

36th Annual Southern California Public Safety Awards



Friday, April 19, 2024

Knott's Berry Farm Hotel

Celebrating Our Public Safety Hero's

April 2024

Greetings to All,

Welcome to the 36th annual Public Safety Awards Banquet sponsored by SoCal APCO- CPRA.

This event was created in 1987 to honor those who work diligently behind the scenes. It has been held annually ever since. Their work is largely unseen by the public and often goes unnoticed. They provide the first contact to anyone who has a need for assistance. These are the true First Responders.

This Awards Banquet is for the celebration and recognition of the professionalism, dedication, and pride that each of them display in their chosen profession. The CPRA Board thanks all of those agencies who submitted a nomination for their employees to receive public recognition that they greatly deserve.

On behalf of the SoCal APCO – CPRA Chapter and its over 600 members, we congratulate all of tonight’s honorees on a job well done.



Terri Nelson

President, Southern California Chapter of APCO-International



PROGRAM

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Registration

Social Hour | No Host Cocktails | Door Prize Tickets

6:30 p.m.

Welcome

Terri Nelson | APCO Chapter President

Introductions

Robert Stoffel | Master of Ceremonies

Presentation of the Colors

Anaheim Police Department Explorer Post

National Anthem

Kimberly Marquez | Pomona Police Dept.

Invocation

Dave Fontneau | Orange County Sheriff Dept.

DINNER

7:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker | Marie Knight

PRESENTATION OF THE 2024 AWARDS

Door Prize Drawings Throughout The Evening



About the SoCal Chapter of APCO International

Established in 1935, the California Public-Safety Radio Association is the Southern California Chapter of APCO International. The Southern California Chapter is made up of over 600 local public safety professionals from Police, Fire, EMS, 9-1-1, Local Government, Tribal, Military, Forestry, Highway and Conservation services who volunteer their time and expertise for the betterment of all disciplines within public safety communications. The Southern California Chapter of APCO represents more than 250 Public Safety agencies and 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) who serve over 22 million people throughout Southern California. The Chapter meets monthly in various Southern California locations to provide operational & technical training, legislative and 9-1-1 services updates, regional FCC Frequency Coordination, local networking and peer support.

With over 40,000 members worldwide, APCO International is the world's largest organization dedicated to public safety communications. Our Chapter members rely on APCO for their professional needs – from examining standards and current issues to providing education, products and services. Being a member of APCO International connects you to a larger community that understands your needs as a public safety communications professional.

About APCO International

APCO International is the world's largest organization of public safety communications professionals and supports the largest U.S. membership base of any public safety association. It serves the needs of public safety communications practitioners worldwide - and the welfare of the general public as a whole.

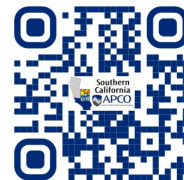
Mission

The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (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 International commits to strengthen our communities by empowering and educating public safety communications professionals.

For more information on upcoming Chapter Meeting & Event Dates and Locations, visit the Southern California Chapter of APCO International website at www.SoCalAPCO.org



Keynote Speaker



Marie Knight

Marie is currently the owner of Knight Leadership Solutions – working with municipal agencies across the country to help them strengthen their greatest asset—their people. Marie spent over 35 years in the municipal services arena working in a variety of communities from small beach communities to one of the largest metropolitan cities in the nation. During her municipal government career, she has lead teams in excess of 1,000 people, managed annual operational budgets over \$56 million dollars, and had oversight of over \$100 million dollars in capital improvement projects.

Marie is a nationally recognized speaker, trainer, and leadership coach, serving multiple municipal government agencies, many area non-profit organizations, and various professional associations. She has conducted over hundreds of workshops and training sessions, with clients throughout the state of California as well as in Colorado, Missouri, Florida, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and Illinois.

Marie is a Certified Coach, Teacher, Trainer, and Speaker with the leading leadership organization in the world, the John Maxwell Team. She is also a certified behavioral specialist in the John Maxwell DISC Method.



GIS Technologist of the Year

Winner

Heartland Fire Communications

Justin Nettleton

IT Technologist of the Year

Winner

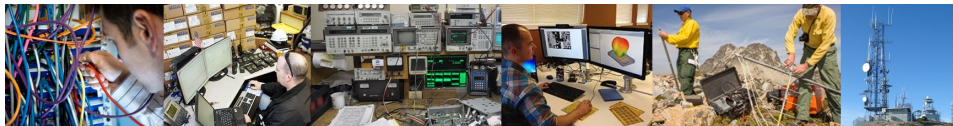
Riverside County Sheriff's Department

Nick Cervantez

Runner-Up

Orange County Sheriff's Department

Lawrence Lomibao



RF Technologist of the Year

Winner

San Bernardino County ITD
Public Safety Communications

David Lantis

RF Engineer of the Year

Winner

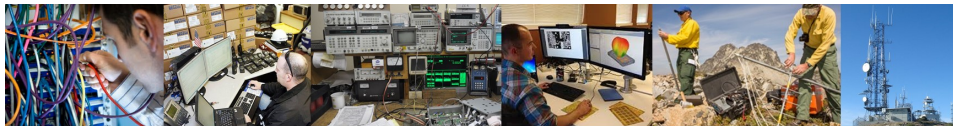
Orange County Sheriff Department

Burce Lee Cobb

Co-Winner

Orange County Sheriff Department

Erik Schull



Special Recognition Award

Special Recognition

Awarded To

Orange County Sheriff Department

“Cooks Corner”

