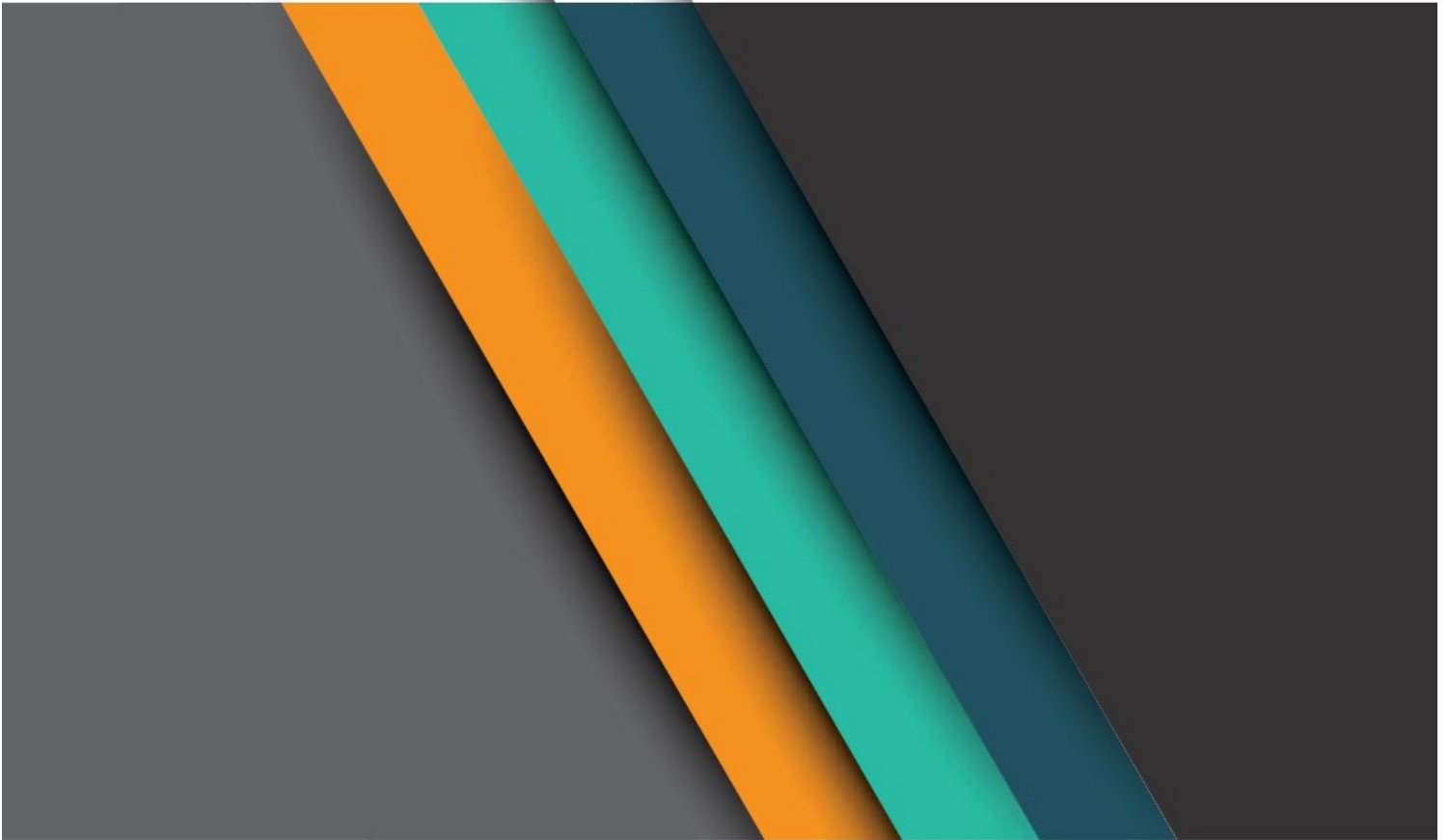


# Annual Report 2020

The California Public-Safety Radio Association, Inc.

The Southern California Chapter of 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 of APCO is made up of over 500 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 an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization which provides its members with Operational and Technical education and 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 Awards Banquet in April that recognizes the top 9-1-1 practitioners in Southern California; an Annual Engineering & Technologist Awards Program in April 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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On behalf of the executive committee and the general membership, I want to welcome you to the 2020 California Public-Safety Radio Association (CPRA) annual report. In this report, you will find a synopsis of Chapter activities that took place throughout the year.

