



OFFICIAL MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING
United States Coast Guard Station
1001 S. Seaside Ave
San Pedro, CA
July 20, 2017

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Vice-CCAM Ron Lyons (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary)
Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Josue “Josh” Mendez, U.S. Coast Guard

Early Bird Sponsor: CPRA

Secretary’s Report: John Wright

Treasurer’s Report: Joe Parrino

Program: CWO Josue “Josh” Mendez, U.S. Coast Guard Command Duty Officer, presented an overview of the operations of the U.S. Coast Guard, its regions and sectors, and the capabilities and operations out of the Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach. A tour of the U.S. Coast Guard’s Command Center at the San Pedro Station was provided after the presentation.

Attendance: 39

AGENDA

Call-to-Order

President **Dale Digiambattista** called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. Dale welcomed everyone to the July meeting.

Flag Salute

Chapter Executive Council Delegate **Jim Acosta** led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

President **Dale Digiambattista** asked for a motion to approve the June 2017 Chapter Meeting Minutes. Director **Don Miller** made the motion to approve the minutes; Director **Richard Granado** made the second. There was no additional discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting Host Welcome

Vice-CCAM **Ron Lyons** (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary) welcomed everyone to the U.S. Coast Guard Station Los Angeles-Long Beach. Ron thanked everyone for providing the required RSVPs for the meeting. Ron introduced CWO **Josue “Josh” Mendez**, U.S. Coast Guard Command Center Command Duty Officer, who welcomed everyone on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard. President **Dale Digiambattista** presented Josh a donation check in the amount of \$200 to the U.S. Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer’s Association for its support of several community efforts, including its long-standing support of the Annual Baker-to-Vegas Run for Public Safety. Josh thanked the Chapter for their donation and noted that our meeting at the station helps continue the great relationship between the U.S. Coast Guard and the Public Safety community. Josh also noted that there is heightened security on the station as the Secretary of Homeland Security and several Admirals were touring the station today.

Membership Report

President **Dale Digiambattista** gave the membership report. The Chapter has 503 members with two (2) new members added this month.

Senior Member Presentations

President **Dale Digiambattista** presented APCO Senior Member Certificates, letters, and Senior Member Pins to the new Senior Members **Doug Roberts** and Sergeant-at-Arms **Jeffrey Loveland**.

Self-Introductions

President **Dale Digiambattista** asked those in attendance to introduce themselves, and if they are Commercial Members, to say a few words about their companies or new products.

Future Meetings

President-Elect **Scott Espindola** reported on the upcoming Chapter meetings. It was noted that the August meeting is on the fourth Thursday of the month due to the conflict with the Annual APCO Conference. The August meeting will be in San Marcos. The September "No-Ties" meeting will be held at Knott's Berry Farm at the Knott's Gold Rush Camp. The October meeting will be the Annual Vendor Exhibition at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello which will be on the fourth Thursday in October.

Financial Report

Treasurer **Joe Parrino** gave the financial report, including income and expenses for the past thirty (30) days, to the membership. A printed copy of the report is available to members upon request.

CCAM Report

CCAM **Larry Weber** reported on the upcoming Annual Vendor Exhibition in October (CPRA Tabletop). He noted that the registration forms were sent out a few weeks ago and that tables and booth spaces are on first come-first served basis. Larry advised that table space sales were going very well and were ahead of schedule.

APCO International Report

Chapter Executive Council Delegate **Jim Acosta** reported on the activities at APCO International. APCO's Certified Public-Safety Executive (CPE) Program's third class is scheduled to graduate on July 20th. Housing for the Annual APCO Conference in Denver is at 87% full. There are 1,846 attendees registered so far and 2/3 of the Volunteer positions have been filled. There are 566 10'x10' booth spaces that have been sold with 258 companies exhibiting; including 66 new companies this year.

Jim advised that on-line voting for APCO Second Vice-President and APCO First Vice-President is now open and will close at 2:00 pm on the Tuesday prior to the 2nd Business Meeting.

President **Dale Digiambattista** reported that the Chapter Executive Committee had reviewed the proposed creation of a new Saudi ARAMCO Chapter and decided the Chapter should not support approval. One reason is that a commercial entity does not fit as a Chapter, but should be part of a Chapter as is currently the process in the U.S. It was also felt that the proposed new chapter's values may not fit within the APCO Policy Manual guidelines as it pertains to our Core Values and Code of Conduct. President **Dale Digiambattista** made a motion that the Chapter Quorum supports the Chapter Executive Committee's Position Statement and supports a no vote by the Chapter Executive Council Delegate for creating the new Chapter; APCO Past President **Gary David Gray** made the second. There was no additional discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Webmaster **Ernest Gallo** will post the Chapter's official Position Statement on the Chapter website.

Networking Break

President **Dale Digiambattista** recessed the meeting for a twenty (20) minute networking break.

Keynote Presentation

U.S. Coast Guard CWO **Josue “Josh” Mendez**, Command Center Command Duty Officer, provided a briefing on the operations and capabilities of the U.S. Coast Guard. Josh discussed the various Sectors and the operational capabilities of the Los Angeles-Long Beach (LA-LB) Sector. CWO Mendez reported on the communications, operations, and the need for interoperability with neighboring Public Safety agencies. He discussed the eleven (11) Missions of the U.S. Coast Guard and their goals for Safety, Security, and Stewardship.

After the presentation, CWO Mendez conducted a tour of the U.S. Coast Guard Command Center.

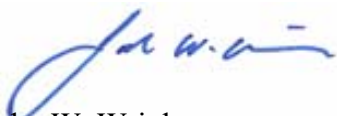
Adjourn

President **Dale Digiambattista** adjourned the formal meeting at 11:15 am. Tours of the U.S. Coast Guard Command Center immediately followed.

Lunch at the U.S. Coast Guard Galley was provided at 12:00 pm.

The monthly meeting of the APCO Local Frequency Advisory Committee and Frequency Coordination was held immediately following lunch.

Minutes prepared by,



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