October Monthly Bulletin

SAFECOM Spotlight: National Association of Counties (NACo)

The National Association of Counties (NACo) unites America's 3,069 county governments. Founded in 1935, NACo brings county officials together to advocate with a collective voice on national policy, exchange ideas, build new leadership skills, pursue transformational county solutions, enrich the public's understanding of county government, and exercise exemplary leadership in public service. NACo efforts help envision healthy, vibrant, and safe counties across the United States.

Representative: Terry Hall*
SAFECOM Executive Committee (EC) Representative

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

Education and Outreach

▸ October 25, 2017 Education and Outreach (E&O) Committee Conference Call:
  o Reviewed meeting logistics for the SAFECOM E&O Committee In-Person Meeting occurring on November 7, 2017 in Norman, Oklahoma
  o Discussed the *Public Safety Communications Evolution Brochure*
    ▪ Reviewed the Public Safety Communications Evolution Brochure Timeline Graphic
    ▪ Received an update on the status of the Public Safety Communications Evolution Brochure Evolution Graphic
    ▪ Discussed and reviewed content for the new section on cyber security
  o Received an update on the Succession Planning Tool
▸ Next Meeting: November 7, 2017, at 3:00 PM CT in Norman, Oklahoma

Communications Unit (COMU) Working Group

▸ Sub-Group 1 held conference calls on October 3 and 10, 2017:
  o Reviewed and finalized an outline of the COMU Roadmap to begin documenting upcoming tasks and milestones for governance, stakeholder engagement, and certification and credentialing
  o Reviewed and discussed the proposed positions for COMU 2.0
▸ Sub-Group 2 held conference calls on October 2 and 16, 2017:
  o Reviewed the COMU Roadmap to document milestones and timelines for standards, curriculum and delivery, and the future positions
▸ Next Meeting: November 8, 2017, at 3:30 PM CT and November 9, 2017, at 8:00 AM CT in Norman, Oklahoma

Funding and Sustainment

▸ October 18, 2017 Funding and Sustainment Committee Conference Call:
  o 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
  o Discussed the revised End-of-Lifecycle section of the Emergency Communications Systems Lifecycle Guide
  o Recapped key discussions from the September 25, 2017 Phase I Lifecycle Guide Webinar
  o 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

Technology Policy

▸ October 17, 2017 Technology Policy Committee Conference Call:
- o Received updates from the Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group
- o Received updates from the Next Generation (NG) 911 Working Group
- o 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
- o 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
- o 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 3:00 PM CT in Norman, Oklahoma

Identity, Credentialing, and Access Management (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

Next Generation 911 (NG911) Working Group

▸ October 26, 2017 Next Generation 911 Working Group Conference Call:
- o The Working Group discussed the agenda for the next NG 911 Working Group meeting
- o 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 AM CT in Norman, Oklahoma

SAFECOM Governance

▸ The Membership Working Group developed SAFECOM membership applications and a membership advertisement which will be presented to the SAFECOM EC for consideration during the November 8, 2017 SAFECOM EC Meeting

▸ Continued developing the *SAFECOM Recommended Guidelines for Statewide Public Safety Communications Structure* document

▸ Continued to develop a new process by which all SAFECOM members will have an opportunity to review all SAFECOM products and materials prior to final approval

▸ 2017 SAFECOM Elections process continued through October, with the following members elected to committee leadership roles:
- o Education and Outreach Committee Chair: Chris Lombard, Interagency Board
- o Education and Outreach Committee Vice Chair: Mike Murphy, SAFECOM At-Large
- o Technology Policy Committee Vice Chair: Eddie Reyes, International Association of Chiefs of Police
- o Funding and Sustainment Committee Chair: Mel Maier, Major County Sheriffs' of America
- o The Funding and Sustainment Committee continued to work towards electing a Vice Chair

- o Jay Kopstein and Charlie Sasser were re-elected to the SAFECOM EC At-Large positions
- o SAFECOM Vice Chair Elections will occur during the November 8, 2017 In-Person SAFECOM Meeting
- ▶ Next Meeting: November 7, 2017, at 3:00 PM CT in Norman, Oklahoma

SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- ▶ The SAFECOM Nationwide Survey (SNS) opened on October 20, 2017. The survey will remain open until February 23, 2018. A tremendous THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the development, testing, and outreach efforts for the SNS to date! Your participation is crucial to the success of the SNS. As we continue the promotional and marketing campaign to bolster survey responses through the end of this year and the start of 2018, we will engage with you and your association contacts for additional support. Additionally, the SNS results will inform the 2019 National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) which we will be kicking off during the joint SAFECOM/NCSWIC meeting in November in Norman, Oklahoma.

- ▶ DHS OEC/Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) is offering an enhanced SCIP workshop that incorporates the following components: Governance, Technology, Funding Sustainability, Strategic Goals & Implementation Planning and Evaluation/Progress Management.

- ▶ DHS OEC/ICTAP has identified the following priority TA offerings that support evolving interoperability procedures and technologies: Communications Unit (COMU) Policy and Planning, COMU Assistance under Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) and Alerts and Warnings.

Check out SAFECOM's newsletter and blog to stay informed about SAFECOM's achievements, product development, community outreach and updates from OEC:

Newsletter: https://www.dhs.gov/publication/newsletters-0

Blog: www.dhs.gov/safecom/blog

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