CPRA invested in the Zoom virtual platform this year holding almost all chapter and executive meetings virtually. John Wright pioneered this effort with all of the executive committee members supporting. We are proud to say our virtual attendance matched or exceeded face to face meetings throughout the year. With innovative vendor and award presentation online recordings being stored on our Website, we are adding value to our membership.

The Chapter has been very active this year, with members supporting public-safety communications at the local and national level. This year, members of the executive board were unable to attend multiple meetings and events including the Western Regional Conference and APCO International Conference due to the COVID pandemic. Our members did however make significant contributions to the public safety community by serving on Chapter committees, National committee's, and working groups establishing ANSI accredited standards, Frequency Planning, and related public safety communications online events. Each October, your Chapter facilitates an annual Vendor Exhibition. The goal of this event is to provide the public safety community with access to training, relevant topics, and vendors whom offer specialty products and services. This year's event was a resounding success, featuring over 3 keynote speakers, 5 virtual simultaneous tracks, 40 exhibitors and in excess of 502 (up from 200 last year) attendees over a two-day virtual Zoom event. The event was done jointly with NAPCO and most of the event can be seen on our website [www.cpra.org](http://www.cpra.org). Exhibitor and Membership feedback was very positive.

One of our strategic goals this year was to increase the value added benefit of membership to our General and Commercial members. Our Webmaster Ernest Gallo was instrumental in accomplishing this goal by adding to a new multimedia channel to benefit our members. With the launch of a YouTube channel, he expanded our multimedia presence which already included Twitter, Facebook and Flickr channels. We now have video interviews with vendors and presenters that are available for review on our Website. The Website has become a repository of Public Safety Communications Information and is used by our membership for relevant and reference topics.

This year, CPRA continues its long history of recognizing those individuals that have extraordinary contributions to the public safety community. In November, we hosted the annual *Telecommunicator and Technical Awards Ceremony Virtually*. CPRA celebrated *National Telecommunicators Week* by recognizing Telecommunicators, from across Southern California, for performance above and beyond the call of duty. The entire event is posted on our Website for nominees and winners to share with their peers and families at will. CPRA had 175 attendees for our Virtual Awards Event.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, and the membership, I am proud to report that the state of our Association and Chapter is strong. We have continued to be mindful of expenses, finishing the year with a net gain. We attribute our success to the hard work of our membership, controlling expenses, increasing commercial sponsorships, and the success of our annual fund-raising events. I am especially proud of the Chapter for its "adapt and overcome" attitude in 2020, innovating and growing the chapter despite pandemic obstacles.

Thank you,

Howard W. Newton III, P.E.  
CPRA President 2020

# 2020 Annual Report

## California Public-Safety Radio Association, Inc.

### Reporting Period

This report reflects activity of the CPRA Chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) – International from **January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**.

### Area Served

The CPRA 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 business location. Postal boxes, Social Media, and automated message services are utilized for correspondence with the Chapter.

Primary Address:	<b>3410 La Sierra Ave., #F1185 Riverside, California 92503</b>	Twitter:	@CPRAORG
Message/Fax Phone:	(213) 291-9411	Facebook:	CPRAORG
Chapter Website:	www.cpra.org	YouTube:	California Public-Safety Radio Association
APCO Website:	www.apcointl.org	Flickr.com:	CPRA – SoCal Chapter of APCO

### 2020 Elected Chapter Officers (Chapter Executive Committee Voting Eligible Officers)

**President** – Howard Newton, County of Riverside, CA

**President-Elect** – David Duenas, University of California – Los Angeles, CA

**Vice-President** – Timothy Buchfeller, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, CA

**Secretary** – Terri Nelson, Huntington Park Police Department, CA (Retired)

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**Executive Council Delegate** – Ernest Gallo, City of Torrance, CA

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

**Director** – Dr. Doug Roberts, County of San Bernardino, CA

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

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

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## 2020 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 2020, the CPRA Chapter of APCO International has a total of **479** members.

