

# Annual Report

## 2018

**California Public-Safety Radio Association, Inc.**

The Southern California Chapter of the

**Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials  
(APCO) - International**



# About The California Public-Safety Radio Association, Inc.

The California Public-Safety Radio Association (hereinafter referred to as CPRA) was originally founded in 1935 as a statewide group called the California Police Radio Association. Because California is so large, it was decided in 1941 to divide the state between North and South. A line was drawn from east to west through Fresno. The group to the north of Fresno was known as the Northern California Police Communication Officers. This group is now known as the Northern California Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials or NAPCO. The area south of Fresno was at first known as the California Police Communication Officers but shortly afterward the Southern California group changed the name back to the original California Police Radio Association (CPRA). On April 1, 1945, CPRA became a chartered chapter of the then Associated Police Communications Officers (APCO). In 1953 the CPRA Chapter, in order to better reflect its membership, changed its name to the California Public-Safety Radio Association. In 1956, the Association followed suit and changed its name to the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (hereinafter referred to as APCO). Since it was a separate organization when it joined APCO in 1945, the name CPRA was allowed to be grandfathered. All other present and future chapters are now required to use APCO in their chapter names.

Today, the CPRA Chapter is made up of over 560 local volunteer public safety professionals from Police, Fire, EMS, 9-1-1, State/Local Government, Tribal, Military, Forestry, Highway and Conservation services who volunteer their time and expertise for the betterment of public safety communications. It represents more than 250 Public Safety agencies and 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) who serve over 23 million people throughout Southern California. Our Corporate members, who provide products or services to public safety, also support and participate in many of the activities of the Chapter. The CPRA Chapter of APCO meets monthly in various Southern California locations.

The CPRA Chapter of APCO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization which provides its members with Operational and Technical Training, discusses the current critical issues affecting Public Safety and 9-1-1 PSAPs, disseminates the latest information on emerging technologies including Next Gen 9-1-1 and FirstNet, reports on FCC Regulatory notices and actions, conducts monthly Frequency Coordination meetings, advises on the current activities at APCO International, and provides an opportunity for networking with peers. Additionally, CPRA holds special events throughout the year, including: an Annual Telecommunicators Week Awards Banquet in April that recognizes the top 9-1-1 practitioners in Southern California; an Annual Engineering & Technologist Awards Program in May that recognizes excellence in technical support; and an Annual Vendor Exposition event in October that displays the latest equipment and services for Public Safety. The CPRA Chapter also publishes a monthly member newsletter, called "The CommLink", which is available on the Chapter website.

## **MISSION:**

APCO is an international leader committed to providing complete public safety communications expertise, professional development, technical assistance, advocacy and outreach to benefit our members and the public.

## **VISION:**

APCO commits to strengthen our communities by empowering and educating public safety communications professionals.



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Welcome to the 2018 CPRA Annual Report. In it you will find pertinent Chapter information for 2018, to include officers, meetings, events, awards, and finances. I also want to fill you in or expand on Chapter activities outlined, and not outlined, in the report. 2018 proved to be a successful year for CPRA.

One thing the Executive Committee is very proud of is the 20% increase in Chapter funds. This can be attributed to a combination of everyone pulling together to curtail expenses, and successful fund raising, including CPRA NTW Button sales and our Annual Vendor Exhibition. Even with pulling back on Officer Travel expenses, we were able to show-up, en masse, to the APCO Western Region Conference (WRC) in Tacoma, Washington in March, and the APCO-International Conference & Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada in August. To be a true presence at both of the conferences Western Region Consortium Meetings allowed us the opportunity to represent the APCO Southern California Chapter members as their elected representatives in a way we feel best suits our membership. After months of preparation, we bid to host the 2021 WRC at this year's WRC Consortium Meeting. Though we did not win the bid, we received high praise from Western Region Chapters' meeting attendees about our complete, comprehensive, and informative presentation. At the APCO-International Conference & Expo, finding a CPRA Chapter attendee wearing a volunteer T-Shirt, working in a wide range of positions, was commonplace.

