February Monthly Bulletin

SAFECOM Executive Committee (EC) Spotlight: National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)

The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) is an organization dedicated to serving the Office of Sheriff and its partners. The objective of the NSA is to boost the professionalism among United States sheriffs and deputies, chiefs of police, and other personnel within the field of criminal justice and public safety. To meet this objective, the organization provides police education and training, and general law enforcement information resources. The organization has built relationships with local, state, and federal criminal justice professionals to network and share information about homeland security programs and projects. The NSA Government Affairs division coordinates with the Congressional Affairs Committee to develop position on policies, and represent the organization before the United States Congress, White House, and federal agencies.

Representatives: Paul Fitzgerald*, Larry Amerson
*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

▸ Approved *SAFECOM Presentation Introduction* and *SAFECOM Fact Sheet* for SAFECOM Executive Committee (EC) review and approval
▸ Identified Steve Cassano for the March *SAFECOM Highlight* feature
▸ Approved the SAFECOM business card magnet design and discussed developing a customizable SAFECOM business card for members
▸ Reviewed and discussed the *Public Safety Communications Evolution Brochure* and graphic
▸ Discussed May 2017 in-person SAFECOM and Education and Outreach Committee meeting agenda topics
▸ Next meeting: March 22, 2017, at 2:00 PM EDT

Communications Unit Working Group

▸ Approved the white paper, An Unmet Need: National-Level Governance for the NIMS/ICS Communications Unit for SAFECOM Executive Committee (EC) review and approval
▸ Next meeting: March 13, 2017, at 2:00 PM EDT

Funding and Sustainment

▸ Received updates on revisions to the *SAFECOM Grant Guidance* from the Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) and Grants Branch
▸ Reviewed and approved the *Life Cycle Template* to present to the SAFECOM and National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators' (NCSWIC) EC's
▸ Discussed adding additional equipment to *Estimating the Life Cycle*
▸ Encouraged members to identify a NCSWIC committee co-chair
▸ Next meeting: March 15, 2017, at 4:00 PM EDT

Technology Policy

▸ Continued discussing the "Public Safety Grade" definition, which will be featured in the *Public Safety Grade White Paper* and is intended to be endorsed by the public safety community

- Reviewed and discussed the *Public Safety Grade White Paper*
- Reviewed and discussed several work products developed by the Identity, Credentialing, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group, including the *ICAM Trustmark Framework Position Paper, ICAM Trustmark Framework Brochure,* and the *ICAM 101 Executive Briefing*
- Continue to develop and refine agenda for upcoming May 2017 in-person meeting
- Next meeting: March 21, 2017, at 3:00 PM EDT

ICAM Working Group

- Discussed and approved the *ICAM Trustmark Framework Brochure*, *ICAM Trustmark Framework Position Paper*, and the *ICAM 101 Executive Briefing*
- Expressed interest in developing an index or guide of ICAM reference materials
- Discussed and finalized plans to host an *ICAM Trustmark Framework Webinar* to educate SAFECOM and NCSWIC members and to provide members an opportunity to ask questions prior to EC-approval of related work products
- The *ICAM Trustmark Framework Webinar* is scheduled for March 16, 2017, at 2:00 pm EDT
- Next meeting: March 21, 2017, at 2:00 PM EDT

Governance

- Approved the *2016 SAFECOM Annual Report* and *Summary of Accomplishments* during the February 8, 2017 conference call. The SAFECOM EC will consider these documents for final approval during the March 9, 2017, EC conference call
- The Membership Working Group continues to develop the *Membership Demographics Factsheet*; identify SAFECOM's membership gaps and needs; and develop criteria candidates should meet to fill those needs
- The State Governance Review Working Group requested feedback from the SAFECOM and NCSWIC Governance Committees for further development of the *SAFECOM Standards for Statewide Public Safety Communications Governance Structure* (Strawman)
- The Strategic Plan Working Group continues to develop the *2017 SAFECOM Strategic Plan*
- Next Membership Working Group meeting: March 1, 2017, at 1:00 PM EST
- Next meeting: March 8, 2017, at 2:00 PM EST

SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- Wes Rogers recently joined the Office of Emergency Communications following his retirement from the Fairfax County Fire Department after 27 years of service. As a member of SAFECOM for several years, Wes served as the Education and Outreach Committee Vice Chair, and was an active member of the Communications Unit Working Group. Although, no longer a SAFECOM member, we look forward to continue working with Wes to improve interoperable communications in his new role with the ICTAP Branch within OEC.

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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