

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION TASK FORCE

Defining the Future State of the Communications Section



The Task Force's Purpose and Charge

The SAFECOM and National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) Communications Section Task Force was established to address gaps within the Incident Communications Unit through the development of: 1) nationwide federated model for the Communications Section to promote and provide consistent recruitment, training, retention, and support for all-hazards incidents; 2) national standards for qualification, certification, and credentialing; 3) updated training courses and curriculum; 4) clarification of existing position descriptions (COML, COMT, RADO, etc.) to include the all-hazards environment; and 5) new IT positions



Communications Section Task Force Goals

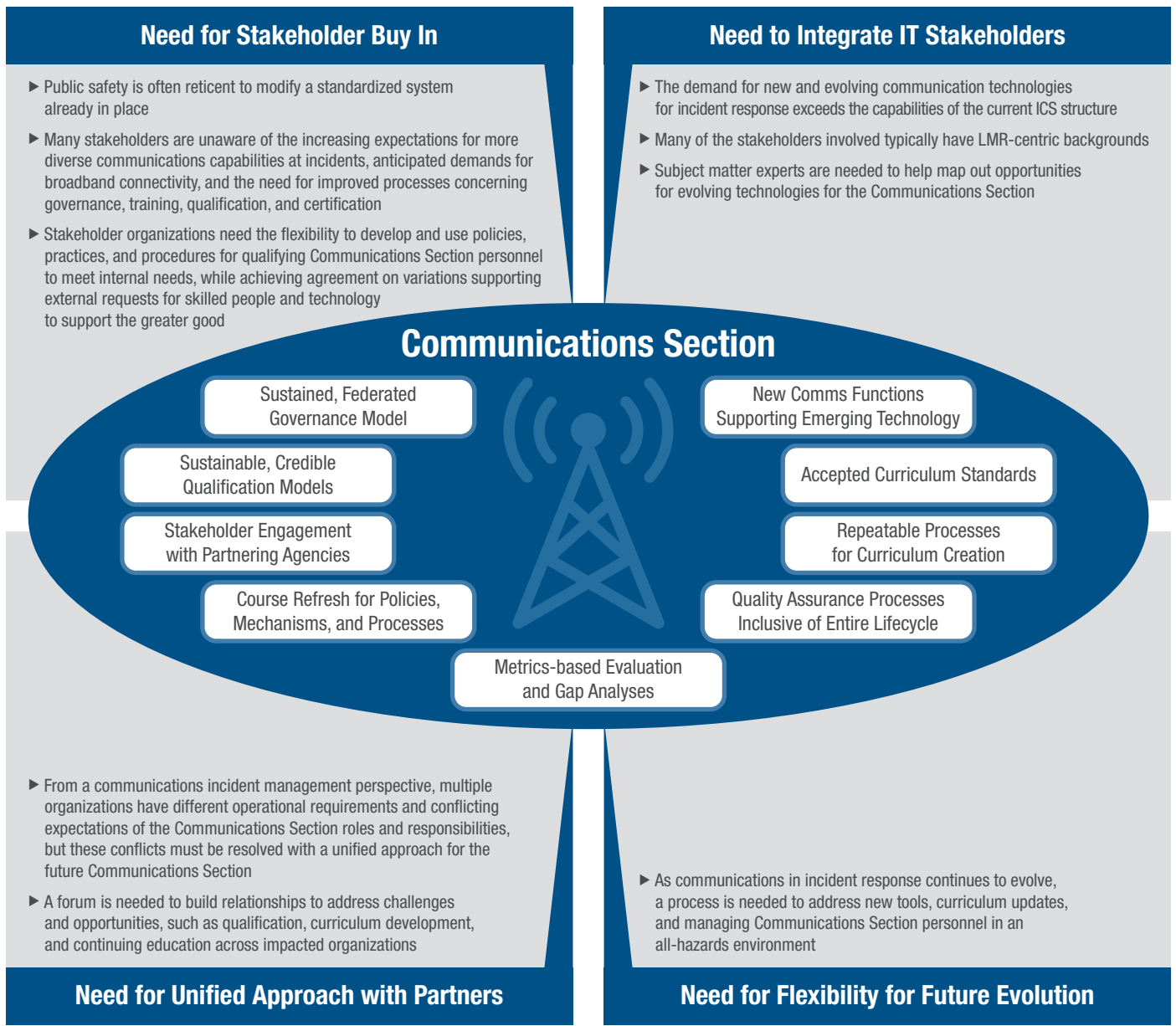
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| Governance and Outreach | Establish a nationally-agreed upon governance framework to promote consistent recruitment, stakeholder engagement, training, credentialing, retention, and support for all-hazards incidents across levels of government. |
| Training, Curriculum, and Delivery | Establish agency agreements on minimum requirements for training; update courses to include voice, broadband, and video capabilities training; and implement new positions to support the Incident Command System (ICS) structure. |
| Qualification, Certification, and Credentialing | Establish framework for qualification, certification, and credentialing. |
| Standards and Processes | Establish minimum requirements for experience, instructor, curriculum, position, and currency standards; develop cadre of qualified Communications Section personnel to support all-hazards incident requirements; and develop blueprint for certification and credentialing nationwide. |

Recent Achievements

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| <p>An Unmet Need: National-Level Governance for the NIMS/ICS Communications Unit White Paper</p> <p>The white paper investigates the communications environment and addresses concerns put forth by the emergency communications community of responders</p> | <p>National Incident Management System (NIMS) Refresh Letter</p> <p>The Communications Section Task Force delivered a letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Integration Center (NIC) providing a recommendation for a revision of the COML position within the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The letter was submitted during the public comment period for the NIMS Refresh</p> | <p>Outreach</p> <p>The Communications Section Task Force continues to expand its membership to include subject matter experts outside of SAFECOM, NCSWIC, FEMA, All-Hazards Incident Management Teams Association (AHIMTA), FirstNet, and the National Coordinating Center for Communications (NCC)</p> |
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Communications Section Vision



Additional Communications Section Functions

