November 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.

Governance

- At the November in-person meeting in Norman, Oklahoma, Governance Committee members finalized their 2018 strategic priorities and discussed the use of social media to increase awareness of the NCSWIC program and the SWIC role
- During the November in-person NCSWIC meeting, the Committee hosted a walk-through session of the Homeland Security Information Network and the NCSWIC website
- Committee members continued to discuss and update the *SWIC Executive Briefing*
- Next Meeting: January 25, 2018, at 1:30 pm ET

Planning, Training, and Exercise

- The Planning, Training, and Exercise (PTE) committee met on November 7, 2017, in Norman, Oklahoma, to discuss 2018 strategic priorities and products
- The committee continued establishing the *Field Operations Guide (FOG) Best Practices* draft
- The committee continued developing the *Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Mission Readiness Package* product
- Next meeting: December 20, 2017, at 3:00 pm ET

Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

- November 7, 2017, Technology Policy Committee In-Person Meeting:
    - Received updates from the Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group
    - Received updates from the Next Generation (NG) 9-1-1 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
    - Identified key deliverables and focus areas for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 to include the development of the *RFP Best Practices for Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Subscriber Units Toolkit,* and additional strategic priorities to:
        - Increase awareness and explore options for T-Band relocation
        - Explore opportunities to support the NG 9-1-1 Working Group's primary goal to utilize stakeholder feedback from multiple levels of government to identify, document, and develop work products to facilitate the transmission to NG 9-1-1
        - Identify opportunities to support the development, purchase, and transition to implement new technology, support services and products utilized by public safety
- Next Committee Call: January 15, 2018, at 3:00 PM ET

ICAM Working Group

- Continued focusing on creating discipline-specific education and outreach materials for fire, law enforcement, EMS, 9-1-1, and emergency management
- Materials in development will examine ICAM challenges, impacts, and opportunities for each discipline
- Next Meeting: TBD

NG 9-1-1 Working Group

- November 9, 2017 NG 9-1-1 Working Group In-Person Meeting:
  - Revised the Working Group's primary goal to utilize stakeholder feedback from multiple levels of government to identify, document, and develop work products that will facilitate the transition to NG 9-1-1
  - Continued discussions on collecting and sharing resources to support stakeholder efforts to fund NG 9-1-1, assess readiness, and complete the transition to NG 9-1-1
  - Identified short- and long-term priorities for FY 2018 to include:
    - Identifying and sharing best practices on the management of geographic information system (GIS) data
    - Developing executive summaries of vital NG 9-1-1 documents to facilitate information sharing
    - Promoting the *NG 9-1-1 Readiness Scorecard*
    - Facilitating meaningful discussions among all levels of government to address inconsistencies in architecture and operations among Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), states, and jurisdictions
- Next Meeting: January 9, 2018, Time TBD

Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

- November 7, 2017, Funding and Sustainment Committee In-Person Meeting:
  - Reviewed and discussed 2017 work products
  - Developed and finalized the Committee's *2018 Strategic Plan*
    Received approval from the SAFECOM and NCSWIC Executive Committee's on Phase I of the updated *Emergency Communications Systems Lifecycle Guide*
  - New priorities for 2018 include:
    - Completing Phase II and Phase III of the updated *Emergency Communications Systems Lifecycle Guide*
    - Including a Cost Benefit Analysis in the Appendix for the updated *Emergency Communications Lifecycle Guide*
    - Developing a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
- November 15, 2017 Funding and Sustainment Committee Conference Call:
  - Recapped key takeaways and action items from the November 7, 2017, in-person meeting
  - Provided a status update on the FY 2018 SAFECOM Grant Guidance. Members will receive a draft copy of the *SAFECOM Guidance Development Briefing* for review and input
  - Members agreed to finalize and distribute the Project 25 letter to State Administrative Agencies with the addition of a CC: from the SAFECOM and NCSWIC Chairs, and discussed next steps for dissemination
  - Discussions on Phase II of the *Emergency Communications Life Cycle Guide* will continue during the Committee's next conference call
- Next Meeting: January 17, 2018, 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 articles:
  - [Project Responder 5: Meeting First Responder Communications Needs in an Ever-Changing Environment](#)
  - [Seeking Innovative Passionate Individuals with Public Safety Expertise](#)
- 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

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