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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 Regional Councils

The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) is a recognized authority and leading advocate for regional organizations and solutions that positively impact American communities through effective inter-jurisdictional cooperation.

Education and Outreach

- ▶ Reviewed, revised, and distributed the *SAFECOM Fact Sheet* and *SAFECOM Roles and Responsibilities* to the Executive Committee (EC) for review and approval.
- ▶ Approved the SAFECOM table banner and popup banner mock up designs.
- ▶ Began developing the SAFECOM Outreach Plan/Engagement Guide.
- ▶ Began developing the agenda for the April 2016 SAFECOM and NCSWIC Meetings - Committee Breakout Session in Jacksonville, FL.
- ▶ Continued discussing outreach opportunities and engagement expectations.
- ▶ Next meeting: March 30, 2016, at 2:00 pm ET

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ Received an update on 2016 Department of Homeland Security Grants and the [2016 SAFECOM Grant Guidance](#).
- ▶ Posted the *Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Trio* 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 the Office of Emergency Communications' (OEC) 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.
- ▶ Viewed 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 Salt Lake City, Utah.
- ▶ Next meeting: March 16, 2016, at 4:00 pm ET

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Technology Policy

- ▶ Discussed ongoing Technology Policy work products, including the T-band topic, the *T-Band Executive Briefing Talking Points* and a T-Band Letter.
- ▶ Started to discuss relevant “public safety grade” resources and topics in preparation for a public safety grade work products.
- ▶ Next meeting: March 15, 2016, at 3:00 pm ET

Governance

- ▶ Continued to develop the 2015 SAFECOM Annual Report.
- ▶ Awaiting EC review and approval for the *Strategic Priorities Summary of Accomplishments Fact Sheet*.
- ▶ Continued to review the EC governance structure recommendations and proposed an executive session during the April In-Person meeting in Jacksonville, FL, to continue discussions.
- ▶ The Membership Working Group met on February 12, 2016, to continue the process of identifying potential associations to join SAFECOM and consider candidates for SAFECOM Public Safety At-Large membership.
- ▶ Next meeting: March 16, 2016, at 2:00 pm ET

SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)

- ▶ SAFECOM representative Larry Amerson was named the Alabama Sheriffs Association's “Sheriff of the Year.” This honor is given to sheriffs who exhibit leadership on a local, regional, and national level. Join us in congratulating Sheriff Amerson on this recognition!

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