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

December 2014 Officer Installation Dinner

This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday December 3, 2014
at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Rd., Downey,
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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.

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Meeting Host: Richard Granado Los Angeles County ISD Retired

Agenda:

1600 - 1700 Frequency Coordination - Rio Hondo Executive Conference Room
 1800 - 1900 Social Hour
 1900 - 2200 Dinner
 Officer Installation
 Entertainment by:

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
RICHARD GRANADO

Our November Chapter meeting was held in the excellent meeting room facilities of the Ontario PD. We had a strong turn out with a variety of technical, dispatcher, and commercial members in attendance. I want to thank The Sales Group for providing the "Early Bird" refreshment for the morning. Mike Rowles served as the host. Thanks go to him for arranging for the facility and the program.

The presentation "Interference within Public Safety" by Howard Fine was very interesting. Howard noted that many agencies cause their own interference problems. He explained that a lot of the small agencies don't have the technical staff like the large cities and counties to maintain or modify their systems properly. Many will fail to get consultants that are familiar with their respective geographic areas and end up having not only coverage problems but also creating interference with co-channel users.

Howard also brought up that many agencies are not updating their tower Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) numbers with the correct latitude and longitude coordinates. The result could be difficulty in modifying and maintaining their radio/microwave licenses. He suggested a quick way to check was by using a web site www.fccinfo.com. (Scroll down to the ASR line item.) This site has a link to Google Earth. It makes it pretty easy for an agency to verify that tower locations are correct.

Lastly Howard invited all of us to the Southern California Frequency Coordination Committee (SCFCC) annual BBQ scheduled for March 2015. He noted that this event is normally held up at Mt. Wilson but due to some construction issues will be held in the L.A. area with details to be announced. We will be posting that information on our web site as soon as we receive it.

In closing I would like to thank all of the Executive Committee members in our Chapter for supporting me this last year. I also want to especially thank all the Commercial Members for supporting our Chapter during these difficult economics times.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday evening December 3rd. This will be our Officer Installation Dinner. It will be held at the Rio Hondo Golf Course Conference Center located at 10627 Old River School Road, Downey, CA, 90241. The Social Hour starts at 6:00 p.m. with Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

I'm looking forward to seeing everybody at the Officer Installation. Always check our web site www.cpra.org for updates and please feel free to contact me at President@CPRA.org if you have any questions or thoughts.

Don't forget, Frequency Coordination will be at 4:00 P.M. same location.

CHAPTER MEETING
November 20, 2014
Ontario Police Department
2500 S Archibald Ave
Ontario, CA 91761

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Mike Rowles, San Bernardino County
Early Bird Sponsor: The Sales Group
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the October 2014 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "Interference Within Public Safety Communications" presented by Howard Fine, Frequency Coordinator, Southern California Frequency Coordinating Committee, Society of Broadcast Engineers Chapter 47 and VP Pacific Television Center (PacTV)
Attendance: 46

AGENDA

Welcome-Opening Comments – Dick Granado. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles.

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 – Don Miller: Dick advised the group the upcoming Officer Installation Meeting will be on December 3. The cocktail hour starts at 6:00 P.M., with dinner at 7:00 P.M. He invited and encouraged everyone to attend. He mentioned Treasurer, Joe Parrino, is available today to receive payments for the December dinner. The Installation Dinner will be at Rio Hondo Golf Course. Don covered upcoming Chapter meetings, sponsors, programs, and meetings still in need of a program. He advised all meeting information can be found on the CPRA website and encouraged everyone to visit the website for all CPRA related information. Don advised the group the March 2015 Chapter Meeting will be moved up a week to March 12, due to a conflict with IWCE the following week in March.

Executive Council-APCO Update – Jim Acosta: The Executive Committee has been busy going to Fall conferences. President John Wright and Western Regional Representative Kimberly Burdick attended the Colorado Chapter Conference on October 9. 1st VP Brent Lee and Gulf Coast Representative Matthew Stillwell attended the Oklahoma Chapter conference on October 14. Executive Committee members also attended other Chapter Conferences like Atlantic and Virginia, which Jim did not go into detail outlining. APCO and NENA have come together to address location accuracy issues for Wireless 9-1-1 callers, hoping to narrow down accuracy from 60 feet to 9 feet inside a building. APCO has provided all EMD customers an Ebola Guidance Sheet and Guidecard. Training at the FDNY-Fire Dispatcher Operations has concluded,

