



# COMMILINK

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

## May 2015 Meeting - Duarte

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday May 21, 2015 at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 1431 Buena Vista St, Duarte, 91010 - 568-A5

**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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**DIRECTIONS:**

**From the Los Angeles Area:**

- ◆ Take I-605 San Gabriel River Freeway North to I-210 Freeway
- ◆ Go Westbound on I-210 Foothill Freeway
- ◆ Take the Buena Vista St exit
- ◆ Turn left onto Central Ave
- ◆ Restaurant on the North West corner of Central Ave & Buena Vista St

**Meeting Host:** Richard Granado Los Angeles County-ISD Retired

**Early Bird Sponsor:** Ron Lyons Zetron Inc.

**Meeting Sponsor:**

**Agenda:**

0800 - 1000	Executive Committee Meeting
1000 - 1100	General Meeting
1100 - 1200	Presentation: "NG 911 Update"
	Presentation By: Ron Lyons - Zetron Inc.
1200	Lunch

## Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

**PRESIDENT'S PODIUM**  
**DON MILLER**

The April meeting was held at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel in Buena Park. Attendees enjoyed an informative presentation by FBI Special Agent Raymond Martinez on the Cyber Threat Scape. Raymond included some things we can do to protect our personal and corporate data.

Our Chapter participates in the APCO National Telecommunicator Week held annually in April. This is a time to recognize dispatchers and technical support staff for their contributions to the First Responder community. The CPRA Technical Awards were presented during the Chapter Meeting. We recognized recipients in both the Radio Frequency (RF) and the Information Technology (IT) categories. It was my pleasure to participate in the presentation of this year's CPRA Technical Awards conducted by John Sarkissian and Mike Rowles.

The Telecommunicator Award Banquet was held in the evening. I would like to thank Terri Nelson and her committee for all their hard work in making the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual CPRA Telecommunicator Award Banquet a huge success. Many thanks to all who attended. Congratulations to all the award recipients. We appreciate all their hard work. It is critical to keeping all of us safe and well.

This year's Western Regional Conference was held in Sacramento. CPRA competed for and won the bid to host the 2017 Western Regional Conference to be held in Ontario California April 10<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the CPRA Conference Committee, Ken Mann, Adriana Spirescu, Chuck Taylor, Scott (Top Shelf) Espindola, and Joe Parrino for all their creativity and diligence in presenting our bid to the regional consortium. The conference committee, with the help of many others, will be working very hard during the next year and a half to make this a successful event. Stay tuned for updates.

Please join us for the May CPRA meeting. It will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Duarte where Ron Lyons of Zetron will present a "NG911 Update".

See you there

**Riverside County Information Technology is Hosting a Radio Fair**  
**May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 0900 – 1500 hrs.**

Featured manufacturers will include:

BK Relm  
EF Johnson  
Harris  
Kenwood  
Motorola  
Tait

There will be radios available to demo on site, programmed and live on Riverside County's PSEC system, a new Motorola P25 Phase II system. No appointments are needed. RCIT personnel will also be on site to provide information. The event will be held on the first floor of the Riverside County Information Center, located at 3450 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside, 92501.

Please note:

This is in downtown Riverside, not at the Communications Center on Alessandro Blvd.

**CHAPTER MEETING**  
**April 16, 2015**  
**Knott's Berry Farm Hotel**  
**7675 Crescent Ave**  
**Buena Park, CA 90620**

**SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** CPRA Operations Committee  
**Early-Bird Sponsor:** Sierra DC Power  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the March 2015 meeting are posted on the CPRA Website.  
**Program:** "Cyber Outreach" presented by SA Raymond Martinez, FBI  
**Attendance:** 57

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order – Don Miller.** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. *Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles.*

*Welcoming Remarks – Don Miller.* Don let the group know this is National Telecommunicators Week. Tonight is our annual Telecommunicators Awards Banquet. Don showed the group an example of this year's CPRA Button, which we design and sell each year. He thanked everyone for attending today's Chapter Meeting and thanked Terri Nelson and the Operations Committee for being our Meeting Host. He also thanked Sierra DC Power for being today's Early Bird Sponsor. He also welcomed and thanked our Program Presenter, Raymond Martinez.