I want to outline activities in which we participated to generate new membership of industry professionals. California First Responder non-profit organizations have come together in a sort of fellowship to be a presence at each other's exhibit events. CPRA had a table at CalNENA's annual conference and CCUG's (California CLETS Users Group) annual educational conference, where our sole purpose was to speak to attendees and recruit possible new APCO members. Additionally, we sent a representative to the League of California Cities Annual Conference, to see if it would be a good fit for CPRA to have a table. Conversely, we offer tables at our Annual Vendor Exhibition (we call it "Professional Partnering"), should anyone from CalNENA or CCUG choose to participate.

Lastly, I want to convey how proud this Chapter is to hold our Annual Engineering & Technology Awards Luncheon and our Annual Telecommunicators Awards Banquet during National Telecommunicators Week. These events personify the pride shared in the work we do as Technicians, Engineers, Telecommunicators, and First Responders. It is our honor to honor those who provide exceptional service; and to present awards to the winners in the name of CPRA, Southern California Chapter of APCO-International.

Thank you,

Scott Espindola  
CPRA President, 2018



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## Reporting Period

This report reflects activity of the CPRA Chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) – International from **January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018**.

## Area Served

The Southern California Chapter of APCO International serves public safety professionals from the following ten (10) geographic counties within Southern California: Imperial County, Kern County, Los Angeles County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, San Diego County, San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County, and Ventura County. These Public Safety agencies serve over 23.8 million citizens (60% of the State's population), encompassing 56,512.35 square miles, and is the second most urbanized area in the United States.

## Contact & Social Media Information

The CPRA Chapter of APCO International is an all-volunteer organization, and as such, does not have employees nor maintains a physical address. Postal boxes and automated message services are utilized for correspondence with the Chapter.

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		APCO Intl: <a href="http://www.apcointl.org">www.apcointl.org</a>

## 2018 Elected Chapter Officers (Chapter Executive Committee)

**President** – Scott Espindola, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, CA

**President-Elect** – Dr. Doug Roberts, County of San Bernardino, CA

**Vice-President** – Steve Miller, County of Orange, CA

**Secretary** – Kathleen Hardin, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, CA

**Treasurer** – John W Wright, City of Riverside, CA

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Jeffrey Loveland, City of Riverside Fire Department, CA

**Executive Council Delegate** – Jim Acosta, City of Downey, CA

**Chapter Commercial Advisory Member** – Larry Weber, The Sales Group

**Director** – Dale Digiambattista, City of Hemet Police Department, CA

**Director** – Ron Wong, County of Los Angeles, CA

**Director** – Donald Miller, City of Long Beach, CA

During 2018, two elected officers requested to step down and were replaced by two appointments confirmed by the Chapter Executive Committee: **Vice-President Steve Miller** was replaced by **Howard Newton** – County of Riverside, and **Executive Council Delegate Jim Acosta** was replaced by **Ernest Gallo** – City of Torrance.

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## 2018 Chapter Membership

To be a member of the CPRA Chapter of APCO-International, members must join APCO, which may be done through the Association's website at [www.apcointl.org](http://www.apcointl.org). As of December 2018, the CPRA Chapter of APCO International has a total of **564** members.

CPRA Chapter Membership by APCO Individual Type Classifications:

15	9-1-1 Administrative Support
2	9-1-1 Coordinators
14	9-1-1 Directors
66	9-1-1 Managers
124	9-1-1 Supervisors
137	9-1-1 Telecommunicator/Dispatchers
8	9-1-1 Training and Education Coordinators
19	Commercial Consultants
17	Commercial Marketing/Sales
7	Commercial Members
4	Commercial Owners
9	Commercial Presidents
2	Commercial Product Specialists
12	County/State Officials
75	Engineering/Technicians
2	Fire Captains
9	Fire Chiefs
13	Information Systems Support
4	Police Officers / Deputies
21	Retired
4	Sheriffs
<b>564</b>	

