

March 2017 Monthly Bulletin

This bulletin is a snapshot of the work products and initiatives currently being developed by members of the four National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) committees. The bulletin highlights recent articles posted to the SAFECOM-NCSCWIC Blog and provides contact information for new Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWIC).

Governance

- ▶ The Governance Committee met on March 23, 2017, to review the status of quarter one products
 - Q1: 2017 NCSWIC Strategic Plan – Complete
 - Q1: 2016 NCSWIC Annual Report – Complete
 - Q1: 2016 NCSWIC Annual Summary Fact Sheet – Complete
 - Q1: Statewide Governance & Planning Integrated Project Team (IPT) Products – Complete
- ▶ Members continued to develop questions for the NCSWIC Intellectual Capital Assessment
- ▶ Next Meeting: May 4, 2017, at 8:00 am CDT, in San Antonio, Texas

Charter Update Working Group

- ▶ Working group members met on March 6 and 20, 2017, to finalize the second and third sections of the NCSWIC Charter
- ▶ The working group continues to work on the fourth section of the Charter: NCSWIC Organizational Structure
- ▶ Next Meeting: April 6, 2017, at 3:00 pm EDT

Planning, Training, and Exercise

- ▶ The Planning, Training, and Exercise (PTE) Committee met in-person on March 8, 2017 in Glynco, Georgia to discuss and develop 2017 work products
- ▶ The committee began developing its Communications Unit (COMU) Personnel Position Task Book (PTB) Certification Process Template and began brainstorming best practices for developing a Field Operations Guide (FOG)
- ▶ The committee hosted a webinar on “Incident Review: How to Make a Plan for Successful and Sustainable Improvement” on March 28, 2017
- ▶ Next Meeting: April 18, 2017, at 3:00 pm EDT

Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Technology Policy Committee met on March 21, 2017, to continue discussions on the definition of “Public Safety Grade,” and the Public Safety Grade White Paper
- ▶ The committee received updates on Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications (FPIC) and the Inter RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI) and Console Subsystem Interface (CSSI) Focus Group initiatives and activities, and discussed upgrades and enhancements to the Communications Asset and Mapping (CASM) Tool, lessons learned and best practices from the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Winter Institute, and request for proposal (RFP) guidance materials
- ▶ Committee members were invited to participate in CASM Demonstration scheduled for March 24, 2017
- ▶ The committee approved the following work products developed by the Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group: “Trustmark Framework Position Paper,” “Trustmark Framework Tri-fold Brochure,” and the “ICAM 101 Executive Briefing.”
- ▶ Next meeting: April 18, 2017, at 3:00 pm EDT

ICAM Working Group

- ▶ The ICAM Working Group hosted the Trustmark Framework Webinar on March 16, 2017, to educate SAFECOM and NCSWIC members on the Trustmark Framework and federated ICAM solutions
- ▶ The working group held its monthly call on March 21, 2017, where they reviewed key takeaways from the Trustmark Framework Webinar, reviewed and approved the ICAM Reference Guide, discussed the ICAM page on the SAFECOM website, and discussed upcoming work products
- ▶ Next meeting: April 18, 2017, at 2:00 pm EDT

Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Joint Funding and Sustainment Committee met on March 22, 2017
- ▶ David Soloos, Oregon SWIC, was selected as the new NCSWIC Funding and Sustainment Committee Co-Chair
- ▶ Members provided feedback on the SAFECOM Grant Guidance, and reviewed and finalized the revised Project 25 (P25) Letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This letter will be sent to FEMA, the State Administrative Agencies (SAA), and the Homeland Security Advisors (HSAs)
- ▶ The committee reviewed the published a Life Cycle Planning Tool to provide additional information on funding considerations during each phase of the life cycle
 - In 2011, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) released the Emergency Communications System Life Cycle Planning Guide to help practitioners plan for and deploy public safety communications systems
- ▶ The committee continued to survey members on how to estimate the life cycle of systems
 - A larger survey to the full SAFECOM and NCSWIC memberships will be developed in April 2017
- ▶ Next meeting: April 19, 2017, at 4:00 PM EDT

SAFECOM-NCSWIC Blog

- ▶ Check out the SAFECOM-NCSWIC Blog to stay informed about SAFECOM and NCSWIC achievements, product development, community outreach, and updates from your peers and the Office of Emergency Communications www.dhs.gov/safecom/blog
- ▶ Recently posted articles:
 - [2017 SAFECOM Strategic Plan and Implementation Guide](#)
 - [2016 SAFECOM Annual Report and 2016 SAFECOM Strategic Priorities: Summary of Accomplishments](#)
- ▶ Looking for an opportunity to increase your writing portfolio or share your knowledge or experiences with your peers? Consider submitting an article for the Blog!
 - We are continually looking for new articles. If it is something relevant in your state, it would probably help other states too!
 - Please send draft articles to NCSWICGovernance@hq.dhs.gov

New SWIC Contact Information

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For more information or questions related to NCSWIC, please contact your state's SWIC or NCSWICGovernance@hq.dhs.gov.