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

**Chapter Officer Reports.**

*President-Elect's Report-Future Meetings Report – Ron Wong:* Ron covered upcoming Chapter meetings, sponsors, programs, and meetings still in need of a program. He advised everyone our December Installation Dinner Meeting changed to Thursday, December 10.

*Vice-President's Report-Membership Report – Dale Digiambattista.* Dale advised we had nine new members. Current membership shows a total of 449 Chapter members, who include 228 Full, 70 Commercial, 101 Online, and 50 Associate members. The new members included:

*Full:*

- Monica Frazier, San Diego County Sheriff Communications Center
- Tamara Lee, San Diego County Sheriff Communications Center
- Elizabeth Reese, San Diego County Sheriff Communications Center
- Kathleen Hardin, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department – Communications Supervisor
- Steve Kovensky, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department – Deputy Chief
- Scott Landen, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department – Sergeant

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-Kimberly Lundberg, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department – Communications Dispatcher  
-Dorienne McMasters, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department – Communications Dispatcher  
-Regina Nevarez, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department – Communications Dispatcher  
Dale also announced the upcoming Riverside County Radio Fair, May 13-14, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. John Sarkissian is the contact for the event. The fair will be held in the Old Press Enterprise Building. This is the new IT building in the downtown area. No reservations are needed. Radios demonstrated will be live on the PSEC system during the event.

*Treasurer's Report- Monthly Financial Report – Joe Parrino.* 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.

**2017 Western Regional Conference – Don Miller.** Don announced the Chapter won its bid for the 2017 WRC. It will be during National Telecommunicators Week in 2017 in Ontario. Part of the festivities will be the Telecommunicators Awards Banquet during the same week.

#### **Regulatory Update.**

*FCC & Region 5 700 and 800 MHz Update Information – Dave Buchanan:* Dave updated the group regarding current FCC related issues, concerns, and rulings. He stated there is a lot going on with the FCC, particularly with regards to NPSTC, citing specifics. The FCC is close to making a decision to close field offices, San Diego being on the list to close. Dave also spoke of 700 Narrowband rule making by the FCC. FirstNet has a request for information out in the system.

**CPRA Technical Awards Recipients and Distinguished Guests Introductions – Mike Rowles.** Mike introduced, and asked them to stand, this year's awards winners and their guests. The honorees were given a hardy round of applause from the group.

**Program Presentation – Special Agent Raymond Martinez.** Don asked Ron Wong to the podium to introduce SA Martinez. Ron advised the group of Ray's qualifications and history with the FBI. Ray's Power Point presentation informed the group of the FBI Mission, with an emphasis on cyber threats, cyber security, and cyber crime. Through the use of pertinent information, amusing slides and videos, Ray's insightful and though provoking presentation gave attendees pause, and reason to examine their individual roles, actions, and contributions to the lack of their personal and professional cyber security. Ray wrapped-up his presentation by fielding questions from meeting attendees.

**CPRA Annual Technical Awards Presentation – Mike Rowles and John Sarkissian.** Don requested John Sarkissian, Committee Chair, and Mike Rowles to come up to the podium to help present the awards. John called the winners to the front. Mike read the citations while Don and John assisted in presenting the awards to the RF Engineer of the Year, Trish Byrd, County of Riverside; RF Technologist of the Year, Josue Guzman, County of Diego; IT Technologist of the Year, Eric Uller, City of Santa Monica, IT Technologist of the Year Runner-Up, Senior Airman Hideyoshi Izumi, 163<sup>rd</sup> Communications Flight-March ARB, IT Technologist of the Year Runner-Up, Mike Stanley, City of Ontario, IT Technologist of the Year Runner-Up, Bob Dashoff, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. The recipients had individuals from their respective agencies, and family members, attend the presentation.

**Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting adjourned at 12:01 P.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 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

#### **Embassy Suites Brea**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday February 2, 2015

*Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Hutton Communications Inc.*

### 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 - Sierra DC Power*

### May 21, 2015

#### **Duarte - Old Spaghetti Factory**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday May 4, 2015

*Early Bird Sponsor - ZETRON*

### June 18, 2015

#### **Santa Barbara - Chase Palm Park Center**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday June 1, 2015

*Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Moseley Wireless Solutions*

### July 16, 2015

#### **San Marcos - Old Spaghetti Factory**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday June 29, 2015

*Early Bird Sponsor - Talley?*

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

### August 27, 2015

#### **Santa Fe Springs - Talley**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday August 10, 2015

*Early Bird Sponsor - Zetron*  
*Meeting Sponsor - Talley*

### September 24, 2015

#### **Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Rio Hondo Event Center**

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 9, 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

# 2015 Award Winners

## **IT Technologist of the Year - Winner**

Eric Uller – Santa Monica Police Department  
Robert Dashoff – County of San Bernardino (Runner Up)  
Senior Airman Hideyoshi Izumi – 163rd Communications Flight, March ARB (Runner Up)  
Mike Stanley – City of Ontario (Runner Up)

## **RF Technologist of the Year - Winner**

Josue Guzman – County of San Diego

## **RF Engineer of the Year**

Trish Byrd – County of Riverside

## **Outstanding Performance by an Individual - Police**

Debra Guerrero - Los Angeles Police Department  
Jose Cuevas - Los Angeles Police Department (Runner Up)  
Amber Jones - Rialto Police Department (Honorable Mention)

## **Outstanding Performance by an Individual - Fire**

Nicholas Van Blarcom - Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Lisa Bergman - Los Angeles County Fire Department

## **Outstanding Performance by a Team**

Los Angeles Police Department  
Christina Craig  
Charlene Johnson  
Whitney Olafson

Inglewood Police Department (Runner Up)  
Lavonia Lampkin  
Jennifer Malone  
Macah Herd

Anaheim Police Department (Honorable Mention)  
Crystal Paqua  
Maura Cruz  
Michelle Siemer  
Heidi Geary  
Heather Madrick  
Rachel Fitzgerald

## **Telecommunicator of the Year**

Luisana Candelario - Huntington Park Police Department  
Michelle Riske - Irvine Police Department (Runner Up)

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## ORANGE COUNTY JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Orange County Sheriff's Department is looking for a qualified applicant to plan and organize the work of the Engineering and Technical Services Sections of the Communications & Technology Division. This position is responsible for supervising the engineering and technical personnel who are maintaining, designing, modifying, and evaluating existing and new communications, microwave, subscriber, audio, visual, closed circuit television, and jail control systems. This position serves as the Chief Radio Engineer and is responsible for directing the design, construction, operation and maintenance of radio transmitting equipment, and also serves as the Division's Assistant Director. Orange County is a leader in public safety communications serving Orange County and its 34 cities, providing a high level of expertise to Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, Lifeguard, Park Rangers, Public Works, Local Government, County and City jails and Probation facilities. The Division also serves as the central coordinator and program manager for the operation and maintenance of the 800 MHz Countywide Coordinated Communications System (CCCS). The Orange County Sheriff's Department is accepting on-line applications on a continuous basis until the needs of the department have been met. Please be advised this recruitment may close as early as 11:59 p.m. on any day of the week and it is recommended that interested candidates apply immediately. Specific information pertaining to this recruitment can be obtained by calling Nereida Gutierrez at [\(714\) 834-5845](tel:7148345845) or via email at [ngutierrez@ocsd.org](mailto:ngutierrez@ocsd.org).

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