

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA APCO (NAPCO)  
MINUTES  
GENERAL MEETING

January 7, 2005

The Inn at Pasatiempo  
Santa Cruz, California  
HOST  
Margaret Perry (retired)

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- A. **Commencement of general meeting** at 9:46 a.m. by President Ken Stuber
  
- B. **Welcome and "what's up" in Santa Cruz.** Host Margaret Perry introduced Michael J. McDougall, General Manager, Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center. Mr. McDougall. Since its inception in 1991, the Santa Cruz Center has realized great steps in technology and operational management. The Center is overseen by a Joint Powers Association (JPA) and is managed by four local governmental agencies. The Center provides service to 23 police/fire/EMS agencies. There are 58 employees, 45 of which are dispatchers. The annual operating budget is \$5 million, and they handle 600,000 calls for service annually. Most impressive is the fact they only have a 1% dispatcher turnover rate. The last dispatcher they hired was in July of 2003. And they don't plan on hiring another dispatcher until July of 2005.
  
- C. **Commercial sponsor.** Thank you very much to THE SALES GROUP, INC., for being this month's sponsor. Michael Sage was in attendance and provided a few words about their organization. Welcome.
  
- D. **Introductions** were made of those in attendance.
  
- E. **Secretary's report.** Marvin Bernardi. The general meeting minutes are now posted on the NAPCO web site, [www.napco.org](http://www.napco.org). A

motion was entertained to accept the December general meeting minutes. M/S/P.

- F. **New members.** William De Camp announced the names of new members in December, 2004. They are Marvin Dillsaver from the Merced Police Department, Chuck Schuler from the Folsom Police Department, and Thomas Lucian from the Modesto Police Department. There was a unanimous vote to accept them. Welcome aboard. M/S/P.
  
- G. **Treasurer's report.** Marvin Bernardi. From 12/3/2004 through 1/5/2005 income was \$5,661.25 with expenses being \$3,146.22, a gain of \$2,515.03. Our overall total is \$80,684.87, with \$22,467.44 in the checking account.
  
- H. **Training Institute advisory committee report.** Cindy Keehen was unable to attend the meeting. Cindy is no longer chair of this committee as she has accepted the position of Executive Council representative for NAPCO. Her replacement on this committee is pending.
  
- I. **Executive council report.** Cindy Keehen was unable to attend the meeting, and as she is our new Executive Council representative at National, there is no report this month. Glen Nash, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president at National did say that he would assist in getting Cindy up to speed on her new duties. Thank you Glen.
  
- J. **Committee Reports.**

**Awards.** Cheryl Carpenter. April 1, 2005, is the deadline for nominations of those in our profession to receive and award at our annual meeting in December 2005. November of 2005 is the deadline for nominations of those would receive an award at the National conference in 2006. Pat Carriveau stated that the criteria for the nomination process has been tightened. The instructions for filling out the nomination forms need to be completed correctly, and if not, they could possibly not be

processed. If you plan on nominating someone, one would want to check the APCO International web site on how to obtain the forms.

**Budget and Audit.** Don Root will be working with Treasurer Marvin Bernardi to do a financial audit for the year 2004.

**Commercial Activity.** Jeff Blau. So far there are 16 commercial vendor tables for the joint May conference. Very shortly a training survey will be available to determine what agencies will make a commitment to any or all of the five day technical training to be done at the joint May conference. There will be four classrooms available. Classroom size will be restricted to 10 or 12 participants in order to promote a better learning environment. The cost for each day of training will be \$150.00.

**Constitution and Bylaws.** President Ken Stuber asked Steve Overacker to concentrate on the NAPCO policy manual.

**Conference.** Don Root. Work is continuing on the North/South conference for this year at the Concord Hilton. NAPCO is hosting. Dates of the conference are May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. Hotel rates are \$84.00 a night.

**Dockets.** Pres Thomson. Pres gave a two-page synopsis of the 71-page document on narrow banding of all radio communication systems below 512 MHz. The document in its entirety is available on the NAPCO website.

**Frequency engineering advisory.** Art McDole. In the spirit of saving time, as there are many items to discuss, those items will be held over for the Frequency Coordination and Region VI NPSPAC meeting after lunch.

**EMS.** A big welcome to Mary Cook as our new EMS coordinator. Mary is employed with the State EMS Authority. As Mary has only been on the job for less than a week there was no report. Mary was introduced by William De Camp. Thanks Bill.

**Historical.** Tom Yerger. Following is a repeat from previous general meeting minutes. Anyone with old documents or articles on NAPCO is encouraged to send them to Tom. He can be reached by an email to [tom.yerger@sfgov.org](mailto:tom.yerger@sfgov.org). Our host, Margaret Perry presented to Tom a binder containing 20 plus years of her meeting notes at NAPCO. In fact, the binder itself was from the 1979 National conference. Margaret also presented to Tom a large photograph taken in 1947 in Los Angeles, CA of APCO members. It was rumored that Art McDole is in the picture, but no one could find him. Were you there Art? Our host, Margaret Perry received a standing ovation for her many years of commitment and dedication to NAPCO. Margaret. Thank you very much.

**Membership and nominating.** William De Camp. As Cindy Keehen vacated her Director position to become the Executive Council representative, there is a Director vacancy, the term ending December 31, 2005. Please submit your nominations in order for an appointment to be made at the February 2005, meeting.

**Programs.** No report.

**Senior Membership/Member Recognition.** No report.

**Wire line and Interagency Systems.** Don Root said that there will be a meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., at the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department.

**Operations.** President Ken Stuber had no report.

**Web Master.** President Ken Stuber thanked our new web master Ed Tobiasz for the work he has been doing on revitalizing our NAPCO web site. If anyone has any suggestions for, or offerings to contribute, to the web site, please contact Ed.

- K. **Other pertinent business.** President Ken Stuber said that in the February 2005 Northern Californian there will be a statement made regarding that this will be the last year the Northern California will be mailed to the general membership. Further, if

you wish to stop receiving a hard copy email the Secretary, Marvin Bernardi, and your name will be removed from the mailing list. His email address is [mfbernardi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mfbernardi@sbcglobal.net). Eliminating the hard copy mailing of the Northern California will save the chapter approximately \$6,000 annually. Also, the board decided that the general meeting registration fee will remain at \$17.00. Also, the board decided that for 2005, the general meeting start time will be at 10:00 a.m.

- L. **Open floor for comments/announcements.** None.
- M. **Date and location of next meeting.** Thursday, February 10, 2005, in Woodland, CA, hosted by Jana Snowball.
- N. **The general meeting was adjourned at 1043.**
- O. **A word from our sponsor.** THE SALES GROUP, INC. Michael Sage gave an introduction and thanks at the beginning of the meeting. Thanks again for your sponsorship.
- P. **Brief break** to allow our keynote speaker to set up.
- Q. **Keynote presentation.** Dr. Thomas Sharon of VSL Networks provided an overview of the new generation of broadband mobile satellite services utilizing small, low profile, antennas. Thank you very much for your presentation. It was most insightful.
- R. **Lunch.**
- S. **Frequency Coordination Meeting** commenced at 12:30 p.m.
- T. **Region VI NPSPAC meeting** immediately followed the frequency coordination meeting.