

October 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-NCSWIC Blog and provides contact information for new Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWIC).

Governance

- ▶ Members continued to discuss the advantage of using Social Media to increase awareness of the NCSWIC and the SWIC position
- ▶ During the November in-person meeting, the committee will host a session to walk through the Homeland Security Information Network and the NCSWIC website
- ▶ Next Meeting: November 7, 2017, at 3:30 pm CT in Norman, Oklahoma

Planning, Training, and Exercise

- ▶ The committee continued drafting the Field Operations Guide (FOG) Best Practices
- ▶ The committee continued developing the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Mission Readiness Package product
- ▶ Next meeting: November 7, 2017, at 3:30 pm CT in Norman, Oklahoma

Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ October 17, 2017 Technology Policy Committee Conference Call:
 - Received updates from the Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group
 - Received updates from the Next Generation (NG) 911 Working Group
 - Continued discussions on committee work products such as the Request for Proposal (RFP) Best Practices for Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Subscriber Units “Do’s and Don’ts” document, a key component of the RFP Best Practices for LMR Subscriber Units Toolkit to be developed
 - Approved the Ten Keys to Obtaining a Resilient Local Access Network (“10 Keys”) document to be sent to the SAFECOM and NCSWIC Executive Committees (ECs) for final review and approval on November 8, 2017
 - Agreed to focus on RFP Best Practices for Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Subscriber Units Toolkit development and Fiscal Year 2018 planning in preparation for the November in-person committee meeting
- ▶ Next Meeting: November 7, 2017, at 3:30 pm CT in Norman, Oklahoma

ICAM Working Group

- ▶ Continued focusing on creating discipline-specific education and outreach materials for fire, law enforcement, EMS, 911, and emergency management
- ▶ Materials in development will examine ICAM challenges, impacts, and opportunities for each discipline
- ▶ ICAM solutions are most prevalent in the law enforcement community today. The working group aims to leverage this work to advance ICAM in the other disciplines
- ▶ Next Meeting: TBD

NG 9-1-1 Working Group

- ▶ October 26, 2017 Next Generation 911 Working Group Conference Call:
 - The Working Group discussed the agenda for the next NG 911 Working Group meeting
 - The Working Group continued discussions on collecting and sharing resources to support stakeholder efforts to fund, assess readiness, and complete the transition to NG911
- ▶ Next Meeting: November 9, 2017, at 8:00 pm CT in Norman, Oklahoma

Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ October 18, 2017 Funding and Sustainment Committee Conference Call:
 - Received an update on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 SAFECOM Guidance development, and anticipated changes to the FY18 Guidance. OEC will be coordinating with Stakeholders to update priorities, policies, and technical standards. In October, FY18 Guidance materials will be sent to the Funding and Sustainment Committee for their review
 - Discussed the revised End-of-Lifecycle section of the Emergency Communications Systems Lifecycle Guide
 - Recapped key discussions from the September 25, 2017 Phase I Lifecycle Guide Webinar
 - Reviewed and finalized the agenda for the November 7, 2017 In-Person Committee Meeting
- ▶ Next Meeting: November 7, 2017, at 3:30 pm CT in Norman, Oklahoma

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:
 - [OEC ICTAP Branch Update](#)
- ▶ 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.