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Special Visitor: APCO International President, Terry Hall and the NAPCO Board



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Summary of Recent Monthly Chapter Meeting Sponsored by DATRON

NAPCO is making an impression!

NAPCO has been committed to bringing its members top of the line training opportunities, and top notch meetings, held at terrific locations. The October meeting was another in this tradition. The meeting started off with a special guest in attendance that everyone took notice of, APCO International President, Terry Hall.

After the self introduction of all members and commercial attendees, some minor chapter business was conducted. The chapter is currently seeking candidates for board member positions for the upcoming year. Board members serve 2 years, and can serve two consecutive terms. There are two positions up for nomination. We are also looking for a VP candidate for next year as well. If interested please contact Angela Azeveda. Angela also brought up a bylaw change to be voted on in November which extends voting rights to members of the board who do not have them now. We also heard from our commercial chair regarding the upcoming Table Top in December, and EMS regarding Med Net Narrowbanding.

After this, we had the honor of hearing from Terry. He spoke at length regarding the work that APCO does, and provided updates on membership, budget, FirstNet, the Emerging Technologies Forum, and the SGI. President Hall truly cares for the organization and every chapter member. He also understands the difficulties chapters have in providing value to its members and was impressed by the support our chapter is able to provide monthly, as an APCO body.

After President Hall, DATRON gave a presentation on their SCOUT UAV, and later a demonstration outdoors. We have some really cool technology available these days. And finally, our keynote presentation on the Urban Shield Training exercise was very impressive. So many agencies, two days of non-stop action, and the amount of work to put the whole thing on truly is impressive.

If you missed October, don't miss November. You never know who is going to show up. Especially 2 days after a presidential election!

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2012 Chapter President, Scott Andrews, and sons

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Reaching Beyond Northern California

If you were fortunate enough to be in attendance for our October Chapter Meeting held in Dublin, you got to hear from Terry Hall, APCO International's current President. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to listen to President Hall describe his vision and goals for APCO during his tenure at the helm. He truly does believe that APCO is a member driven organization, with its strengths coming from within.

I was also privileged enough to travel to Southern California and join CPRA (California Public Radio Association / Southern CA APCO Chapter) for their annual tabletop vendor show on October 18, in Montebello. I would like to thank the CPRA Chapter and their Board for the gracious hospitality they showed. APCO International is one big family throughout, and it's a great experience to attend the meetings and conferences of other Chapters to see what we can learn from one another. These joint activities also help to bring our chapters closer together and provide support in the public safety communications community.

This month in San Rafael during our November Chapter Meeting; we are lucky to have Battalion Chief Don Stabler confirmed to present an update on the position of All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader. This is similar material that Chief Stabler presented recently at the IWCE Trade Show in Las Vegas. If you like many others weren't permitted to travel out of state; we're bringing the session to you. If COML information is something that is important to you, this is a great opportunity to receive valuable information; close to home!

LIGHTNING SAFETY REMINDERS

Contributed by Angela Azevedo

We can't stress it enough ... If you hear thunder and see lightning flashes you need to take precautions to stay safe.

1. Have a plan to take safety measures. Know what to do and don't waste time.
2. If you are outdoors, avoid water, high ground and open spaces. Don't take shelter in or near metal objects – tools, wires, fences, canopies, or near trees. If you are outdoors and can't do anything else, crouch down and put our feet together. Try to stay at least 15 feet from other people.
3. If you are indoors, avoid water, stay away from windows and doors, do not use the telephone, and take off headsets. Unplug and stay away from appliances, computers, and TV sets.
4. Suspend outdoor activities for at least 30 minutes after the last observed lightning and thunder.
5. Injured persons do not carry an electrical charge and can be tended to safety. Apply first aid procedures if necessary. Call 9-1-1 or send for help as soon as possible.
6. Know emergency phone numbers in addition to 9-1-1.
7. If you live in a severe storm prone area, consider a first aid class. Even basic knowledge can be helpful in case of a major event.



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*Pixie, kobold, elf, and sprite,
All are on their rounds tonight;
In the wan moon's silver ray,
Thrives their helter-skelter play.
– Joel Benton*

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Upcoming Training Schedule

There are currently no planned or scheduled training events, however, be assured we are always on the lookout for great opportunities.

The NAPCO Board is always looking for innovative and relevant training opportunities to provide to our members and the public safety communications community as a whole.

If you have any training opportunities you would like to share with NAPCO, or if you have any ideas on training opportunities you would like to see provided, please contact any of the board members listed and pass your request on to them.



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“Hold on, man. We don't go anywhere with ‘scary,’ ‘spooky,’ ‘haunted,’ or ‘forbidden’ in the title.” – Shaggy From Scooby-Doo



UPCOMING APCO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

APCO International 79th Annual Conference and Expo
August 18-21, 2013 Anaheim, CA

This year's show will be hosted by our friends from CPRA in Sunny Southern California. Don't miss it, it is sure to be a great show, with plenty to keep you informed and entertained.

The call for papers is now open, visit APCO2013.org to submit a paper, or become a vendor!

Future Locations:

2013 – Anaheim, CA
2014 – New Orleans, LA
2015 – Washington, DC



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*From ghoulies and ghosties
And long-leggedy beasties
And things that go bump in the night,
Good Lord, deliver us!
– Scottish Saying*

We are public safety communications professionals, representing the Northern California Chapter of APCO International. APCO boasts membership of more than 16,000 in 46 chapters, worldwide.

Chapter meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month

Next meeting date and details:

Date: *Thursday, November 8, 2012*

Location: *McInnis Park Golf Center
350 Smith Ranch Road
San Rafael, CA 94903*

Host: *Shelly Nelson, Marin County*

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UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

December 13, 2012
Vendor Table Top and Annual Meeting
Concord, CA

January 10, 2013
Location TBD
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February 14, 2013
Location TBD
Sponsor TBD



“There is a child in every one of us who is still a trick-or-treater looking for a brightly-lit front porch.” – Robert Brault