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

SAFECOM Association Spotlight: Forestry Conservation Communications Association

The Forestry Conservation Communications Association (FCCA) is a national organization stood up in Washington, D.C. in 1944 during a meeting of State Foresters and its radio technicians. For over four decades, FCCA has coordinated frequencies within the Forestry Conservation spectrum. Today the FCCA continues to coordinate all public safety frequencies, including those in the 700/800 MHz and Microwave bands. FCCA provides a full range of radio communications services for forestry and conservation agencies, police, fire, EMS, and local government.

Representative: Lloyd Mitchell

Education and Outreach

- ▶ The Education and Outreach Committee met in Norman, OK on October 26, 2016 to discuss current initiatives and product development for 2017
- ▶ Continued development of the *Internal SAFECOM Membership Tracker*
 - ▶ 48 SAFECOM members completed the tracker questionnaires
- ▶ Identified the following products for revisions
 - ▶ *Public Safety Communications Evolution Brochure*
 - ▶ *Communications Unit Leader (COML): A Valuable Resource for Incident Commander Brochure*
- ▶ Discussed the concerning decline of interest for the emergency communications field within the younger generation
- ▶ Will continue to audit the SAFECOM website and HSIN portal
- ▶ Next meeting: November 23, 2016, at 2:00 PM ET

Communications Unit Working Group

- ▶ The Communications Unit Working Group met in Norman, OK on October 26, 2016 to discuss current initiatives and product development for 2017
- ▶ Continued to develop and identify recommendations for the white paper on a *Nationwide Communications Unit Governance Structure*
- ▶ Decided to develop a *Governor's Letter* once the white paper is finalized
- ▶ Next meeting: November 14, 2016, at 2:00 PM ET

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ The Joint SAFECOM-NCSWIC Funding and Sustainment Committee met in Norman, OK on October 26, 2016 to discuss current initiatives and product development for 2017
- ▶ Determined the committee's work will mainly focus on life cycle planning challenges in 2017
- ▶ Brainstormed 2017 quarterly plan
 - ▶ Q1: Estimating the Life Cycle

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- ▶ Q2: Maintenance Models and Methods
- ▶ Q3: Funding Mechanisms 2017
- ▶ Q4: Input into the SAFECOM Grant Guidance
- ▶ Will discuss the SAFECOM Grant Guidance input during the November committee call
- ▶ Next meeting: November 16, 2016 at 4:00 PM ET

Technology Policy

- ▶ Hosted an informational webinar on “Updates to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cyber Security Framework” on October 18, 2016
- ▶ The Joint SAFECOM-NCSWIC Technology Policy Committee met in-person on October 26, 2016 in Norman, OK. Members discussed ongoing work products and developed a strategic plan for 2017. Discussion topics included information overload and non-standard encryption
- ▶ Discussed holding an in-person meeting in conjunction with an existing communications-focused event
- ▶ Next meeting: November 15, 2016 at 3:00 PM ET

Identity Credential and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group (WG)

- ▶ The ICAM WG held a Conference Call on October 3, 2016 to identify and prioritize the group’s work items.
 - ▶ Reviewed and accepted the ICAM WG Framework
 - ▶ Members agreed to focus on educational materials, best practices, policy recommendations, and implementation guidance for a federated ICAM environment. These materials will be developed in two phases, starting with education and outreach.
- ▶ The ICAM WG met on October 25, 2016 in Norman, OK. During the meeting, the WG expressed interest in developing and adopting a nationwide ICAM Framework, and providing additional education and possible SAFECOM-NCSWIC endorsement of the ICAM Trustmark Framework

Governance

- ▶ Elections for SAFECOM Executive Committee At-Large members were held in October and the following SAFECOM members were elected:
 - ▶ Michael Murphy, SAFECOM At-Large, Communications and Technology Specialist (Baker, Louisiana Police Department) [*Two-Year Term*]
 - ▶ Anthony Catalanotto, SAFECOM At-Large, Incident Communications Commander (Fire Department New York) [*Two-Year Term*]
 - ▶ Jay Kopstein, SAFECOM At-Large, Co-Chair, CWIG (NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services) [*One-Year Term*]
 - ▶ Charlie Sasser, National Association of State Technology Directors (NASTD) [*One-Year Term*]
- ▶ Elections for SAFECOM Chair and Vice Chair(s) were held during the in-person meeting in Norman, Oklahoma and the following SAFECOM members were elected:
 - ▶ Chair: Gerald Reardon, SAFECOM At-Large, Fire Department Chief (Cambridge, Massachusetts Fire Department)
 - ▶ Vice Chair (*One-Year Term*): Doug Aiken, National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC)

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- ▶ Vice Chair (*Two-Year Term*): Mark Grubb, National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC)
- ▶ The SAFECOM Governance Committee met on October 26, 2016, in Norman, Oklahoma, to review current committee initiatives and scope activities for 2017 and beyond. At this meeting, the Committee stood up a State Governance Review Working Group to explore governance priorities external to SAFECOM
- ▶ Next Meeting: November 9, 2016, at 1:00 PM ET

SAFECOM Highlights and Current Events

Congratulations to the new SAFECOM Executive Members and Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs!

The SAFECOM Engagement Team (SET) is looking for members who would be interested in joining the team. The SET promotes SAFECOM at a variety of emergency communications and public safety conferences. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, representing SAFECOM at the SAFECOM information table, participating on panels, or presenting the *SAFECOM Introduction Presentation*. If you would like to join or have questions please email SAFECOMGovernance@HQ.DHS.GOV.

For more information or questions related to SAFECOM, please contact your association's SAFECOM representative or SAFECOMGovernance@hq.dhs.gov.