### Membership by APCO Individual Type Classifications:

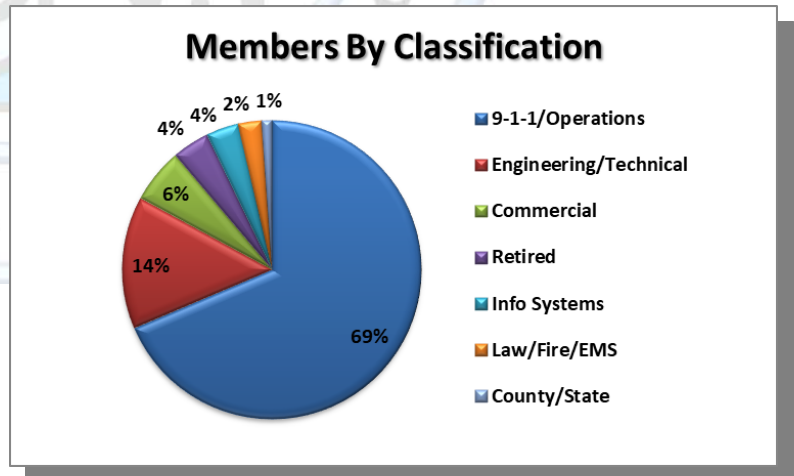
10	9-1-1 Administrative Support
2	9-1-1 Coordinators
10	9-1-1 Directors
47	9-1-1 Managers
108	9-1-1 Supervisors
149	9-1-1 Telecommunicator/Dispatchers
4	9-1-1 Training and Education Coordinators
9	Commercial Consultants
5	Commercial Marketing/Sales
3	Commercial Members
2	Commercial Owners
7	Commercial Presidents
2	Commercial Product Specialists
5	County/State Officials
68	Engineering/Technicians
2	Fire Captains
2	Fire Chiefs
17	Information Systems Support
4	Police Chiefs
1	Police Officers / Deputies
19	Retired
3	Sheriffs
<b>479</b>	

### Membership by APCO Membership Type:

16	Associate Members
45	Commercial Members (Individual)
3	Commercial Members (Group)
160	Full Members (Individual)
97	Full Members (Group)
158	Online Members (Group)
<b>479</b>	

### Membership percentages by General Classifications:

9-1-1 / Operational	68.94 %
Engineering / Technician	14.19 %
Commercial	5.84 %
Retired	3.95 %
Information Systems	3.54 %
Law / Fire / EMS Officers	2.50 %
County / State Officials	1.04 %
	<b>100.00 %</b>



## APCO / Chapter Life Members

### APCO International Life Members:

Jim Acosta	Ralph Blount	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	Anna Holmes
Spencer Leafdale	Mike Rowles
Billy Williams	

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## California Public-Safety Radio Association, Inc.

