

## February 2016 Monthly Bulletin

This bulletin is a snapshot of the work products and initiatives currently being developed by members of the four National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) committees. Additionally, this bulletin highlights upcoming meetings and conferences relevant to Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWICs) and provides contact information for new SWICs.

### Governance

- ▶ The Committee met on January 25, 2016, to discuss ongoing initiatives and planned work products.
- ▶ Continued to develop the *2015 NCSWIC Annual Report* and *Strategic Priorities Summary of Accomplishments Fact Sheet*.
- ▶ Solicited additional input from newly-hired SWICs from 2015 for the development of the SWIC Position Description Guide.
- ▶ Continued to develop the SWIC Roles and Responsibilities Fact Sheet.
- ▶ Next meeting: February 25, 2016, at 1:30 pm ET

### Planning, Training, and Exercise

- ▶ The Committee met on January 26, 2016, to discuss ongoing initiatives and 2016 work products, and revised the Committee name to the “Planning, Training, and Exercise Committee.”
- ▶ Revised the Planning, Training, and Exercise mission statement and priorities.
- ▶ Nominated John Stevens, New Hampshire SWIC, as the new Committee Vice Chair.
- ▶ Discussed creating a Guide for Developing Training Programs and expanding the online resource library to share information and best practices.
- ▶ Individuals interested in presenting on training and exercises in their state may contact [Jessica Kaputa](#).
- ▶ Next meeting: March 1, 2016, at 3:00 pm ET

### Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Committee met on February 16, 2016, to discuss ongoing work products, including the T-band topic and the *T-Band Executive Briefing Talking Points* and a *T-Band Letter*.
- ▶ Discussed relevant “public safety grade” resources and topics in preparation for a public safety grade work product.
- ▶ Next Meeting: March 15, 2016, at 3:00 pm ET

### Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Funding and Sustainment Committee met on February 17, 2016.
- ▶ Received an update on 2016 Department of Homeland Security grants and the [2016 SAFECOM Grant Guidance](#).
- ▶ Announced the *Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Trio* was posted to the [SAFECOM website](#), the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council ([NPSTC website](#)), and on the North East Disaster

Information Exchange ([NEDRIX site](#)); the documents were also distributed to SAFECOM and NCSWIC members, the Federal Partnership Interoperability Committee (FPIC), and the Emergency Communications Preparedness Center (ECPC) Research and Development Focus Group, as well as to Office of Emergency Communications' wider stakeholder distribution list "GovDelivery"; lastly, the documents were covered in Mission Critical magazine, and distributed by the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) to its members.

- ▶ Discussed additional materials that could assist with education and outreach on the *LMR Trio*, and agreed to develop a brochure, slide deck, and fact sheet that stakeholders may use to educate state and local decision-makers on the need to sustain mission critical voice.
- ▶ Shared a video, entitled, "[ALMR User Testimonial Video](#)" produced by the State of Alaska, which emphasizes the need to sustain mission critical voice.
- ▶ Engaged in planning for the upcoming in-person committee meeting on April 6, 2016, in Utah.
- ▶ Next Meeting: March 16, 2016, at 4:00 pm ET

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