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California Public-Safety Radio Association

## January 2014 Meeting - Downey

This month's meeting will be held on January 16, 2014 at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Rd., Downey, (562) 806-2050 Thomas Brothers Page 705-J6

**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.

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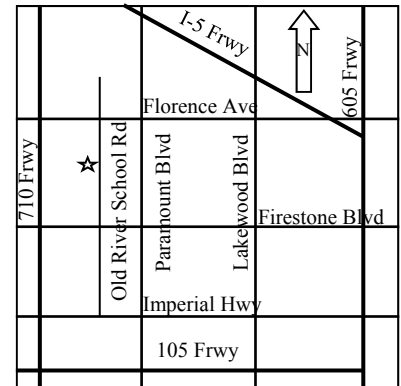
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**Meeting Host:** Jim Acosta Downey Fire Communications

**Early bird Sponsor:**

**Agenda:**

0830 - 0945	Executive Committee Meeting
1000 - 1100	General Meeting
1100 - 1200	Presentation: Deep Space Communications
1200	Presentation By: Dr. Henry Richter
1201	Lunch

## Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

**PRESIDENT'S PODIUM**  
**RICHARD GRANADO**

**H**appy New Year to all our members and their families. I want to thank all of the membership for their continue support to one of the best Chapters in the APCO family. I also want to thank Tim Trager for his outstanding leadership as our past President. I am looking forward to Tim applying his wealth of knowledge in his new position as Director in our Chapter.

At our December Meeting we had Lt. Sossikian from the Los Angeles Airports welcome everyone to the Proud Bird. He also gave us overview of their responsibility at the LA Airport and their inter action with surrounding Public Safety Agencies.

Battalion Chief Kevin Nida provided a summary of a tragic call that took place at the Proud Bird on December 4, 1984, which resulted in death of a young Los Angeles City Firefighter Benjamin Pinel. The lost of Firefighter Benjamin Pinel reminds us all of the dangerous job they have.

Tim presented awards to a number of members; Mike Rowles was presented with the APCO Senior Membership status. The President's Award was presented to Terry Nelson for being the Dispatcher Banquet Chair, Ken Mann for the 2013 APCO Conference & Expo Chair, Don Miller for Co-Chair and Adriana Spirescu for being the Volunteer Chair at the Conference.

Following the Award Presentation Tim provided us with a sideshow of pictures of the past year and Chuck Taylor provided a summary of the CPRA history.

Installation of Officers the Chapter was very privileged to have present APCO 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President John Wright who with the assistance of Gary Gray administered the oath of office to the 2014 CPRA Executive Committee Officers. The following were installed President Richard Granado, President Elect Don Miller, Vice President Ken Mann, Executive Council Delegate Jim Acosta, Secretary Scott Espindola, Treasurer Joe Parrino, and Sergeant-at-Arms Jeff Loveland.

January meeting will be held at the Downey's Rio Hondo Golf Course on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The program will be on Deep Space Communication presented by Dr. Henry Richter.

I am looking forward in seeing everybody at our meeting, always check our web site [www.cpra.org](http://www.cpra.org) for updates and please feel free to contact me at [President@CPRA.org](mailto:President@CPRA.org) if you have any questions or thoughts.

Finally, a big thanks to all our vendors who provide our Chapter with continued support.

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The rest of the months you will receive a half page postcard  
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**CHAPTER MEETING  
December 19, 2013  
Proud Bird (LAX)  
11022 Aviation Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90045**

**SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** CPRA Chapter  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the November 2013 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "Year-in-Review" presented by Tim Trager;  
 "History of CPRA" presented by Charles Taylor;  
 Banquet & Officer Installation  
**Attendance:** 43

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order – Tim Trager.** The meeting was called to order at 10:14 A.M.

*Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles:*

*Welcoming Remarks – Tim Trager:* Tim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the December meeting. He acknowledged those in the room who have served our country in the military and thanked them for their service. Tim spoke of his tenure as President in 2013. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the Chapter. He also mentioned CPRA is quickly approaching its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He thanked all those who have been actively involved in the Chapter. Tim introduced officers from the Los Angeles Airport PD, Lieutenant Masis Sossikian and Officer Michael Manahan. Lt Sossikian welcomed everyone to the Proud Bird. He gave an overview of the span and scope of LA Airport PD, which includes three other airports. He also spoke of other departments and agencies, local to federal, within the realm of public safety, which also operate within their jurisdiction. He talked about communications and how surrounding and support agencies will be addressing issues to improve communications within.

