Chapter News

CPRA Chapter to Host 29th Annual APCO International Western States Regional Conference

March 15th thru 17th, 1999... Have you made your plans yet? No, not your "Y2K" preparations, but simply the biggest and best APCO Western States Regional Conference ever.

The CPRA Chapter has been working for more than two years to produce the 29th Annual APCO International Western States Regional Conference, which will be held in beautiful San Diego. The conference site will be the newly renovated Concourse Convention Center, located in the heart of the "new" downtown. The host hotel is the Westin at Horton Plaza, one block from the Convention Center.

Southern California in March is the perfect venue for an APCO event and the rest of California takes lessons from San Diego when it comes to climate, activities, facilities and all the things that make for an enjoyable time for conference attendees.

As you will read in upcoming articles, the 29th Annual APCO Western States Regional Conference promises to be not only the last Western States Regional Conference of the century, but far and away the best. Those of you who attended the 1994 WSRC, hosted by CPRA (and chaired by our current APCO President - Jack Keating) in Anaheim, remember an informative, fulfilling, and exciting event which still stands as the bestattended Western States Regional Conference in APCO history. CPRA has a reputation for "working outside the box" in conducting routine business and promoting public safety communications. This, together with San Diego's unique settings and opportunities, affords us the ability to provide you with a program that includes "work stuff" and "fun stuff" that is unequaled at any other venue.

Just because your chapter isn't in the Western Region doesn't mean we won't let you come visit us for a few days. APCO and others will be holding meetings and functions in conjunction with the conference, including the APCO Executive Council mid-year meeting. This will bring in attendees from all over the organization and offer a chance for you to "network" with your peers from around the country.

On the subject of exhibits - we've got 'em! Two large exhibit halls worth. So far, more than 160 booths have been reserved by companies who tend to our public safety needs in all areas - from training to consulting to hardware. More are being added as you read this.

In addition to a comprehensive threetrack program of seminars covering management, technology, and operations, we will sponsor some outstanding special presentations by some of the most noted speakers in the country.

But that's a subject for another article. In the meantime - for more information (and a sneak peak at who those speakers are) check out the Western States Regional Conference page on our web site - www.cpra.org. There you will find complete registration and hotel reservation information and a preview of the conference activities. Keep checking back and we will have preliminary and updated program topics and information.

See you in March '99 in San Diego!

-Ralph Blount, Conference Chair

CPRA Plans Fun for Families during WSRC

Do you get a Spring Break? If you don't, you should create one and spend it at the APCO Western States Regional Conference with your family on March 15 - 17, 1999, in San Diego, California. The family excursions are planned to assist you in enjoying your Spring Break by taking you iSouth of the Border' and to iAfrica and Asia' via San Diego's Wild Animal Park.

Our journey to Baja's rugged coast will begin immediately after the opening break-

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