### 2020 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.

### 2020 National Telecommunicators Week Awards Winners:

#### Telecommunicator of the Year

Lizette Sanz, Riverside County Sheriff's Department

#### Supervisor of the Year

Steven Query, Anaheim Police Department

#### Trainer of the Year

Melissa Taniguchi, Buena Park Police Department

#### Outstanding Performance (Individual) – Police

Keyshae Stovell, Los Angeles Police Department

#### Outstanding Performance (Individual) – Fire

Carly Payne, Murrieta Police Department

#### Outstanding Performance (Team) – Police

Riverside County Sheriff's Department

#### Outstanding Performance (Team) – Fire

Hemet Police Department



2020 National Telecommunicators Week Button



Robert Stoffel – Master of Ceremonies

### 2020 Engineering & Technologist Awards Winners:

#### GIS Technologist of the Year

Tracy Venegas, Riverside County Sheriff's Department

#### IT Technologist of the Year

Ray Howard, Murrieta Police Department

#### RF Technologist of the Year

Peter Jimenez, Orange County Sheriff's Department

#### RF Engineer of the Year

Nick Condaras, Orange County Sheriff's Department

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### 2020 Chapter Meetings

	Date	Location	Attendance
Jan	01/16/2020	Orange County Family Justice Center, Anaheim Dr. Frank Vernon, UCSD HPWREN Director	34
	Presentation	The High-Performance Wireless Research Network	
Feb	02/20/2020	County of Riverside Emergency Management , Riverside Anjie Johnson, Program Coordinator II	47
	Presentation	Riverside County Emergency Management	
Mar	03/19/2020	Meeting Cancelled Due to Pandemic  Exec Committee convened by Conference Call	-
April	04/16/2020	Meeting Cancelled Due to Pandemic  Exec Committee convened by Conference Call	-
May	05/21/2020	Virtual Zoom Meeting Kevin Nida, Sr. Public Safety Advisor	89
	Presentation	FirstNet Deployments Update	
June	06/18/2020	Virtual Zoom Meeting Patrol Captain, Sonny St John	56
	Presentation	US Forest Service Regional Fires Update	
Jul	07/16/2020	Virtual Zoom Meeting David Buchanan	46
	Presentation	Introduction to the FCC	
Aug	08/20/2020	Virtual Zoom Meeting Paul E. Troxel, Division Chief, Cal OES	59
	Presentation	CPE Software Upgrades for NG9-1-1, migration plan & funding	
Sep	09/17/2020	Virtual Zoom Meeting Andy Seybold	37
	Presentation	Public Safety 4.9 GHz Spectrum Report	
Oct	10/22/2020	Virtual Zoom Meeting Chapter Meeting held during online event	56
	Presentation	Joint CPRA/NAPCO Public Safety Training & Vendor Expo	
Nov	11/19/2020	Virtual Zoom Meeting	42
	Presentation	None	
Dec	12/17/2020	Virtual Zoom Meeting	44
	Presentation	CPRA Chapter Officer Installation & Recognition	

Note: APCO Frequency Coordination and Regional 700/800 MHz Plan meetings were held in conjunction with all monthly chapter meetings shown for 2020.

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### 2020 Chapter Events

Note: Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Annual events were held virtually via Zoom meetings.

	Date	Location	Attendance
Oct	10/21 – 10/22/2020	Virtual Joint Public Safety Training & Vendor Expo	502
	Companies Represented:	40	
	Training Sessions:	10	
	Keynote Presentations:	3	
	“Human Trafficking 101” – Without Permission “APCO Legislative Update” – APCO International “California’s Earthquake Warning System” – Cal OES		
	Event Sponsors:	Thank you for supporting APCO!	
	Diamond Sponsors:	Motorola Solutions / RGB Spectrum	
	Platinum Sponsor:	AT&T	
	Gold Sponsors:	Concept Seating / ESChat / JVCKENWOOD Panorama Antennas	
	Silver Sponsors:	Aviat Networks / Eventide / JPS Interoperability / Nokia Survey Technologies / Talley / The Spectrum Firm	
Nov	11/19/2020	2020 Virtual Annual Public Safety Awards (Technical & Telecommunicator)	175

### 2020 Executive Committee Quarterly Workshops

	Date	Location
Jan	01/08/2020	Orange County Sheriff’s Department – Loma Ridge
Apr	04/01/2020	Conference Call
Jul	07/01/2020	Virtual Zoom Meeting
Nov	11/09/2020	Virtual Zoom Meeting

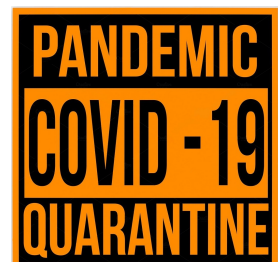
### 2020 APCO International Western Regional Conference

April 04/06 – 04/09/2020 Ogden, UT *(Cancelled Due to Pandemic)*

### 2020 APCO International Annual Conference & Exposition

Jul 07/30-07/31/2020 First & Second General Business Sessions (Virtual Meetings)

Aug 08/02 – 08/05/2020 Orlando, FL *(Cancelled Due to Pandemic)*





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### 2020 Financial Summary

#### Account Balances

January 1, 2020 \$102,471.75 2020 Opening Balance

Petty Cash on Hand \$ 200.00

**Total Funds Available (1/1/2020) \$102,671.75**

December 31, 2020 \$113,979.81 2020 Closing Balance

Petty Cash on Hand \$ 200.00

**Total Funds Available (12/31/2020) \$114,179.81**

**Annual Net Increase / (Net Loss) \$ 11,508.06**

#### Income

**Total Annual Income FY2020 \$ 45,102.73** APCO Dues, Donations, Meeting Registrations, Fundraisers, Sponsorships

#### Expenses

**Total Annual Expenses FY2020 \$ 33,594.67** Monthly Meetings, Utilities, Awards, Insurance, Officer Travel, Event Deposits, Fundraiser Items, Postage/Shipping, Supplies, Professional Services