Membership percentages by General Classifications:

9-1-1 / Operational	64.91 %
Engineering / Technician	13.29 %
Commercial	10.28 %
Retired	3.72 %
Law / Fire / EMS Officers	3.37 %
Information Systems	2.31 %
County / State Officials	<u>2.12 %</u>
	<b>100.00 %</b>

Membership by APCO Membership Type:

46	Associate Members
50	Commercial members (Individual)
8	Commercial Members (Group)
192	Full Members (Individual)
99	Full Members (Group)
<u>169</u>	Online Members (Group)
<b>564</b>	

## APCO / Chapter Life Members

**APCO International Life Members:**

Jim Acosta	David Buchanan	Ernest Gallo
Richard Granado	Gary David Gray	Kenneth Mann
Garrett Mayer	Donald Miller	Richard Miller
Joseph Parrino	Henry Richter	Donald Root
Charles Taylor	John W Wright	

**Chapter Life Members:**

Patricia Daniel	James Delameter
Bryan Hawkins	Spencer Leafdale
Mike Rowles	Billy Williams

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## California Public-Safety Radio Association, Inc.

### 2018 Chapter Meetings

	Date	Location
Jan	1/18/2018	Ontario Police Dept., Ontario
Feb	2/15/2018	Cal-TECH, Pasadena
Mar	3/15/2018	Hughes Center, Claremont
April	4/12/2018	Knott's Berry Farm Hotel, Buena Park
May	5/17/2018	Coast Guard Center, San Pedro
June	6/21/2018	Chase Palm Park, Santa Barbara
Jul	7/19/2018	Talley, Santa Fe Springs
Aug	8/16/2018	The Old Spaghetti Factory, San Marcos
Sep	9/20/2018	Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park
Oct	10/25/2018	Quiet Cannon, Montebello
Nov	11/15/2018	Orange County Sheriff's Dept. - Loma Ridge
Dec	12/06/2018	Knott's Berry Farm Hotel, Buena Park

### 2018 Chapter Events

	Date	Location
Apr	4/12/2018	Knott's Berry Farm Hotel, Buena Park Annual Engineering & Technology Awards Luncheon
Apr	4/12/2018	Knott's Berry Farm Hotel, Buena Park Annual Telecommunicators Week Awards Banquet
Oct	10/25/2018	Quiet Cannon Event Center, Montebello Annual Vendor Exposition

### 2018 Executive Committee Quarterly Workshops

	Date	Location
Jan	1/10/2018	Rio Hondo Golf Club, Downey
Apr	4/4/2018	Chino Hills Police Department, Chino Hills
Jul	7/11/2018	Rio Hondo Golf Club, Downey
Nov	11/7/2018	Montclair Police Department, Montclair

### 2018 APCO International Western Regional Conference

Mar	3/27/2018 – 3/30/2018	Greater Tacoma Convention Center, Tacoma, WA
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### 2018 APCO International Annual Conference & Exposition

Aug	8/03/2018 – 8/08/2018	Sands Expo Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV
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## California Public-Safety Radio Association, Inc.

### 2018 CPRA Chapter Award Recipients

The CPRA Chapter of APCO International solicits annual award nominations, in multiple categories, from over 250 public safety agencies throughout the Southern California region. Nominees and/or award recipients are not required to be a member of APCO International.

### 2018 National Telecommunicators Week Awards Winners:

#### Telecommunicator of the Year

Toni Sanchez - Riverside County Sheriff's Department

#### Supervisor of the Year

Catherine Borchardt - Orange County Sheriff's Department

#### Outstanding Performance (Individual) – Police

Peter Holmstrom - Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.

