



OFFICIAL MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING
Old Spaghetti Factory
111 N Twin Oaks Valley Rd, San Marcos, CA
Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:00 am

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Anna Holmes, San Diego County Sheriff's Department
Early Bird Sponsor: Motorola Solutions
Secretary's Report: John W Wright
Treasurer's Report: Joe Parrino
Program: Jeff Hebert, San Diego County Sheriff's Department;
"The Importance of Communications Planning for Public Safety Events and Incidents"
Attendance: 46

AGENDA

Call to Order

President **Dale Digiambattista** called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Dale welcomed everyone to the August Chapter meeting in San Marcos. Dale thanked Chapter member **Anna Holmes** for putting the meeting together.

Flag Salute

President **Dale Digiambattista** introduced Vice-CCAM **Ron Lyons** who led the assembled group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

President **Dale Digiambattista** asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2017 General Chapter meeting. The motion to approve the July 20, 2017 minutes was made by APCO Past President **Gary David Gray**; second made by Director **Richard Granado**. There was no additional discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Self-Introductions

President **Dale Digiambattista** asked those in attendance to introduce themselves.

Membership Report

Vice-President **Robert Stoffel** reported that the Chapter currently has 537 members. Of those, 280 are Full Members, 147 are Online Members, 66 are Commercial Members, and 44 are Associate Members. APCO International now has over 30,000 members and is growing.

Future Meetings

President-Elect **Scott Espindola** reported on the upcoming meetings. Next month will be the Annual No-Ties event held at the Knott's Berry Farm Gold Rush area. October will be at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello with is our Annual Vendor Exhibition (tabletop) and Officer Elections. November will be at the

Rio Hondo Golf Club in Downey. The December Holiday meeting and Officer Installation will be at the Citrus City Grille in Corona.

President **Dale Digiambattista** added that he is working on adding presentations from other non-profit public safety support groups to some of our meetings. The Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit is scheduled to do a demonstration at the December meeting.

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

Vice-CCAM **Ron Lyons** reported that the notice of the Annual Vendor Exhibition has been sent out and that any potential exhibitors should get their booth space requests in as early as possible.

Ron asked that if any of the Commercial Members have any input of their experience at the Annual APCO Conference, good or bad, to get the information to him so that he can share it with APCO International.

APCO International Report

President **Dale Digiambattista** advised that Chapter Executive Council Delegate **Jim Acosta** was unable to attend the meeting. Dale reported that the proposed new Saudi Arabia Chapter of APCO was approved at the Annual APCO Conference. Our Chapter had officially voted no, but the approval did carry. Dale also noted that additional information was brought out after the Chapter meeting and during the vote at the Annual Conference, but it did not change our Chapter's position of a no vote.

APCO Past President **John Wright** reported that he had officially proposed at the first General Business meeting at the APCO Annual Conference in Denver, that the APCO Executive Committee creates a "Spectrum & Technology Advisory Working Group" that would provide APCO with research and development work associated with spectrum and or technology issues. This group could possibly work on such items as 4.9 GHz public safety coordination efforts, 6 GHz interference issues, loss of the T-Band in eleven (11) major cities, creating a "FCC Licensing and How to use ULS" course for conferences, creating true technology articles for the APCO Magazine, take on R&D tasks that may come as a result of APCO Project 43, and other technology or spectrum work. John asked that any Chapter members who may be supportive, or who may also be interested in working on such a group, to send an email to the current APCO President requesting they create the Workgroup.

2021 Western Regional Conference Bid

President **Dale Digiambattista** reported that the Chapter Executive Committee had voted to approve bidding for the 2021 Western Regional Conference (WRC) and that we have started the process of looking for event sites in the Southern California area. President **Dale Digiambattista** then made a motion that: the Chapter Quorum supports and approves the Chapter's bid for a 2021 WRC, and approves President-Elect **Scott Espindola** as the 2021 WRC Chair; second was made by APCO Past President **Gary David Gray**. There was no further discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FCC Issues

David Buchanan reported on current items with the FCC. Dave noted that the FCC is looking at the 800 MHz rules and may want to extend them to allow LTE on the 800 MHz Band that could impact public safety. Dave reported that a company is proposing using the 6 GHz Satellite Band which could impact microwave operations for public safety. Dave also noted that the FCC is publishing a Notice of Inquiry for spectrum sharing in the 3.7 GHz to 24 GHz Band, which could potentially impact the 4.9 GHz Public Safety

Band. The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) and APCO International plan to file comments on this issue. Dave asked that if this could impact your agency to send information to NPSTC and Jeff Cohen at APCO International. Dave also added that the FCC is proposing new "Blue Alerts" that would be broadcast when there are threats to Law Enforcement personnel.

Dave reminded everyone that there are still a lot of big problems coming up with the eleven (11) major cities when they lose access to the T-Band. Dave did note that David Furth at the FCC is still actively working on the 4.9 GHz Band, but there is still no date for any action by the FCC.

Early-Bird Sponsor

President **Dale Digiambattista** thanked this month's Early-Bird Sponsor, **Motorola Solutions**, for their continued support.

Networking Break

President **Dale Digiambattista** recessed the meeting for a twenty (20) minute networking break at 10:25 am.

New Member

Vice-CCAM **Ron Lyons** introduced a new Chapter Commercial Member, **Bill Brown**, with Metric Systems.

Keynote Presentation

President **Dale Digiambattista** introduced **Jeff Hebert**, Communications Coordinator for the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, as this month's keynote speaker.

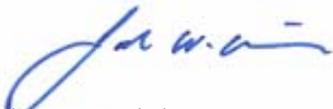
Jeff presented: "The Importance of Communications Planning for Public Safety Events and Incidents." This outstanding presentation covered the significance of valuable communication planning based on a manager's perspective of large incidents. Several recent incidents such as San Diego County wildfires, record explosives cache in Escondido, El Cajon protests and civil disturbances, and the Miramar Airshow were discussed in detail. Jeffery noted that Communications is both technical and operational and both sides must be involved in the planning process to be successful.

Adjourn

President **Dale Digiambattista** adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:00 pm.

The Frequency Coordination Committee met immediately after lunch.

Minutes prepared by,



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Past President, APCO International
Secretary / PIO, California Public-Safety Radio Association