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2014 Meeting Dates

January 16, 2014

Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday December 30, 2014

Early Bird Sponsor - The Sales Group

February 20, 2014

Duarte - Old Spaghetti Factory

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday February 3, 2014

Early Bird Sponsor - Survey Technologies Inc

March 20, 2014

Loma Ridge

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday March 3, 2014

Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Times Microwave

April 17, 2014

Buena Park - Knott's Berry Farm Resort

Technical Awards AM
Annual Dispatchers' Banquet PM
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday March 31, 2014

Early Bird Sponsor - Axell Wireless

May 7-9, 2014 - 2014 WRC

Wigwam Resort - Litchfield Park, AZ

May 15, 2014

Irvine - Double Tree Irvine Spectrum

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday April 28, 2014

Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Aeroflex

June 19, 2014

Goleta - Moseley Wireless Solutions

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday June 2, 2014

Early Bird Sponsor - Applied Technology Group
Meeting Sponsor - Moseley Wireless Solutions

July 17th 2014

Orange County Sheriff's Academy

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday June 30, 2014

Early Bird Sponsor - Chair-Pros

August 3-6, 2014 - APCO Intl Conference

New Orleans

August 21, 2014

San Marcos - Old Spaghetti Factory

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday August 11, 2014

Early Bird Sponsor - Zetron

September 18, 2014

Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Thousand Oaks

CommLink Cutoff Date
Tuesday September 2, 2014

Early Bird Sponsors - Bassett Sales & Talley
Communications

October 23, 2014

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday September 29, 2014

Early Bird Sponsor - Dailey-Wells
Meeting Sponsor - Harris

November 20, 2014

Ontario Police Dept.

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday November 3, 2014

Early Bird Sponsor - The Sales Group

December 3, 2014

Annual Holiday Officer Installation - Downey

Rio Hondo Event Center

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday November 24, 2014

Early Bird Sponsor

2014 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

January 8, 2014 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

April 9, 2014 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

July 9, 2014 - Redondo Beach Yacht Club

November 12, 2014 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

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however, they have requested additional training. Membership, as of October 1, 2014 is at 21,953, versus 20,056, the same date last year. The Emerging Technology Forum took place on November 4-5 in San Francisco. They had approximately 200 attendees, which was a good turnout. The 2015 Broadband Summit will be held on May 4-5, 2015 in Washington DC, for anyone interested in attending. Jim will be in Washing DC later this month for the first site visit for the 2015 APCO International Conference & Expo, as part of his committee duties. The schedule-at-a-glance has been finalized and posted on the APCO 2015 website. The Call for Speakers opened on October 1, with a deadline for submissions on December 31. APCO announced future cities for the APCO International Conference & Expo are Denver, CO on August 13-16, 2017 and Las Vegas, NV on August 5-8, 2018.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Parrino.

Monthly Financial Report: Joe provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He outlined specific dollar amounts regarding income and expenditures, all of which can be made available upon member request.

Regulatory Update.

FCC Issues – Dave Buchanan: Dave advised the group about various FCC related information. APCO and NENA have teamed with the FCC, as well as other related entities, to draft a proposal for the above mentioned Wireless 9-1-1 caller accuracy issue. Dave spoke at length about other FCC influenced decisions and information on many different levels. He fielded questions from attendees and mentioned further discussion on 700 Narrowband would occur at today's Frequency Coordination.

Program Presentation – Howard Fine. Mike Rowles gave a brief biography of Howard Fine's history with the broadcast industry and his distinguished qualifications. Howard's presentation covered Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) numbers and the fact that many tower registrations have inaccurate latitude and longitude coordinates. He indicated he has (as a part of the frequency coordination process) identified towers that were showing their locations in the middle of a freeway, in the ocean, etc. Howard emphasized the importance of updating tower records as necessary. He suggested that agencies can check their tower locations using the web site www.fccinfo.com. (Scroll down the page to ASRs and key in the ASR number to see the ASR detail and have the option to link to a Google Earth map.) Howard then turned to the topic of public address systems that cause interference with public safety radios. He noted that this is primarily caused by out of date PA equipment that is operating in a part of the spectrum no longer authorized for PA systems. Howard reviewed a case that he worked on involving the Stapleton Center in Los Angeles. Howard then opened the floor for questions. There was informative discussion about the 700 MHz spectrum, actions of the FCC, and other items of interest in the frequency and regulatory environments. Finally Howard noted that the Annual "Christmas Party" for the Southern California Frequency Coordinating Committee (SCFCC) would be held in March 2015 as is normally done. The upcoming event will be in Los Angeles, details to be provided. Howard extended an invitation to everyone in attendance to join in the fun.

Meeting Adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 A.M.

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

2015 CPRA Executive Board

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