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September Monthly Bulletin

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

SAFECOM Association Spotlight: Interagency Board (IAB)

The IAB is a voluntary collaborative panel of emergency preparedness and response practitioners from a wide array of professional disciplines that represent all levels of government and the voluntary sector. The IAB provides a structured forum for the exchange of ideas among operational, technical, and support organizations to improve national preparedness and promote interoperability and compatibility among local, state, and federal response communities. Based on direct field experience, IAB members advocate for and assist the development and implementation of performance criteria, standards, test protocols, and technical, operating, and training requirements for all-hazards incident response equipment with a special emphasis on Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive issues. The IAB also informs broader emergency preparedness and response policy, doctrine, and practice.

Representative: Chris Lombard, Interagency Board

Education and Outreach

- ▶ Identified Dan Wills as the SAFECOM representative who will give the SAFECOM update on the Southwest Border Communications Working Group (SWBCWG) webinar
- ▶ Finalized the *SAFECOM Engagement Reference Sheet* and motioned to send it to the SAFECOM Executive Committee (EC) for review and approval
- ▶ Finalized the *SAFECOM Internal Membership Questionnaire* and agreed to distribute to SAFECOM
- ▶ Continued developing the SAFECOM Engagement Session and Committee agenda for the in-person October 2016 SAFECOM meeting in Norman, Oklahoma.
- ▶ Next Meeting for Education and Outreach: October 26, 2016, in Norman, Oklahoma
- ▶ The Communications Unit (COMU) Working Group continued developing priorities and recommendations for the white paper on a *Nationwide Communications Unit Governance Structure*
- ▶ Next Meeting for the COMU Working Group: October 26, 2016, in Norman, Oklahoma

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ The Funding and Sustainment Committee met on September 21, 2016
- ▶ The committee drafted a Project 25 (P25) Cover Letter to send to the State Administrative Agencies (SAAs), the Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECCWGs) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Program Analysts to notify them of the *P25 Waiver Letter*
- ▶ The committee reviewed the System Life Cycle Guide Addendum
- ▶ Next Meeting: October 26, 2016 in Norman, Oklahoma

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Technology Policy

- ▶ The Committee met on September 20, 2016 to finalize agenda items and topics for the upcoming In-Person Meetings scheduled for October 24 – 28, 2016 in Norman, Oklahoma. Members received an update on the SAFECOM Chair and Vice Chair Elections.
- ▶ The Committee continued a discussion on information overload challenges and plans to identify work products and next steps during the October 2016 In-Person Meetings.
- ▶ The Committee discussed updates to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cyber Security Framework. The Committee plans to host a Cyber Security Webinar in October 2016 to determine the ways SAFECOM/NCSWIC can address cyber security.
- ▶ Members discussed encryption and developing corresponding guidance materials to assist public safety stakeholders make informed procurement decisions.
- ▶ The next Technology Policy Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2016 at 3:15 pm CDT in Norman, Oklahoma.
- ▶ The Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group (WG) met on September 6 and October 3, 2016 to provide updates on ICAM-related initiatives and discuss working group goals, objectives, and initial work products. From these discussions, members agreed to first focus on education and outreach materials, followed by policy and guidance documents aiding public safety organizations in implementing interoperable ICAM solutions.
- ▶ The ICAM WG is scheduled to meet on October 25, 2016 at 4:00 pm during the In-Person Meetings. Members will begin developing the first set of work products.

Governance

- ▶ The Governance Committee hosted a webinar on September 22, to review the approved Charter and discuss the upcoming elections process
- ▶ Nominations for Governance and Technology Policy Committees Chairs and Vice Chairs were collected and the committees held elections via SurveyMonkey. The new committee leadership is:
 - ▶ Governance Committee Chair: Don Bowers, *At-Large, Fairfax Co. Fire and Rescue*
 - ▶ Governance Committee Vice Chair: Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald, *National Sheriffs' Association*
 - ▶ Technology Policy Committee Chair: Chief Gerald Reardon, *At-Large, City of Cambridge, MA, Fire Department*
 - ▶ Technology Policy Committee Vice Chair: Dan Wills, *At-Large, Arizona State Forestry*
- ▶ Nominations for SAFECOM Executive Committee At-Large members were collected and members may cast their votes through October 7
- ▶ Nominations for SAFECOM Chair and Vice Chair(s) will be collected through October 14, in preparation for the elections during the in-person meeting in Norman, Oklahoma
- ▶ Next Meeting: October 25, 2016, in Norman, Oklahoma

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SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- ▶ October 24-28, 2016 SAFECOM/NCSWIC Joint Meeting in Norman, Oklahoma

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