



OFFICIAL CHAPTER MINUTES

County of Riverside Emergency Management Department
4210 Riverwalk Parkway, Suite 300
Riverside, CA 92505
Thursday, February 20, 2020

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Dan Bates, Riverside EMD
Early Bird Sponsor: None
Secretary: Terri Nelson
Banner Sponsor: The Sales Group
Sponsored Training: Iggy Bragado, Senior Sales Engineer
Program: Anjie Johnson, Program Coordinator II, Riverside County Emergency Management Department
Attendance: 47

CALL TO ORDER

Chapter President **Howard Newton** called the meeting of the Southern California Chapter of APCO International to order at 1003 hours and welcomed everyone in attendance.

FLAG SALUTE

Jim Donovan led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT REMARKS

Chapter President **Howard Newton** called on **Pauline Soria** with the Riverside Sheriff Department who showed the Dispatcher Blanket that sells for \$60.

Howard modeled the Telecommunicators Buttons. He advised the Membership that the Chapter sells them for \$1 each and this is a great way to support your Telecommunicators.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** asked for a motion to approve the Chapter Meeting Minutes from January 2020 meeting in Anaheim. **Dave Buchanan** made the motion to approve the minutes as is. **Doug Roberts** made the second. There was no discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** announced to all vendors present that Early Bird Sponsorship is open for the rest of the year. In efforts to increase membership, this is the month to bring someone to the meeting.

Howard reports that today's presenters are **Iggy Bragado** and **Angie Johnson**.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** announced and thanked The Sales Group for being our Banner Sponsor for 2020.



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Chapter President **Howard Newton** called on Director **Scott Espindola** to provide an update on the First Responder Bill AB 1945. **Scott** advised the Membership that he went to Sacramento to attend the Press Conference in support of the re-classification of Telecommunicators. The Bill started at the National Level in 2017. Assemblymember **Rudy Salas** (D-Bakersfield) authored the Bill and it has been sitting at the Senate for over a year. At this time, there is a thirty (30) day waiting period for public view of the Bill and then it will go to Committees for review and eventually go for a vote.

INTRODUCTIONS

CCAM **Larry Weber** assisted with the introduction of all in attendance.

Larry reminded all Vendors in attendance that if they do a presentation, they will be featured on the Chapter YouTube.

FUTURE MEETINGS REPORT

President-Elect **David Duenas** provided an update on future meetings.

- March** – Hughes Center in Claremont – Presenters are Aviat Networks and National Fire Service
- April** – Knott’s Berry Farm Hotel – Presentation of Technical Awards and Telecommunicators Banquet
- May** – Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro – Sponsor Vendor Training & Program opportunity available.
- June** – Loma Ridge OC EOC in Silverado – Sponsor Vendor Training opportunity available.
- July** – Chevron Refinery in El Segundo – Sponsor Vendor Training & Program opportunity available.

In an effort to fill the empty slots for the year, contact **David Duenas** directly if you know of someone who would be interested in this opportunity.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

In the absence of, Chapter Vice-President **Tim Buchfeller**, President-Elect **David Duenas** provided a Membership update as of February 19th.

Total Current Chapter Membership: 332

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| Full Members | 178 |
| Commercial | 35 |
| Online | 106 |
| Associate | 13 |

New Members:

- Carla Even**, Chula Vista Police Department – Dispatch Supervisor
- Trevor Mathews**, COSCO Fire Department – Public Safety Communications Specialist
- Nathan Rukasin**, Culver City Fire Department
- Ronda Sells**, UCLA Police Department – Dispatcher



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FINANCIAL REPORT

Chapter Treasurer **John Wright** gave the Financial Report for January. A printed copy of the report is available to Members upon request.

CCAM REPORT

CCAM **Larry Weber** mentioned the Conferences that are coming up. The October Tabletop this year is planned for October 22nd at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello. He advised that a discount will be offered for early registration. Everyone is welcome to use the Chapter Store. Larry encouraged all to bring a friend to the Tabletop.

Note: After the meeting, **Larry** was informed by the Quiet Cannon that the 22nd of October is not available. He will reserve the venue for Thursday, October 29th.

APCO INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Chapter Executive Council Delegate **Ernest Gallo** advised that on February 14th the wireless industry notified the FCC that it has abandoned the National Emergency Address Database.

APCO is converting The Radio Spectrum Task Force and Young Professionals Task Force to Committees. These Task Forces have proven to be valuable to the Association. The Young Professionals Committee is an opportunity to generate interest in the new generation to participate in APCO.

Reminders: April 1st is the last day for APCO Conference Flash Day – register early and take advantage of the discount.

APCO WRC is April 2020 in Utah. Register and contact the hotel to check on room availability.

FCC UPDATE

Frequency Advisory Committee Chair **Gary Gray** reminded the Membership of the dates to sign-up for APCO Committees. He keeps track of the APCO and CPRA members who participate and accumulate points.

Frequency Advisory Committee Chair **Gary Gray** presented Chapter President **Howard Newton** with his APCO International Senior Member Certificate.

Discussion ensued about the GPS jammers who cause interference to Public Safety Frequency. The FCC suggests that agencies who are aware of someone selling or using jammers file a complaint. Frequency Advisory Committee Co-Chair **Dave Buchanan** will report as new developments arise on this issue.

TELECOMMUNICATORS BANQUET

Operations Chair **Terri Nelson** reminded the Membership that the Banquet is at Knott's Berry Farm Hotel and all are welcome to attend.



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TECHNICAL AWARDS

Director **Dale Digiambattista** advised all to show support for their technical staff by nominating someone. This is a way to recognize those doing a great job. Opportunity to sponsor the event is available.

VENDOR SPONSORED TRAINING

Iggy Bragado, Senior Sales Engineer with JPS Interoperability Solutions, provided a presentation on defined voice interoperability methodologies and distributed interoperability.

NETWORKING BREAK

Chapter President **Howard Newton** recessed the meeting for a five (5) minute break at 1135 hours.

GENERAL PROGRAM

Anjie Johnson, Program Coordinator II with Riverside County Emergency Management Department, provided an overview of FEMA Reimbursement process, and distributed a handout with examples of proper documentation that is necessary to request reimbursements.

At the conclusion of her presentation, Chapter President **Howard Newton** presented **Anjie** with a Chapter Coin.

ADJOURN

Chapter President **Howard Newton** adjourned this meeting at 1205 hours and lunch followed.

FREQUENCY COORDINATION

Meeting to follow after lunch.

Minutes prepared by,

Terri Nelson
Secretary, California Public-Safety Radio Association
