Gen 911 and communications technology convergence a welcomed priority in California. Karen's office also recognizes the value of organizations like CPRA and NAPCO as proponents of emergency communications personnel and communications systems in California. Karen welcomes and values ongoing dialog with APCO's two California Chapters.

Please enjoy the wind down of Summer 2013. While it is harder than ever to get away these days, make sure you take one last summer's day and enjoy a quick trip to the mountains, the beach, or some other favorite destination along with a special friend or family member. That would be a great way to capstone the Summer of 2013!

Looking forward to seeing you at CPRA's September 2013 Chapter Meeting in Thousand Oaks on September 19. Our Sergeant at Arms will have scissors, so dress accordingly!

Sincerely,

Tim Trager  
CPRA President

# 2014 CPRA Officer Slate

President - Richard Granado

President-Elect - Don Miller

Vice-President - Ken Mann

Secretary - Scott Espindola

Treasurer - Joe Parrino

Sgt.-at-Arms - Jeff Loveland

Executive Council - Jim Acosta

## 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.

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## 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

#### **Downey—Raytheon**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday April 29, 2013

*Early Bird Sponsor*     *Panorama Antennas*

*Meeting Sponsor*     *Raytheon*

*Meeting Sponsor*     *Dailey-Wells*

### 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

#### **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*     *Bassett Sales*

*Talley Communications*

### 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.

# ATTENTION!!!

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHAPTER OFFICER? CHAPTER ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 17, 2013

If you are interested in becoming an officer of our Chapter, or know someone you would like to nominate, please contact: Adraina Spirecu (714) 628-7150 or send an email to: [adriana.spirecu@comm.ocgov.com](mailto:adriana.spirecu@comm.ocgov.com)

The Executive Committee requires a letter of support from each prospective candidate's agency to become eligible for the ballot. Listed below are the offices that will appear on this year's ballot, and their respective commitments.

**President-Elect:** Requires a two year commitment to progress through the chairs from President-Elect, President, followed by three years of involvement.

**Vice-President:** Requires a three year commitment to progress through the chairs from Vice-President, President-Elect, President, followed by three years of involvement.

**Secretary:** Requires two years commitment.

**Treasurer:** Requires two years commitment.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Requires a one year commitment.

**Executive Council Delegate:** Requires two years commitment.

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