

July Monthly Bulletin

SAFECOM Spotlight: National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC)

Comprised of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWIC) from across the country, the purpose of the NCSWIC is to promote and coordinate activities designed to ensure the highest level of public safety communications across the nation. This direct approach improves interoperability and advances long-term emergency communications initiatives. SWICs strive to enhance the response capabilities of public safety responders by coordinating and collaborating with public safety agencies at all levels of government, as well as with non-governmental organizations.

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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 revised *SAFECOM Elevator Speech*
- ▶ Received updates on the *Public Safety Communications Evolution Brochure* graphic
- ▶ Discussed strategies for marketing SAFECOM products
- ▶ Finalized the August 2, 2017, Education and Outreach Committee In-person Meeting agenda
- ▶ The Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) announced Deante Tolliver will be the new Federal Lead for the Education and Outreach Committee
- ▶ Next In-person Meeting: August 2, 2017, in Glynco, Georgia

Communications Unit (COMU) Working Group

- ▶ Discussed the COMU 2.0 Road Map effort and reviewed the milestones timeline
- ▶ Discussed the evolving role of the COMU, including potential positions and curriculums that would support changing expectations and requirements
- ▶ Next In-Person Meeting: August 17-18, 2017, in Lakewood, Colorado

Joint SAFECOM & NCSWIC Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ Met on July 19, 2017, to review *List of Fiscal Year 2017 Emergency Communications Federal Funding Opportunities*; the updated 2017 List will be posted on the SAFECOM website at: <https://www.dhs.gov/safecom/funding>
- ▶ Discussed findings from the *Border Interoperability Demonstration Project (BIDP) Closeout Report*, including the feasibility of deploying interoperable solutions in other U.S. border communities
- ▶ Discussed and reviewed the *Roadmap to 2020*, an educational tool and resource providing an overview on technological challenges impacting procurement and grant funding decisions for public safety decision-makers
- ▶ Reviewed Equipment Life Cycle Survey responses to assess average lifespan of Land Mobile Radio (LMR) infrastructure systems (e.g., towers, fixed stations, consoles) and subscriber units (e.g., mobile and portable radios, accessories)
- ▶ Distributed the Implementation Section of the *Life Cycle Planning Guide* for review and comments
- ▶ OEC announced Deante Tolliver will be the new Federal Lead for the Funding and Sustainment Committee
- ▶ Next Meeting: August 16, 2017, at 3:00 PM ET

Joint SAFECOM & NCSWIC Technology Policy

- ▶ Received updates from the Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications (FPIC) and the Identity, Credentialing, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group
- ▶ Introduced Gerald Jaskulski as the Federal Lead for the Next Generation 911 (NG911) Working Group. The NG911 Working Group will hold a kick-off conference call in August 2017
- ▶ Continued discussions on Committee work products, such as the Public Safety Grade White Paper and Request for Proposal (RFP) Best Practices for Subscriber Units
- ▶ Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 3:00 PM ET (*Tentative*)

Identity, Credentialing, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group

- ▶ Met on July 18, 2017, to identify next steps and future work products
- ▶ Members agreed to focus initially on discipline-specific education and outreach materials and were asked to consider ICAM challenges and impacts for their respective disciplines prior to the next Working Group meeting
- ▶ Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 2:00-3:00 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
- ▶ The State Governance Review Working Group continues to develop the *SAFECOM Recommended Guidelines for Statewide Public Safety Communications Governance Structure* ("Strawman")
- ▶ The Committee is developing a new process by which all SAFECOM members will have an opportunity to review all SAFECOM products and materials prior to final approval
- ▶ The opening of the 2017 SAFECOM Elections for the Education & Outreach and Funding & Sustainment Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs, two SAFECOM Executive Committee At-Large positions, and SAFECOM Vice Chair will be announced soon
- ▶ Next Meeting: August 9, 2017, at 2:00 PM ET

SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- ▶ On July 17, 2017, the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) adopted a position paper encouraging public safety to leverage the Trustmark Framework and implement ICAM solutions in agreement with SAFECOM and the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC)
- ▶ In Spring 2017, the Emergency Communications Preparedness Center (ECPC) Steering Committee approved the *Roadmap to 2020* (Roadmap). The ECPC Grants Focus Group developed the Roadmap for the emergency communications community. It focuses on systems, technology, and implications of converging initiatives in the year 2020, such as FirstNet deployment, NG911 implementation, and spectrum issues. The Roadmap also outlines major steps the community should consider when investing in emergency communications.

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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