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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 Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators (NASNA)

NASNA develops strategic partnerships with key organizations and individuals who share interests, serves as an information sharing and support network for state 911 program administrators, and strengthens relationships with federal lawmakers and agencies.

Education and Outreach

- ▶ Finalized the SAFECOM Factsheet, and will be sending it to the Executive Committee (EC) for their review and approval.
- ▶ Developed a draft of the Roles and Responsibilities document which will be reviewed and discussed at the next Committee meeting.
- ▶ Continued to identify outreach opportunities and will develop a proposal for involvement in speaking opportunities.
- ▶ The Communications Unit (COMU) Working Group met on December 14, 2015, to review and discuss the feedback received on the COMU panel presentations at the November Joint SAFECOM and National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) meeting in Norman, Oklahoma. The Working Group also discussed next steps for addressing the COMU initiatives.
- ▶ Next meeting: January 27, 2016, at 2:00 pm ET

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ Approved two papers: "Land Mobile Radio (LMR) 101" and "LMR for Project Managers," and will be sending to the SAFECOM EC for review.
- ▶ Discussed the development status and next steps of remaining products, including further discussions on two products, "LMR for Decision-Makers" and "Emergency Communications System Life Cycle Guide Update."
- ▶ Next meeting: January 20, 2016, at 4:00 pm ET

Technology Policy

- ▶ Met on December 15, 2015, to discuss work products, ongoing initiatives, and started to identify 2016 priorities.
- ▶ Continued to discuss public safety T-band and is drafting executive briefing talking points to assist associations and states in educating officials on the issue.
- ▶ Discussed LMR encryption and will review additional LMR products including the Guidelines for LMR Encryption and the Non-P25 Fact Sheet.
- ▶ Next meeting: January 19, 2016, at 3:00 pm ET

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Governance

- ▶ Continue to develop and design the Marilyn J. Praisner SAFECOM Leadership Award and the 2015 SAFECOM Strategic Plan.
- ▶ The EC continues to review the EC governance structure recommendations submitted by the Governance Committee.
- ▶ The Membership Working Group met on December 14, 2015, to discuss potential associations/organizations to join SAFECOM and agreed to research each group further before the next working group meeting. Members will reconsider candidates for SAFECOM Public Safety At-Large membership.
- ▶ The December Governance Committee meeting was postponed due to the holidays.
- ▶ Next meeting: January 20, 2016, at 2:00 pm ET

SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

FirstNet/ the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

- ▶ The FirstNet Board voted in favor of a January release of the final Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN). The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) met in December in Houston to present their findings on Public Safety Grade criteria, and Priority and Preemption criteria to the FirstNet Board.

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