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Summary of Recent Monthly Chapter Meeting Sponsored by RELM Wireless/BK Radio and General Dynamics

This past monthly meeting was again held in the beautiful Martinelli Center in Livermore. The weather was warm and sunny and the countryside sparkling. Host Desi Calzada selected a great location for the April meeting.

With a nod to both National Telecommunicator Week and National Volunteer month, President Hagar had everyone introduce themselves while adding on a little about their volunteer work. The member and guests in attendance did not disappoint with the many volunteer hours they rack up each week. Thank you to everyone who donates so much time and energy in supporting our communities.

Various board members provided updates on their committees, including programs, budget, and bylaws. Mention was made of the upcoming Cal Chiefs COMVAN Rally to be held in Rancho Cordova, the day before our May meeting. Status of NAPCO finances by the treasurer and also proposed bylaw changes to streamline the organization. The first in a series of Bylaw amendments were introduced. The three Resolutions to Amend were submitted by the Constitution & Bylaws Committee and can be found on the NAPCO.org website. The Resolutions to Amend will be voted on by the general membership at the June meeting in Santa Clara. Chuck Berdan provided a thorough update on the recent 911 Advisory Board meeting citing many changes that will help call takers and first responders.

Our commercial presentations were provided by RELM Wireless/BK Radio and General Dynamics. RELM provided updates on their BK line of mobile and portable radio units and General Dynamics provided an overview of their business units and the integration mechanisms they have for various radio systems and many vendors.

Charlie Cullen provided an overview of APCO PROCHRT to the general membership, and then continued his discussion during the Operations Breakout session. Make sure you stop by next meeting for more great discussions!

MISSED THIS MONTH'S MEETING? VISIT WWW.NAPCO.ORG FOR UPCOMING EVENTS



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General Dynamics – www.generaldynamics.com



2013 Chapter President, Randy Hagar
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Public Safety Apps

APCO International and the FIRSTNET Board have introduced their respective initiatives to develop and showcase applications designed specifically for and sometimes by, public safety.

APCO's Application Community or APPCOM is a repository and clearinghouse for public safety agencies to explore and potentially to acquire. The FIRSTNET Board initiative is essentially a statement that suggests that the National Broadband Public Safety Network will only be as effective and efficient as the apps that it facilitates. As such, both entities are calling for the development of apps that enhance first responder capabilities. So while the broadband networks themselves are built, commercial and private, the "traffic" that they will carry is still evolving. We know that data, video, and eventually voice are the fundamental categories of apps envisioned but do we also envision standards that ensure that my app is compatible with your app and their app? Let's have discussions about the need to develop standards for public safety apps so that we are not faced, yet again, with stove-piped and incompatible resources when we need them most.

Visit <http://appcomm.org/> for the APCO International's app site and http://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/11dec12_firstnet_app_presentation_-_final.pdf for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

APCO INTERNATIONAL | UPCOMING EVENTS | 2013-2014

Public Safety Broadband Summit & Expo

May 13-14, 2013 | Washington Court Hotel on Capitol Hill | Washington, D.C.

APCO's annual Public Safety Broadband Summit & Expo provides a forum for technology experts, policy leaders, industry partners, commercial carriers, and public safety professionals to discuss timely issues affecting the deployment of an advanced, interoperable, nationwide public safety broadband network.

This year's Summit will also focus on the development of public safety apps, FirstNet consultation with state and local entities, network and cybersecurity, the progress of LTE technology, and other innovations in wireless infrastructure, equipment, and devices.

Visit www.broadbandsummit.apcointl.org for more information.



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS LEADERSHIP IN POLICY AWARDS DINNER

May 14, 2013 | Renaissance Mayflower Hotel | Washington, D.C.

This elegant event is APCO's opportunity to recognize the leaders in public safety communications who have continued to advocate for our industry. The following awards will be presented this year: Leadership in Advocacy Award, Leadership in Regulatory Service Award, Leadership in Legislative Service Award, and Leadership in Advancing Communications Policy Award.

Visit www.leadersdinner.apcointl.org for more information.



APCO 2013
August 18-21
Anaheim, CA

August 18-21, 2013 | Anaheim Convention Center | Anaheim, CA

APCO 2013 is APCO International's Annual Conference & Expo. This premiere event brings together professionals from across the public safety community. With 9 professional tracks consisting of 11 sessions each and the chance to earn up to 14 CEU's, you are sure to accelerate your career. Join us August 18-21 in Anaheim to experience this one-of-a-kind meeting!

Visit www.apco2013.org for more information.

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"Hebe's here, May is here! The air is fresh and sunny; And the miser-bees are busy Hoarding golden honey." – Thomas Bailey Aldrich

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A Thank You from President Randy Hagar

I want to thank two of our Directors for their active participation in community outreach recently. Jackie Pace attended a recent Dispatchers awards dinner on our behalf. It is fitting that a PSAP Telecommunicator and fellow NAPCO Board member represent our chapter for meaningful community events, especially an awards dinner for the PSAP professionals who excel in their work.

Thank you Jackie for sacrificing the better part of your weekend.

Scott Andrews recently attended the California 911 Heroes Awards ceremony on the steps of the State capital last month, representing NAPCO. The annual event recognizes children who demonstrated heroism and includes representatives from the CHP, the State 911 program, the national 911-4-kids organization, APCO and NENA among others.

Thank you Scott for representing NAPCO in a very public setting.

Chuck Berdan has also sacrificed time away from his “day job” on our behalf, participating in the California 911 Advisory Board meetings and educating himself and some of us on several proposed bills that potentially will impact public safety. Those bills include AB162, AB300, and others. After discussing the purpose, merits, and risks associated with the bills, and after discussing them with Tim Trager, President of CPRA, we concluded that it is imprudent for either APCO chapter to engage itself in the political arena but that we should make an effort to educate our members of the bills without influencing an outcome.

Thank you Chuck for your community service.

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SEE UP TO DATE INFORMATION AT: [HTTP://WWW.NAPCO.ORG/TRAINING.HTM](http://www.napco.org/training.htm)**

“No doubt they rose up early to observe The rite of May; and, hearing our intent, Came here in grace of our solemnity.” – William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream



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.

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

Registrations Now Open!



Network with Public Safety Experts APCO Annual Conference Brings the Entire Industry Together



Connect

With over 4,500 public safety communications professionals at the largest gathering of its kind. This is your chance to share with individuals in the same field from across the country and discover solutions to your most pressing issues.



Innovate

Experience innovation first-hand at APCO 2013. This year we head into the future of public safety communications and we invite you to come with us.



Accelerate

Your career with focused, forward-thinking educational sessions that will get you up to speed with the latest technology and training.

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"April is a promise that May is bound to keep." – Hal Borland

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, April 18, 2013

*Location: Sonoma County Sheriff's Office
2796 Ventura Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA 95403*

Host: Sgt. Dennis Smiley of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office

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UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

June 13, 2013
Location: Santa Clara
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July 11, 2013
Location: Cordelia
Sponsor: TBD

August 8, 2013
Location: San Ramon
Sponsor: AT&T



“Another May new buds and flowers shall bring: Ah! why has happiness no second Spring?” – Charlotte Smith