Katie Howard	Selena Arias	Matthew Padilla
Morgan Austin	Sandra Sanchez	Wendy Jurgensen
Spencer Crews	Denise Kaser	Erica Van Dusen
Cami Noel	Ixsel Gonzalez	Eric Stoller
Alexis Navarro	Christina Byerley	

Monterey Park Police Department

“Star Ballroom”

John Reza	Brittney Escandon	Chia Luo
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Heartland Fire Communications

“San Diego Floods”

Alexis Sanchez	Kim Gonzales	Matthew Ruperty
Amy Cox	Elisa Garcia	



Outstanding Performance by a Team

Winner

Riverside County Sheriff Department

Toni Sanchez

Jason Ortiz

Samantha Morton

Marina Lopez

Carol Jackman

Maria Gomez

Jorge Haro

Runner-Up

Anaheim Police Department

Shannon Anderson

Alison Lau

Kaelynn Craddick

Tara Aune

Mylene Fagaly

Honorable Mention

Murrieta Police & Fire Department

Jennifer Barnett

Auralee McGinnis

Katelyn James

Loni Koza

Sonia Hasso

Michelle Fountain

Mattie Medina



Outstanding Performance by a Team

Honorable Mention

Santa Ana Police Department

Monique Quinones

Lauren Vaughn

Jessica Ramirez

Jeana Caswell

Nancy Torrez

Juan Leal

Rosemary Lopez

Gabriela Jilek

Jennifer Mendoza

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2024 California APCO State Conference



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Outstanding Performance by Individual - Fire

Winner

Orange County Fire Authority

Mindy Miller

Runner-Up

Riverside Police & Fire Department

Madison Soria

Honorable Mention

Murrieta Police & Fire Department

Becky Valerio



Outstanding Performance by Individual - Police

Winner

Los Angeles Police Department

Enriqueta Albidrez

Runner-Up

California Highway Patrol

Shari Augino

Honorable Mention

Pomona Police Department

Michelle Gonzales



Public Safety Trainer of the Year

Winner

Hemet Police & Fire Department

Lacey Crouch

Runner-Up

Riverside County Sheriff Department

Jorge Haro

Honorable Mention

California Highway Patrol

Ruben Rodriquez



Supervisor of the Year

Winner

Hemet Police & Fire Department

Indra Sicher

Runner-Up

Orange County Fire Authority

Loni Jones

Honorable Mention

California Highway Patrol

Brian Bustillos



Supervisor



TELECOMMUNICATOR of the YEAR

Winner

California Highway Patrol

Steven Tillmann

Runner-Up

Orange County Fire Authority

Dawn Hale

Honorable Mention

California Highway Patrol

Elizabeth Rivas



Congratulations to All Our Award Nominees!

ALDO CALDERON	RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF
ALEXIS NAVARRO	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF
ALEXIS SANCHEZ	HEARTLAND FIRE COMM
ALICIA ALVAREZ	LOS ANGELES POLICE
ALISON LAU	ANAHEIM POLICE
AMBER EVANS	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
AMY COX	HEARTLAND FIRE COMM
AMY DIAZ	RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF
ARIANA ESPINO	POMONA POLICE
AUDREY ALLENSON	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
AURALEE MCGINNIS	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
BECKY VALERIO	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
BRANDON BUCKLEY	SAN FERNANDO POLICE
BRENDA ROJO	LOS ANGELES POLICE
BRIAN BUSTILLOS	CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
BRITTNEY ESCANDON	MONTEREY PARK POLICE
CAMI NOEL	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF
CARLY PAYNE	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
CAROL JACKMAN	RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF
CATHERINE BUTH	BUENA PARK POLICE
CHIA LUO	MONTEREY PARK POLICE
CHRISTINA BYERLEY	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF

Award Nominees (Cont.)

CIARA FARREN	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
CRYSTAL GRIFFIN	LOS ANGELES POLICE
DAVID LANTIS	SAN BERNARDINO SHERIFF
DAWN HALE	ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
DAWNE ROSS	LOS ANGELES POLICE
DENISE KASER	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF
DENISE SELMA	LOS ANGELES POLICE
ELISA GARCIA	HEARTLAND FIRE COMM
ELIZABETH MAERKER	BUENA PARK POLICE
ELIZABETH RIVAS	CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
ENRIQUETA ALBIDREZ	LOS ANGELES POLICE
ERIC SCHULL	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF
ERIC STOLLER	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF
ERICA VAN DUSEN	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF
ERIKA ABERLE	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
ERIN GOFF	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
GABRIELA JILEK	SANTA ANA POLICE
GEMA COPELAND	CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
GENESIS RUEDA	SAN FERNANDO POLICE
GRACE PEREZ	ANAHEIM POLICE
HEATHER MADRICK	ANAHEIM POLICE
HECTOR LOPEZ	LOS ANGELES POLICE

Award Nominees (Cont.)

