



# COMMILINK

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

## December 2013 Meeting - Officer Installation

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday December 19, 2013 at  
The Proud Bird, 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles, CA  
Thomas Brothers 702-J6 310-670-3093

**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:**  
**Westbound I-105 Freeway:**

- ◆ Travel past I-405 Freeway 0.3 mi
- ◆ Exit 2A toward La Cienega Blvd/Aviation Blvd
- ◆ Turn left onto Imperial Hwy - 0.2 mi
- ◆ Turn right onto Aviation Blvd - 0.2 mi
- ◆ The Proud Bird is on the right

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**Meeting Host:** CPRA

**Agenda:**

- 0900 - 1000 Executive Board Meeting
- 1000 - 1200 General Meeting
- Presentation:** Year in Review
- Presenter:** Tim Trager
- Presentation:** History of CPRA
- Presenter:** Charles Taylor
- Chapter Awards
- Officer Installation
- 1200 - 1300 Lunch

## Frequency Coordination Following Lunch

**CHAPTER MEETING**  
**November 21, 2013**  
**Alexander Hughes Community Center**  
**1700 Danbury Rd**  
**Claremont, CA 91711**

**SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** Tim Trager and Mike Rowles, County of San Bernardino  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Larry Weber, The Sales Group  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the October 2013 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** Tour of March ARB Mobile Emergency Ops Center (MEOC) and "Predator Mission – Wildfire Support" presented by 163<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Wing (RW), March Air Reserve Base  
**Attendance:** 62

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order – Tim Trager.** The meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM.

*Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles:*

*Welcoming Remarks – Tim Trager:* Tim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the November CPRA Meeting. Tim thanked The Sales Group for being our Early Bird Sponsor. He thanked Mike Rowles for setting-up the meeting. Tim welcomed the 163<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Wing from March ARB. Tim thanked the TA for our post lunch presentation. He also thanked Scott Espindola for facilitating the Dispatcher's Round Table in Downey a week ago today. Tim advised the group our Officer Installation Luncheon is at the Proud Bird at LAX on December 19. We will be having the installation, as well as a presentation on The History of CPRA. He stated members from our Northern California Chapter may be able to attend as well.

*APCO 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – John Wright.* John thanked the Chapter for welcoming him to today's meeting, and for their past support. John spoke of recent activities involving the Executive Committee. He outlined some of his recent activities, including his trip to Detroit, working alongside Tim Trager and Dave Buchanan. He also briefly outlined meetings taken by President Gigi Smith, as well as Past President Terry Hall's trip to Melbourne. He spoke of emerging technologies and APCO's interest and influence at the national level. He thanked the people in the room for their contribution to public safety.

*Self Introductions:* Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

**Commercial Members Introductions – Ron Lyons.** The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer.

**Chapter Officer Reports.**

*Future Meetings Report – Richard Granado:* Richard covered upcoming Chapter meetings. Tim added attendees need to pre-register for the December 19 Officer Installation Luncheon. People can register today by seeing Jim Acosta or Joe Parrino.

*Membership Report – Don Miller.*

*Membership Numbers:* Don advised we have 23 new members. Current membership shows a total of 596 Chapter members, including 294 Full, 106 Commercial, 104 On-Line, and 92 Associate members. He also mentioned the new full members will receive the requisite complimentary meeting registration. They included:

*Active:*

-John Demarest, Visalia Police Department – Communications Supervisor  
 -Penny Phipps, Visalia Police Department - Captain

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-Trevor Knight, Anaheim Police Department  
 -Sandra Hall, Brea 911 Communications – Communications Supervisor  
 -Cynthia McEvilly, Brea 911 Communications – Senior Dispatcher  
 -Tina Meyer, Brea 911 Communications – Senior Dispatcher

## PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

On the occasion of my last President's Podium, I would like to take the opportunity to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all of the CPRA membership for their support of the Chapter throughout 2013. I have enjoyed serving as your President this past year, and will always reflect on this time as a highlight in my professional life. 2013 was a momentous year for CPRA, and it was my privilege and pleasure to have had the opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee throughout the year.

Reflecting back on the on the chapter's accomplishments during 2013, an obvious highlight is CPRA's participation in the APCO 2013 National Conference that was held in Anaheim in late August. I am thankful for the many chapter members that gave so much of their time and effort to make sure all of the attendees were able to enjoy the conference and their time in Southern California.

I also would like to express my sincere gratitude to our commercial members for their support of CPRA during 2013. Time and time again, our commercial members lend their support to chapter functions. Their support translates into enriched chapter activities, which benefits everyone.

Looking forward, our December officer Installation Luncheon at the Proud Bird at LAX is just around the corner on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We have a nice presentation planned for the morning, followed up by the 2014 Officer Installation ceremony, a served lunch, and the Frequency Coordination Business meeting after lunch. Please consider registering for and attending CPRA's final event for 2013.