#### Outstanding Performance (Team) – Police

Heather Riley, Shannon Johnson - Murrieta Police & Fire Department

#### Outstanding Performance (Team) – Fire

Kelly Curran, Linda Cobos, Julie Shannon, Brenda Partin, Connie Dyer, Kathryn Bordelon, Rebecca Valerio, Allison Staley, Melissa Angle, Lori Koza - Murrieta Police & Fire Department

### 2018 Engineering & Technologist Awards Winners:

#### IT TECHNOLOGIST of the Year

Robert Mendoza - City of Manhattan Beach Police Department

#### RF TECHNOLOGIST of the Year

Aaron DeGuzman - County of Riverside PSEC

#### RF ENGINEER of the Year

Chief Warrant Officer Rick Wilhelm, California State Military Reserve, March AFB

### 2018 Chapter Service Award

Terri Nelson – Chapter Operations & Training Committee Chair

### 2018 Chapter President's Award

Adriana Spirescu – Chapter Member-At-Large

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## 2018 Financial Summary

### Account Balances

January 1, 2018 \$ 69,983.39 2018 Opening Balance

Petty Cash on Hand \$ 200.00

**Total Funds Available \$ 70,183.39**

December 31, 2018 \$ 84,142.97 2018 Closing Balance

Petty Cash on Hand \$ 200.00

**Total Funds Available \$ 84,342.97**

**Net Annual Increase / (Net Loss) \$ 14,159.58**

### Income

Total Income 2018 \$ 64,387.27 APCO Dues, Meeting/Event Registrations

### Expenses

Total Expenses 2018 \$ 50,227.69 Operating Expenses, Event Venues

### Assets

Property & Equipment \$ 172.24 Non-Asset Items Valued Under \$500

Property & Equipment \$ 0.00 Asset Items Valued Over \$500

Investments \$ 0.00

### Liabilities

Accounts Payable \$ 0.00

Accrued Expenses \$ 0.00

**Total Net Assets (Funds & Equipment) \$ 84,515.21**



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## Financial Notes:

The Financial Summary contained within this report reflects all financial activity of the CPRA Chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) – International for its 2018 fiscal year:

**January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.**

TAX Identification: CPRA is an registered 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. TIN #: **95-4234700**.

Checking Account: Union Bank Non-Profit Organization Checking

2018 Credit Card and Credit Card Processing provided through Union Bank and Square. All Square credit card transactions are direct deposited into the Chapter's Non-Profit Checking Account.

APCO Dues: Association dues designated for the CPRA Chapter are direct deposited monthly from APCO International into the Chapter's Non-Profit Checking Account.

Assets: Per Chapter Financial Policy, equipment valued at \$500 or greater is determined to be an "Asset" of the Chapter and therefore reportable to the IRS. Equipment value is depreciated annually at the current IRS published depreciation schedule. Chapter equipment valued below \$500 is determined to be a non-asset item and is tracked in separate inventory records. Equipment depreciated to zero (\$0.00) value is not reflected in this report.

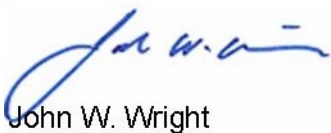
A copy of the Chapter's current IRS W9 form is available on the Chapter website at [www.cpra.org](http://www.cpra.org).

The CPRA Chapter's Financial Policy may be found within the Chapter Policy & Procedures Manual, on pages 26-37. A current copy of the CPRA Chapter Policy & Procedures Manual, as well as the CPRA Chapter Constitution & Bylaws, is available on the Chapter's Website.

Financial Audit: All financial records are annually reviewed and audited by the Chapter Finance & Audit Committee as prescribed within the Chapter's Financial Policy of the Chapter Policy & Procedures Manual.

Tax Filings: Chapter accounts, Chapter asset inventory, and Chapter State and Federal tax returns are annually reviewed; filings prepared, and required documents filed by an independent professional Accounting Firm.

Prepared by:



John W. Wright



Past President—APCO International  
Treasurer / PIO— CPRA Chapter of APCO



**2018 Annual National Telecommunicators Week Awards Banquet – Knott’s Berry Farm**



**A Few of Our 2018 Telecommunicator & Technologist Awards Recipients**



**Our New Life Members – 2018 APCO Annual Conference – Las Vegas, NV**