HEIDI GEARY	ANAHEIM POLICE
INDRA SICHER	HEMET POLICE & FIRE
IXSEL GONZALEZ	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF
JEANA CASWELL	SANTA ANA POLICE
JENNIFER BARNETT	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
JENNIFER JONES	ANAHEIM POLICE
JENNIFER MENDOZA	SANTA ANA POLICE
JESSICA RAMIREZ	SANTA ANA POLICE
JOHN CARTER	ANAHEIM POLICE
JOHN REZA	MONTEREY PARK POLICE
JORDAN MITCHELL	CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
JORGE HARO	RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF
JUAN LEAL	SANTA ANA POLICE
JUSTIN NETTLETON	HEARTLAND FIRE COMM
KAELYNN CRADDICK	ANAHEIM POLICE
KAREN RAMIREZ	ANAHEIM POLICE
KATELYN JAMES	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
KATHY GOMEZ	RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF
KATHY VALENCIA	RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF
KATIE COWHEY-GARCIA	ANAHEIM POLICE
KATIE PERRY	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF
KELLY ECKLEY	RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF
KIM GONZALES	HEARTLAND FIRE COMM

Award Nominees (Cont.)

LACY CROUCH	HEMET POLICE & FIRE
LAUREN VAUGHN	SANTA ANA POLICE
LONI JONES	ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
LORI KOZA	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
MADISON SORIA	RIVERSIDE POLICE & FIRE
MANUEL LIZARRAGE	SAN FERNANDO POLICE
MARIA CORONADO	LOS ANGELES POLICE
MARIA GOMEZ	RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF
MARINA LOPEZ	RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF
MARIO MARISCAL	SAN FERNANDO POLICE
MATTHEW PADILLA	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF
MATTHEW RUPERTY	HEARTLAND FIRE COMM
MATTIE MEDINA	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
MEGHAN GONZALEZ	RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF
MELISSA RAYMOND	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
MICHELLE CASTRO	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
MICHELLE FOUNTAIN	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
MICHELLE GONZALES	POMONA POLICE
MICHELLE WATSON	RIVERSIDE POLICE & FIRE
MINDY MILLER	ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
MOLLIE HERNANDEZ	ANAHEIM POLICE
MONICA PINA	RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF
MONIQUE QUINONES	SANTA ANA POLICE

Award Nominees (Cont.)

MORGAN AUSTIN	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF
MOSES PANGLE	ANAHEIM POLICE
MYLENE FAGALY	ANAHEIM POLICE
NANCY TORREZ	SANTA ANA POLICE
NICK CERVANTES	RIVERSIDE SHERIFF
NICOLE WHITLOCK	RIVERSIDE POLICE & FIRE
RHIANNON FRANCISEUS	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
ROSEMARY LOPEZ	SANTA ANA POLICE
RUBEN RODRIGUEZ	CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
SANDRA SANCHEZ	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF
SARAH STAFFORD	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
SELENA ARIAS	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF
SHANNON ANDERSON	ANAHEIM POLICE
SHARI AUGINO	CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
SONIA HASSO	MURRIETA POLICE & FIRE
SPENCER CREWS	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF
STACEY ESCOBEDO	BUENA PARK POLICE
STEVEN TILLMAN	CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
TARA AUNE	ANAHEIM POLICE
WENDY JURGENSEN	ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF

Telecommunicator Awards Selection Committee

Terri Nelson (Chair) Huntington Park Police Department (Ret)
Coral Wanke Huntington Park Police Department (Ret)
Inez Aragon Vernon Police Department (Ret)

Technology Awards Selection Committee

Ken Bourne (Chair) Orange County Sheriff Department
Tim Buchfeller Riverside County Sheriff Department
Dale Digiambattista Hemet Police & Fire Department

Master of Ceremonies

Robert Stoffel Orange County Sheriff Department (Ret)

Awards Banquet Committee

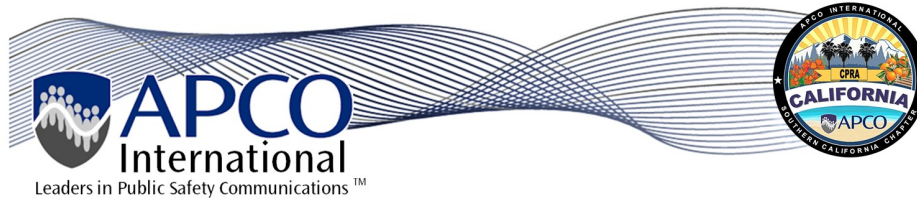
Maria Esquitini (Chair) Buena Park Police Department
Adriana Spirescu Orange County Sheriff Department
John W Wright Riverside Police Department (Ret)

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