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## August Monthly Bulletin

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

### SAFECOM Association Spotlight: International Association of Emergency Managers

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), which has more than 6,000 members worldwide, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting the "Principles of Emergency Management" and representing those professionals whose goals are saving lives and protecting property and the environment during emergencies and disasters.

Representative: Rick Comerford, International Association of Emergency Managers

#### Education and Outreach

- ▶ Heard from Committee members on their experience attending the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO) conference
- ▶ Continued to discuss development of the *SAFECOM Internal Membership Tracker & Questionnaire*
- ▶ Reviewed and discussed the *SAFECOM Engagement Reference Sheet*
- ▶ Identified SAFECOM representatives to brief the Southwest Border Control Working Group (SWBCWG)
- ▶ Next meeting for Education and Outreach: September 28, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. ET
- ▶ The Communications Unit (COMU) Working Group continued to develop the *White Paper on a Nationwide Communications Unit Governance Structure*
- ▶ The next COMU Working Group development session is scheduled for September 6, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. ET

#### Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ Doug Aiken, SAFECOM Co-Chair, delivered the *Project 25 (P25) Waiver Requirements Procedures Letter* to Brian E. Kamoie at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on August 11, 2016
- ▶ Finalized the *Land Mobile Radio (LMR) graphic*
- ▶ Received an update on the System Life Cycle Guide Addendum
- ▶ Next Meeting: September 21, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. ET

#### Technology Policy

- ▶ Discussed the upcoming election for the Technology Policy Committee SAFECOM Chair position, new committee membership requirements, and continued to discuss the Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications (FPIC) *LMR Encryption Fact Sheets*. Pending the outcome of internal review, members voted and approved to send the *LMR Encryption Fact Sheets* to SAFECOM and NCSWIC Executive Committees (EC) for final approval.
- ▶ Continued to discuss information overload challenges identified by members and recommended this topic for further discussion during the upcoming (tentative) in-person meetings scheduled for October 24 – 28, 2016 in Norman, Oklahoma
- ▶ Members discussed the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) July 2016 Public Safety T-Band Fact Sheet. Members discussed implications for public safety. Members agreed more research and discussion is

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needed to determine the appropriate response and next steps. Due to the complexity of this issue, members recommended adding this topic to the 2017 Committee Work Plan.

- ▶ Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 20, 2016, at 3:00 pm ET

## Governance

- ▶ The Governance Committee met on August 10, 2016, in Portland, Oregon, to amend the *SAFECOM Governance Charter* to include the approved *SAFECOM EC Governance Structure Recommendations*. The committee began discussing ways to streamline the document. The SAFECOM EC will review the updated *SAFECOM Governance Charter* during the September 8, 2016, EC conference call
- ▶ Approved the *SAFECOM Elections Timeline*
- ▶ Began discussing 2017 Governance Committee work products
- ▶ The committee will be hosting a webinar in September to review the approved Charter and discuss the upcoming elections
- ▶ Next Meeting: TBD

## SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- ▶ **Upcoming In-Person Meeting in Norman, Oklahoma**  
October 25-27, 2016 – SAFECOM and the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) Joint In-Person Meeting

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