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July Monthly Bulletin

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

SAFECOM Association Spotlight: International Municipal Signal Association

International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA) is the oldest known association of its kind in the world. It dates back to October 1896, when a group of municipal signal men from several east coast cities met in Brooklyn, New York and organized an association called the "International Association of Fire and Police Telegraph Superintendents." Records indicate the group met once a year thereafter and committees were appointed to develop and submit technical papers on pertinent subjects at annual meetings. The purpose of the organization is to keep its members and others in the profession informed on proper procedures of construction and maintenance of signal systems and up-to-date on new products and equipment developments.

Representative: Paul Szoc, Deputy Fire Chief, Keene New Hampshire

Education and Outreach

- ▶ The Education and Outreach Committee motioned to send the *SAFECOM Engagement Guide* to the SAFECOM Executive Committee (EC) for review and approval
- ▶ The committee continued to discuss the development of the *SAFECOM Internal Membership Tracker Questionnaire*
- ▶ The committee shared success stories and lessons learned regarding the Office of Emergency Communications and SAFECOM's outreach booth at the National Association of Counties (NACo) conference
- ▶ Red Grasso, North Carolina State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Office, presented on North Carolina's efforts to develop Long Term Elevation (LTE) and Internet Protocol (IP) training offerings
- ▶ Next Meeting for Education and Outreach: August 24, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. ET
- ▶ The COMU Working Group will hold a series conference calls over the month of August to continue to develop the *White Paper on a Nationwide Communications Unit Governance Paper*. The first session is scheduled for August 12, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. ET.

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ The committee finalized the *Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Brochure*. The document is available in both a print and web format on the [SAFECOM Website](#)
- ▶ The committee finalized the *LMR Action Memo* and the *LMR Briefing Deck*. These documents are available through the [HSIN Website](#)
- ▶ The committee finalized the LMR Presentation for stakeholders to utilize when presenting to elected officials and decisions makers. The PowerPoint is available on the [HSIN Website](#)
- ▶ The committee finalized the *Project (P25) Waiver Requirements Procedures Letter*. The letter will be sent to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in August
- ▶ The committee continued developing a LMR graphic
- ▶ The committee received an update on the System Life Cycle Guide Addendum
- ▶ Next Meeting: August 17, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. ET

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Technology Policy

The committee discussed findings and outcomes from the June 8, 2016 In-Person Technology Policy Committee meeting in San Diego, California

- ▶ The committee continued to discuss the *Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications (FPIC) LMR Encryption Fact Sheets* and the *Public Safety Grade White Paper*
- ▶ The committee received an update on the Incident Management Information Sharing (IMIS) Capability Maturity Model
- ▶ The committee discussed the top information overload concerns identified by members. The committee agreed to continue analyzing this topic and will continue to determine the committee's next steps
- ▶ The Technology Policy Committee held an ICAM 101 webinar on July 14, 2016. The webinar provided information on key ICAM issues affecting the public safety community, a synopsis on current ICAM efforts, and a high-level overview of ICAM principles and technical components
- ▶ The ICAM Working Group held its inaugural meeting on July 28, 2016. The working group members shared information on current ICAM efforts, identified objectives for the working group, and discussed opportunities to address public safety needs
- ▶ Next Technology Policy Committee Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for August 23, 2016, at 3:00 pm ET
- ▶ Next ICAM Working Group Meeting will be scheduled at a later date and will be based on member availability

Governance

- ▶ The SAFECOM Executive Committee Structure Working Group approved the *Proposed SAFECOM EC Governance Structure Recommendations* on July 5, 2016
- ▶ The Governance Committee approved the *Proposed SAFECOM EC Governance Structure Recommendations* on July 11, 2016
- ▶ The Executive Committee approved the *Proposed SAFECOM EC Governance Structure Recommendations* on July 14, 2016
- ▶ Next Meeting: August 10, 2016, in Portland, Oregon

SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- ▶ **Upcoming In-Person Committee Meeting in Portland, Oregon**
August 10, 2016 – Governance Committee Meeting

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