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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: National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA)

The National Criminal Justice Association exists to promote the development of justice systems in states, tribal nations, and units of local government that enhance public safety.

Education and Outreach

- ▶ All SAFECOM members are encouraged to fill out the Roles and Responsibilities questionnaire to help to develop the Roles & Responsibilities and the Engagement Guide. All responses are due on August 28.
- ▶ The Introduction to SAFECOM Presentation was approved by the Education and Outreach Committee Members and is available upon request and on the [website](#) for use and distribution by all SAFECOM members.
- ▶ OEC's Communications Unit Leader (COML) Integrated Policy Team continues to work with the SAFECOM/NCSWIC Communications Unit Working Group to improve the COML qualification and utilization processes.
- ▶ Next meeting: September 30, 2015, at 2:00 pm ET

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ The Funding and Sustainment Committee heard a presentation from Anna Sandoval-Vigil, Procurement Manager for the State of New Mexico Department of Information Technology on Best Practices in Development of Request for Proposals (RFP).
- ▶ The Committee discussed next steps on products for stakeholders and upcoming monthly conference calls as well as the November in person meeting.
- ▶ Next meeting: September 16, 2015 at 4:00 pm ET

Technology Policy

- ▶ The Technology Policy Committee convened in Boulder, Colorado on August 4, 2015 to discuss issues related to data interoperability and long term evolution (LTE) planning.
- ▶ The Committee updated the Cybersecurity Primer, which provides a high-level overview of the importance of cybersecurity, associated challenges, and some available resources.
- ▶ The committee continues to explore the feasibility of work products for cybersecurity best practices when dealing with vendors or when implanting IT strategies.
- ▶ Next Meeting: September 15, 2015 at 3:00 pm ET

Governance

- ▶ The Governance Committee continues to develop the Marilyn J. Praisner SAFECOM Leadership Award nomination form and the 2015 SAFECOM Strategic Plan.

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- ▶ Nominations for SAFECOM Chair and Vice Chair(s) will be accepted beginning in September, and the election is scheduled for the in-person meeting in November. Per the SAFECOM Charter, the Education & Outreach and Funding & Sustainment Committees chair and vice chair positions are scheduled for appointment this year as well.
- ▶ The Committee established the Executive Committee Governance Structure Working Group and held its kick-off conference call on August 11th.
- ▶ Next meeting: September 9, 2015, at 2:00 pm ET

SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC)

- ▶ The Priority and Quality of Service (PQoS) Working Group published the [PQoS in the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network 2015 Report](#) on August 19, 2015.
- ▶ NPSTC is refreshing the 2012 Local Control Report on public safety issues with Long Term Evolution (LTE) deployments. The report will be sent for the Governing Board's approval and publication in September.
- ▶ NPSTC published a report on [Radio Frequency Interference from Energy Efficient Lighting](#) and sent it to the FCC. The spectrum committee had follow-up discussions with the FCC staff.
- ▶ NPSTC filed [comments on the FirstNet Draft RFP](#), responding on 11 key issues.

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