

April Monthly Bulletin

SAFECOM Spotlight: National League of Cities

The National League of Cities (NLC) is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. Working in partnership with the 49 state municipal leagues, NLC serves as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 19,000 cities, villages, and towns it represents. The mission of the NLC is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance. More than 1,600 cities, towns, and villages of all sizes are NLC members and another 18,000 communities participate through their state municipal leagues. Local elected leaders from even the smallest cities have an opportunity to shape the priorities, policies, and advocacy positions of the organization. With the door to leadership and participation open to all local elected officials, NLC is as diverse as the communities it serves.

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Below is a snapshot of the work products and initiatives currently being developed by SAFECOM's four committees.

Education and Outreach

- ▶ Reviewed the May 2017 SAFECOM and National Council of Statewide Interoperable Coordinators (NCSWIC) In-Person Meeting sessions: "Where in the World is SAFECOM Information? Website Trivia Session" and "Public Safety Emergency Communications Evolution Brochure Working Session"
- ▶ Requested Committee members nominate members for the Committee Vice Chair position
- ▶ Thanked Ken Bradley, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) for his time and leadership as the Committee Federal Lead and welcomed Ralph Barnett, III, DHS OEC, as the new Federal Lead
- ▶ Next Meeting: June, 28 2017, at 2:00 PM ET

Communications Unit Working Group

- ▶ Finalized the May 2017 in-person Communications Unit Working Group agenda
- ▶ Continued to discuss and brainstorm the Communications Unit Environment graphic message
- ▶ Next meeting: June 12, 2017, at 2:00 PM ET

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ Authorized Shirrell Roberts to send the revised Project 25 (P25) Letter to his peers – State Administrative Agencies (SAA), and State Homeland Security Advisors (has) – to raise awareness of the importance of purchasing standards-based equipment
- ▶ Continued discussions on estimating life cycle funding
- ▶ Refined the life cycle survey for distribution during the May Joint SAFECOM and NCSWIC In-person Meeting
- ▶ Next Meeting: TBD

Technology Policy

- ▶ Continued discussion on Public Safety Grade definition and white paper
- ▶ Received updates on Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications (FPIC) activities and initiatives, including:
 - FPIC's "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)," designed to provide emergency response personnel with easier access to federal interoperability channels with Ultra High Frequencies (UHF) and Very High Frequencies (VHF)
 - FPIC Security Subcommittee is scheduled to meet with officials at the National Law Enforcement Communications Center (NLECC) in Spotsylvania, Virginia, to discuss challenges with key management function (KMF)
- ▶ Discussed and prioritized future work products and Committee initiatives
- ▶ Reviewed and approved the Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group *Reference Guide*
- ▶ Continued to discuss T-Band migration and implications for public safety communications and interoperability and continued to monitor T-Band actions and determine appropriate actions
- ▶ Next Meeting: June 20, 2017, at 3:00 PM ET

ICAM Working Group

- ▶ Finalized and approved ICAM *Reference Guide* and submitted to the Joint Technology Policy Committee for review and vote
- ▶ Submitted several products to both the SAFECOM and NCSWIC Executive Committees for review and approval, including the *Trustmark Framework Position Paper*; *Trustmark Framework Tri-fold Brochure*; and the *ICAM 101 Executive Briefing*
- ▶ Researched and explored outreach options for ICAM Work Products
- ▶ Next Meeting: May 16, 2017, at 2:00 PM ET (*Tentative*)

Governance

- ▶ The Membership Working Group continues to identify SAFECOM's membership needs and develop criteria candidates should meet to fill those needs
- ▶ Next Meeting: June 14, 2017, at 2:00 PM ET

SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- ▶ SAFECOM and NCSWIC members met May 2-4, 2017, San Antonio, Texas to discuss different emergency communications topics. Committees also met in-person to review and develop work products.

Check out SAFECOM's blog to stay informed about SAFECOM's achievements, product development, community outreach and updates from OEC: www.dhs.gov/safecom/blog

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