#### Assets

Property & Equipment \$ 697.24 Non-Asset Items Valued Under \$500

Property & Equipment \$ 1,218.90 Asset Items Valued Over \$500

Investments \$ 0.00

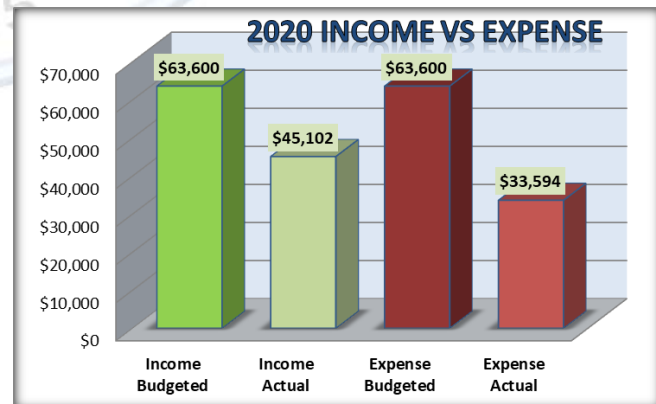
**Total Assets \$ 1,916.14**

#### Liabilities

Accounts Payable \$ 0.00

Accrued Expenses \$ 0.00

**Total Net Assets (Funds & Equipment) \$116,095.95**



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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 2020 fiscal year:

**January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.**

### TAX Identification:

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

CPRA is a registered State of California domestic non-profit corporation: Entity ID #: **C0250665**

Agent for Service of Process: William Dunlevy, 1200 Paseo Camarillo, Ste. 255, Camarillo, CA 93010

Checking Account: Union Bank Non-Profit Organization Checking

2020 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. CPRA is an APCO Tier II dues chapter.

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



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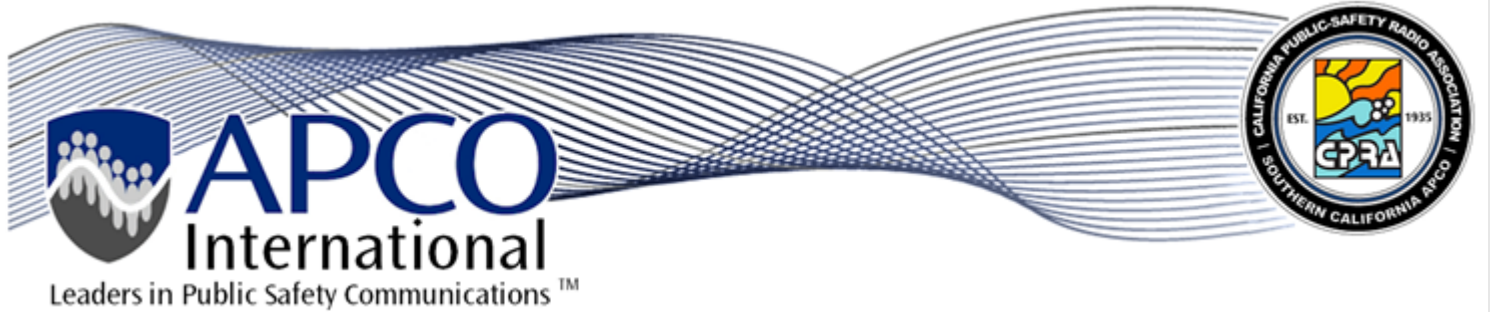
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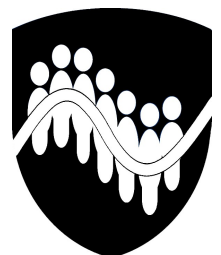
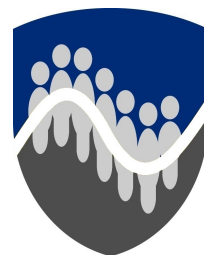
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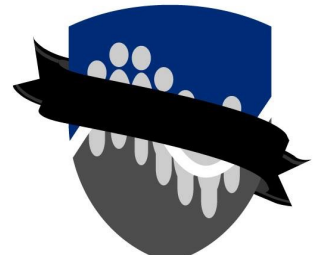
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