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

**Program Presentation – Tim Trager and Charles Taylor.** Tim spoke of the past year, and subsequently showed a slideshow of pictures from 2013. After conquering some technical difficulties, Tim gave an amusing and enlightening synopsis of each slide. He also presented Mike Rowles with APCO Senior Membership status. Tim then called Chuck Taylor to the podium. Chuck's thorough, creative, and amusing presentation encompassed our Chapter history dating back to 1935.

**President's Awards Presentation – Tim Trager.** Tim, with the help of Jim Acosta, presented awards to the following individuals: Teri Nelson (who was unable to attend) for being the Dispatcher Banquet Chair; Adriana Spirescu for being the Volunteer Chair for the APCO International Conference & Expo in Anaheim in August 2013; Ken Mann and Don Miller for Co-Chairing the 2013 APCO Conference Committee, and the countless hours they contributed to make the event a success; and Scott Espindola for facilitating the Dispatcher's Round Tables since their inception.

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**Proud Bird Fire of 1984.** Tim asked Kevin Nida to the podium to speak to the group. Kevin reflected on the fateful fire, which happened on the grounds of the Proud Bird on December 4, 1984, and the untimely demise of Firefighter Benjamin Pinel ([www.lafire.com](http://www.lafire.com)), who was a first responder on this tragic call.

**Installation of Officers – John Wright.** APCO 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President John Wright, with the assistance of Gary Gray, administered the oath of office to the 2014 CPRA Executive Committee Officers on behalf of CPRA, the Southern California Chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International, Inc. (APCO). Each officer, as identified below, acknowledged acceptance of his respective duties and responsibilities by stating “I do.”

**CPRA Officers for 2014.** The following individuals were installed as officers to serve the Chapter for 2014. A warm round of applause was given for:

**President** – Richard Granado

**President-Elect** – Don Miller

**Vice-President** – Ken Mann

**Secretary** – Scott Espindola

**Treasurer** – Joe Parrino

**Sergeant-at-Arms** – Jeff Loveland

**Executive Council Delegate** – Jim Acosta

**Presentation of the Gavel – Tim Trager.** Tim asked Richard to come forward. As noted, he will serve as the CPRA President for 2014. Tim said “here you go” and presented him with the official gavel for his use in the upcoming year. The transfer of responsibilities was duly accomplished.

**Recognition Award for Outgoing President – Richard Granado.** Richard presented Tim with an engraved plaque in recognition for his service to the Chapter. On behalf of the Chapter membership, he thanked Tim for his commitment, vision, and leadership while serving as CPRA President for 2013.

**Final Words – Richard Granado.** Richard spoke of changes made in the past year, specifically changes to the nomination procedures for the upcoming Dispatchers Awards banquet. He also mentioned Chuck Taylor will use the first hour of the first Executive Quarterly Workshop in January to educate new officers on Executive Committee responsibilities. Richard briefly spoke of challenges we will have in the upcoming year regarding the FCC, rebanding, etc.

**Meeting Adjourned.** Richard thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:59 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

## 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 - Simoco Americas*

### May 7-9, 2014 - 2014 WRC

#### **Wigwam Resort - Litchfield, AZ**

### May 22, 2014

#### **Temecula - Cassidian**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday May 5, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### June 19, 2014

#### **Goleta - Moseley Wireless Solutions**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday June 2, 2014

*Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Moseley Wireless Solutions*

### July 17th 2014

#### **San Pedro - USS Iowa**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday June 30, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### August 3-6, 2014 - APCO Intl Conference **New Orleans**

### August 21, 2014

#### **Victorville - Hilton Garden Inn**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday August 11, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### September 18, 2014

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

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*

### November 20, 2014

**TBA**

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday November 3, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### December 5, 2014

#### **Annual Holiday Officer Installation**

**TBA**

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



# 2014 Emerging Technology Forum

February 26-27, 2014

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# **26th Annual Telecommunicator Awards Banquet**

**“More Than A Voice”**

**Reason - Comfort - Trust**

**The California Public-Safety Radio Association**

*(Southern California Chapter of APCO, International Inc.)*

*Will be hosting the*

*26th Annual Telecommunicators' Awards Banquet....*

**Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**The Knott's Berry Farm Hotel**  
 7675 Crescent Ave  
 Buena Park, CA  
**Social Hour 6pm**

**Awards for Telecommunicator of the Year, Outstanding Performance by an individual (Police, Fire, EMS), Exemplary Service Awards, Trainer of the Year, Supervisor of the Year... Nominations have been accepted from Police & Fire agencies from all over Southern California... Winners will be presented with their awards that night – plan on attending the banquet and show that your agency supports your Communications Professionals!**

**Dinner**

**Entertainment**

**Awards & Prizes**

**Awards for the winners, runner up and honorable mention recipients, special recognition of all nominees, drawing for door prizes... It's your 911 Dispatchers' big night – Seating is limited, register early!**



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