August 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 SWICs.

Governance

- The Governance Committee will meet on September 13, 2017, in-person meeting in Des Moines, Iowa
  - The will begin discussions on NCSWIC's use of Social Media, review outcomes from the NCSWIC Intellectual Capital Assessment, and brainstorm preliminary ideas for the next iteration of the Governance Guide
- Next In-Person Meeting: September 13, 2017, in Des Moines, IA

Planning, Training, and Exercise

- The Planning, Training, and Exercise (PTE) Committee met on August 22, 2017
- The committee reviewed the Best Practices for Developing a Field Operations Guide and provided feedback
- The committee discussed the Technical Assistance (TA) Offerings Videos logistics information and next steps for video development
- The committee requested a webinar on the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Mission Readiness Package in lieu of next month's meeting to scope the product
- The committee discussed agenda topics for the November In-Person Meeting in Norman, Oklahoma
- Next meeting: September 26, 2017, at 3 pm ET

Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

- The Technical Policy Committee Meeting was held on August 1
- The committee received updates from the Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications (FPIC), the Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group, and the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) Working Group
- Members continued discussions on committee work products such as the Public Safety Grade White Paper and Request for Proposal (RFP) Best Practices for Subscriber Units
- Members agreed to focus on RFP Best Practices for Subscriber Units in preparation for the November 7, 2017 In-Person Committee Meeting
- Next Meeting: September 19, 2017, at 3:00 PM ET (Tentative)

ICAM Working Group

- The ICAM Working Group is focused on creating discipline-specific education and outreach materials for fire, law enforcement, EMS, 9-1-1, and emergency management
- Working Group members were asked to consider ICAM challenges and impacts for their respective disciplines prior to the next meeting
- Next Meeting: TBD

NG 9-1-1 Working Group

- The NG 9-1-1 Working Group held its kick off meeting on August 28, 2017
- The working group will be chaired by SAFECOM member Mark Buchholz, Director Willamette Valley (Oregon) 911 Communications Center, and vice chaired by Jennifer Kirkland, Operations Support Supervisor Vail Public Safety Communications Center
- Members agreed to compile a document that surveys the various NG 9-1-1 activities among SAFECOM member organizations
- The NG 9-1-1 Working Group plan to meet in person on November 9, 2017 in Norman, Oklahoma
- Next Meeting: End of September (Tentative)

Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

- August 23, 2017, Funding and Sustainment Conference Call
  - Received a briefing on the *List of Fiscal Year 2017 Emergency Communications Federal Funding Opportunities*. The list has been posted on the SAFECOM website at: https://www.dhs.gov/safecom/funding
  - Reviewed and approved the Implementation section of Lifecycle Guide
  - Discussed and examined Survey findings and results from the Lifecycle Survey administered during the May 2017 In-Person Meeting. Survey results will be featured in the Maintenance Section of the Lifecycle Guide
  - Agreed on next steps for the Lifecycle Guide:
    - Phase I sections will be presented to the SAFECOM and NCSWIC membership in a webinar on September 25, 2017; comments will be accepted; final version of Phase I sections will be presented to the SAFECOM and NCSWIC ECs for review and approval at the November 8, 2017 EC In-Person Meeting
    - Phase II sections will be developed and reviewed at the November 7, 2017 Funding and Sustainment Committee In-Person Meeting
  - Requested Product Champions for Lifecycle Guide Sections
- Next Meeting: September 20, 2017, at 3:00 PM ET
- Life Cycle Planning Guide Webinar: September 25, 2017, at 2:00 PM ET

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
- 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.