Lastly, I would like to welcome CPRA's 2014 Leadership Team into their new roles of chapter service, and also offer my support for their initiatives as they lead CPRA over the next year.

Please enjoy the Holiday Season, Merry Christmas, and my best wishes for a great New Year and 2014!

Sincerely,  
Tim Trager

### CommLink Reminder

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January, April, July and October.

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*Commercial:*

-Brian Banks, Russ Bassett – Sales Executive  
-Peter Fink, Russ Bassett – President  
-Matt Gawin, Russ Bassett – Sales Executive  
-Shannon Piwinski, Russ Bassett – Design Sales Executive

*Treasurer's Report – Joe Parrino.*

*Monthly Financial Report:* Joe provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He stated the total income for the month was \$3,980.44 and the total expenditures were \$11,851.37. Income was noted as meeting registrations and sponsorship. He outlined specific dollar amounts regarding income and expenditures, all of which can be made available upon member request.

**C&B – Gary Gray.** Copies of the changes to the C&B were passed out. Gary expressed most of the changes are “housekeeping” items. On pages 2 and 3 are a proposal to have the Secretary Chair the Resolutions and Bylaws Committee. Because this is the second reading, Gary moved for adoption. Mike Rowles seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried.

**APCO International Report.**

*Executive Council Delegate Report – Jim Acosta:* Jim echoed John Wright’s update regarding the various members of the Executive Committee attending other Chapter’s fall conferences to include the Indiana, Utah, Atlantic, Oklahoma, and Virginia Chapters. The Executive Committee hosted a teleconference on October 31, with the full Board of directors, to touch base and catch-up with each other on happenings since their September meeting. Total membership, as of November 1, 2013, is 20,060, versus 16,171 the same time last year. He gave thanks to New York City for their contribution to that increase. The Member & Chapter Services Committee (MCSC) will host Chapter Leaders teleconferences on February 5 and 6, 2014. The Events staff visited the Denver site, in preparation for the APCO International Conference & Expo, to be held August 13-16, 2017. The call for speakers is open until December 31 for the August 2014 Conference in New Orleans. Visit the APCO website for the latest information.

**Regulatory Update.**

*FCC and T-Band Information – Ray Grimes:* Ray gave a quick update regarding T-Banding.

*Region 5 700 and 800 MHz Update – Dave Buchanan:* Dave spoke of FCC updates and information. He also spoke briefly of his trip to Detroit with Tim Trager and John Wright. He asked for volunteers to be a part of a committee to quantify the recommendations made to the FCC, whether a commercial member or a member of a public safety agency.

**Program Presentation – Tim Trager.** Tim asked Mike Rowles to come to the front and introduce the speakers, 163<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Wing (RW), March Air Reserve Base, for our program. Mike gave the groups the names and ranks of all the participants. He also spoke of the recent Radio Rodeo held in October. This event is held each year, giving participating agencies a chance to test interoperability between these agencies. The event was held at Ben Clark Training Center in Riverside, formerly part of March Air Force Base. Senior Master Sergeant John Clayton, with the assistance of Technical Sergeant Brad Spanbauer, presented a power point presentation regarding the Predator. All the Predators at March ARB are unarmed, versus those now armed and used in the war overseas. He also touched on how their mission coincides with their need for radio frequencies to communicate. SMSgt Clayton followed his first presentation with a second, showing the group how they assisted with the Rim Fire, using the Predator. After, Chief Master Sergeant Jerry Rogers presented a short video detailing March ARB’s assistance with the Rim Fire. After the presentation, small groups were asked to join the presenters outside to take a tour of the March ARB Mobile Emergency Ops Center (MEOC). Tim presented our program guests with challenge coins.

**Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

**Notes for the Record.**

*Special Meeting – 800 MHz Transition Administrator (TA).*

*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 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 19, 2013

#### **Annual Holiday Luncheon & Officer Installation**

#### **The Proud Bird**

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.



Season's Greetings

CPRA  
(California Public-Safety Radio Association)  
Southern CA APCO Chapter  
2013

*Season's Greetings from the 2012 CPRA Leadership*

- |                  |              |               |                 |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Adriana Spirescu | Tim Trager   | Jeff Loveland | Scott Espindola |
| John Wright      | Don Miller   | Jim Acosta    | Richard Granado |
| Ron Lyons        | Gary Gray    | Mike Rowles   | Ken Mann        |
| Gary Poon        | Ken Shearen  | PatDaniel     | Joe Parrino     |
| Ernest Gallo     | Chuck Taylor |               |                 |

## 2014 CPRA Executive Board

President - Richard Granado

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Director - Ken Shearen

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