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

January Meeting - Downey

This month's meeting will be held on January 15, 2015 at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Rd., Downey, (562) 806-2050 Thomas Brothers Page 705-J6

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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- ◆ Go West to Old River School Rd
- ◆ Go South to Address

Meeting Host: Jim Acosta Downey Fire Communications (Retired)

Early bird Sponsor:

Agenda:

- 0800 - 1000 Executive Committee Meeting
- 1000 - 1100 General Membership Meeting
- 1100 - 1200 Presentation LA-RICS update presentation by Pat Mallon, LA-RICS Executive Director
- 1200 Lunch

Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
DON MILLER

I would like to wish all our members and their families a Happy New Year, and to thank you for all your support in making 2014 a success. I would also like to thank Dick Granado for his hard work and leadership as President in 2014.

Dick Granado was our host for the December meeting at the Rio Hondo Golf Club. We were treated to a tasty Mexican buffet and the music of the Canyon High School string quartet.

Dick presented the President's Award to five recipients. They included: Adriana Spirescu for her continued involvement in the Chapter and as our Chapter Historian; Terri Nelson was awarded for her outstanding contribution as Telecommunicator Banquet Committee Chair; Mike Rowles received the award for his invaluable behind-the-scenes involvement, particularly his authoring and co-authoring updates and changes to the Chapter C&B; the award to Ken Mann was to acknowledge his tireless effort in preparing for our bid at the April 2015 APCO Western Regional Conference in Sacramento – we are bidding to be the host of the 2017 APCO Western Regional Conference; Jim Acosta was presented an award for his role as our Chapter's APCO Executive Council Delegate, and also for his participation in several APCO committees.

APCO President John Wright was in attendance and spoke to the group about APCO's involvement with other industry leaders and some of the challenges underway to improve 9-1-1 location accuracy.

John Wright administered the oath of office to the 2015 Executive Committee on behalf of CPRA. The new officers are:

President - Don Miller
President-Elect - Ron Wong
Vice-President - Dale Digiambattista
Secretary - Scott Espindola
Treasures - Joe Parrino
Sergeant-at-Arms - Jeff Loveland
Executive Council Delegate - Jim Acosta
Director - Dick Granado
Director - Tim Trager
Director - Adriana Spirescu

I presented Dick with a plaque in recognition for his service to the Chapter and thanked him for his service as President for 2014.

We are always looking for interesting programs and speakers. If you have any suggestions please contact Ron Wong at President-elect@cpra.org.

Please join us on January 15 in Downey at the Rio Hondo Golf Course for an update of LA-RICS LMR and LTE by Pat Mellon, Executive Director, LA-RICS. Check our web site for more information and updates @ www.CPRA.org.

CHAPTER MEETING

December 3, 2014
Rio Hondo Golf Course
10627 Old River School Rd
Downey, CA 90241

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Richard Granado, County of Los Angeles (Ret.)
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 2014 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.
Program: Officer Installation Dinner
Attendance: 39

AGENDA

Call to Order – Dick Granado. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Invocation – Mike Rowles.

Dinner Served. Dick thanked everyone for coming, and invited them to help themselves to the buffet, one table at a time. The Rio Hondo Golf Course staff provided a delicious dinner of salads, Mexican entrées to include flautas, enchiladas, rice and beans, and a variety of desserts. The selection was a crowd pleaser.

Slideshow-CPRA's 2014 In Review – Adriana Spirescu. Adriana provided a slideshow of pictures, with accompanying music, of CPRA members at Chapter events throughout the year.

President's Awards Presentation – Dick Granado. Dick presented five recipients with the President's Award. They included Adriana Spirescu, for her continued involvement in the Chapter, as a Director and our Chapter Historian, completing such duties, without being asked, as sending bereavement flowers, and keeping an extensive photo library of the Chapter's activities. Terri Nelson was awarded for her continued excellence as the Chair of the Telecommunicators Banquet Committee, and the fine job she does putting the banquet together. Mike Rowles received the award for his invaluable behind-the-scenes involvement, particularly his penning/co-penning updates and changes to the Chapter C&B. The award to Ken Mann was presented because of his tireless efforts and work preparing the Chapter for our bid, in April 2015 at the APCO Western Regional Conference (WRC) in Sacramento, to be the Chapter host of the 2017/2018 APCO WRC. Lastly, Jim Acosta was presented an award for working as diligently now, not only in his role as our Chapter's APCO Executive Council Delegate, but also as a member of several APCO committees, as he has every year prior. Each award recipient received enthusiastic applause from attendees.

