July 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 SWICs.

Governance

‣ The Governance Committee met on July 27, 2017
‣ The committee discussed agenda topics for the September 13, 2017, in-person meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. Proposed topics included reviewing a sample Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) On-Boarding Binder and discussing the use of social media to promote the role of the NCSWIC and the SWIC.
‣ The committee will begin reviewing responses from the NCSWIC Intellectual Capital Assessment at the end of August.
‣ Next In-Person Meeting: September 13, 2017, in Des Moines, IA

Planning, Training, and Exercise

‣ The Planning, Training, and Exercise (PTE) Committee met on July 25, 2017
‣ The committee finalized its Communications Unit Personnel Position Task Book Sign-Off Process Template. The document is now available for use and distribution. The document is available online on the COMU Resources web page, as well as on HSIN. A blog was posted to announce the release of the document on July 17, 2017.
‣ The committee continued drafting the Best Practices for Developing a Field Operations Guide
‣ The committee continues to move forward with developing a product to assist with the build out of Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Mission Readiness Packages
‣ Next Meeting: August 22, 2017, at 3:00 pm ET

Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

‣ The Joint Technology Policy Committee received updates from the Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications (FPIC) and the Identity, Credentialing, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group
‣ The Federal Lead for the newly established Next Generation 911 (NG911) Working Group is Gerald Jaskulski
‣ Committee 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
‣ Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 3:00 pm ET *(Tentative)*

ICAM Working Group

‣ The ICAM Working Group met on July 18, 2017, to identify next steps and future work products
‣ Members agreed to focus initially on discipline-specific education and outreach materials and were asked to consider ICAM challenges and impacts for their respective disciplines prior to the next Working Group meeting
‣ Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 2:00 pm ET *(Tentative)*

Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

‣ The Joint Funding and Sustainment Committee met on July 19, 2017, to review *List of Fiscal Year 2017 Emergency Communications Federal Funding Opportunities*; the updated 2017 List will be posted on the SAFECOM website and found at: https://www.dhs.gov/safecom/funding
‣ Members discussed findings from the *Border Interoperability Demonstration Project (BIDP) Closeout Report,* including the feasibility of deploying interoperable solutions in other U.S. border communities

- Members discussed and reviewed the *Roadmap to 2020,* an educational tool and resource which provides an overview on technological challenges impacting procurement and grant funding decisions for public safety decision-makers
- Reviewed Equipment Life Cycle Survey responses to assess average lifespan of Land Mobile Radio (LMR) infrastructure systems (e.g., towers, fixed stations, consoles) and subscriber units (e.g., mobile and portable radios, accessories and distributed the Implementation Section of the *Life Cycle Planning Guide* for review and comments
- The Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) announced Deante Tolliver will be the new Federal Lead for the Funding and Sustainment Committee
- Next Meeting: August 16, 2017, at 3:00 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
- Recently posted article:
  - Note from the Director
  - PTB Sign-Off Process Template Released
  - ECPC Grants Focus Group Roadmap 2020 Released
  - NPSTC Encourages Public Safety to Adopt Trustmark Framework
  - FY 2017 Emergency Communications Financial Assistance Programs
- 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.