APCO President's Comments – John Wright. We had the honor of having APCO International's President, and CPRA Chapter Member, John Wright, attend tonight's Installation Dinner. John spoke on several topics which hold priority to the APCO organization, as well as John personally. He mentioned he would like to attend more CPRA Chapter meetings, but also advised they fall the same day as most other Chapter meetings. He updated the group on APCO's involvement with other industry leaders, including NENA and the FCC, and their commitment to improve location accuracy of Wireless 9-1-1 callers. He conveyed that he views his tenure as APCO's President as a time to give back and say thank you to all dispatch

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and radio personnel for the jobs they do on a daily basis. Having a background in both, John understands the commitment made by personnel in public safety communications, and wants to do what he can to recognize them for the jobs they do. One focus is his commitment, in working with the Department of Labor, to change the job classification of dispatchers. Dispatchers are in the same classification as Office Clerks. John's goal is to change not only the title from Dispatcher to Public Safety Telecommunicator (or a version of such), but to have them classified as a Public Safety Professional under the category of Protected Services. This is a change near and dear to John's heart, and his goal is to see results before the end of his year as President.

Installation of Officers – John Wright. APCO President, John Wright, administered the oath of office to the 2015 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 2015. The following individuals were installed as officers to serve the Chapter for 2015. A warm round of applause was given for:

President – Don Miller

President-Elect – Ron Wong

Vice-President – Dale Digiambattista

Secretary – Scott Espindola

Treasurer – Joe Parrino

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Presentation of the Gavel – Dick Granado. Dick asked Don to come forward. As noted, Don will serve as the CPRA President for 2015, the year we will bid for the 2017 WRC. Dick presented Don with the official gavel for his use in the upcoming year. The transfer of responsibilities was duly accomplished.

Recognition Award for Outgoing President – Don Miller. Don presented Dick with an engraved plaque in recognition for his service to the Chapter. On behalf of the Chapter membership, he thanked Dick for his service as CPRA President for 2014.

Meeting Adjourned. Don thanked everyone for attending and, with a swing of his new gavel, proclaimed the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Notes for the Record.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Espindola
Secretary

2015 Meeting Dates

January 15, 2015

Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday December 29, 2014

Early Bird Sponsor -

February 19, 2015

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CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday February 2, 2015

Early Bird Sponsor -

March 12, 2015

Claremont - Hughes Center

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday February 23, 2015

Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Relm Wireless

April 8-10, 2015 - 2015 WRC

Sacramento Convention Center - Sacramento, CA

April 16, 2015

Buena Park - Knott's Berry Farm Resort

Technical Awards AM
Annual Dispatchers' Banquet PM
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday March 30, 2015

Early Bird Sponsor -

May 21, 2015

Duarte - Old Spaghetti Factory

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday May 4, 2015

Early Bird Sponsor -

June 18, 2015

Goleta - Moseley Wireless Solutions

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday June 1, 2015

Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Moseley Wireless Solutions

July 16, 2015

Santa Fe Springs - Talley

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday June 29, 2015

Early Bird Sponsor - Talley?

August 16-19, 2015 - APCO Intl Conference **Washington D.C.**

August 27, 2015

San Marcos - Old Spaghetti Factory

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday August 10, 2015

Early Bird Sponsor - Zetron

September 17, 2015

Annual "No Ties Meeting" -

CommLink Cutoff Date
Tuesday August 31, 2014

Early Bird Sponsors - Bassett Sales & Talley Communications

October 22, 2015

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday October 5, 2015

Early Bird Sponsor & Meeting Sponsors - Commercial Members

November 19, 2015

Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday November 2, 2015

Early Bird Sponsor

December 4, 2015

Annual Holiday Officer Installation

Long Beach - The Reef

CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday November 23, 2015

Early Bird Sponsor

2015 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

January 21, 2015 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

April 1, 2015 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

July 8, 2015 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

November 4, 2015 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

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