

January Monthly Bulletin

SAFECOM Executive Committee Spotlight: United States Conference of Mayors (USCM)

The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) is the official non-partisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more people. In the United States, there are 1,408 such cities today. USCM sets policies as the collective voice of these cities and their leaders. The committees and task forces are responsible for developing policies, which are voted on by the entire body before the resolutions are sent to the elected leaders in Washington. Each city is represented in the conference by its chief elected official, the mayor. The duties of the mayor include: to promote the development of effective national urban/suburban policy; to strengthen Federal-city relationships; to ensure Federal policy meets urban needs; to provide mayors with leadership and management tools; and to create a forum in which mayors can share ideas and information.

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

Education and Outreach

- ▶ Finalized the *SAFECOM Factsheet* to reflect the new SAFECOM logo and member feedback
- ▶ Finalized the *SAFECOM Highlight* interview questions and development process
- ▶ Conducted an audit of the [SAFECOM website](#) to ensure consistency and clarity
- ▶ Revised the *SAFECOM Introduction Presentation* to present to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Administration
- ▶ Drafting a graphic to illustrate the convergence of technologies for the *Public Safety Communications Evolution Brochure*
- ▶ Next meeting: February 22, 2017 at 2:00 PM EST

Communications Unit Working Group

- ▶ Finalizing the white paper, *An Unmet Need: National-Level Governance for the NIMS/ICS Communications Unit*
- ▶ Developing a graphic to depict the evolving Communications Unit environment
- ▶ Next meeting: February 13, 2017 at 2:00 PM EST

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ Victoria Garcia, Hawaii Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and Committee Co-Chair, announced she will be stepping down as the Hawaii SWIC and as the Funding and Sustainment Co-Chair. Committee Chair Tom Roche thanked her for taking on the role and for being such a strong and active leader on the Committee
- ▶ Received updates on revisions to the *SAFECOM Grant Guidance* from the Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) National Emergency Communications Plan and Grants Branch

- ▶ Reviewed 2017 Quarterly Plan Schedule and Products:
 - Q1: *Estimating the Life Cycle*
 - Q2: *Maintenance Models and Methods*
 - Q3: *Funding Mechanisms 2017*
 - Q4: *Input into the SAFECOM Grant Guidance*
- ▶ Reviewed upcoming Federal grant deadlines
- ▶ Next meeting: February 15, 2017 at 4:00 PM EST

Technology Policy

- ▶ Discussed outcomes from the SAFECOM and NCSWIC leadership meetings
- ▶ Reviewed the following ongoing work products:
 - *Public Safety Grade White Paper*: outlines the challenges for achieving a consensus on a public safety grade definition and the importance of using a standards-based approach
 - *Guidance on Land Mobile Radio Encryption and Standards Based Features*: provides information to the public safety community on how to assemble a request for proposals for communications systems
- ▶ Encouraged members to begin identifying potential topics and agenda items for the SAFECOM and NCSWIC May 2017 in-person meeting in San Antonio, Texas
- ▶ Asked members to submit public safety grade definitions in advance of the next Committee meeting
- ▶ Next meeting: February 21, 2017 at 3:00 PM EST

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

- ▶ Reviewed the *Trustmark Framework Position Paper* and prioritized work products
- ▶ Reviewed and approved the *Trustmark Framework Position Paper*. The paper was designed to encourage the public safety community to adopt and endorse the “Trustmark Framework.” The position paper will be elevated to the Joint Technology Policy Committee for review and approval
- ▶ Developing the *Trustmark Framework 101 Primer* to accompany the release of the position paper. The “Primer” is intended to provide public safety stakeholders with background and supplemental information on the Trustmark Framework
- ▶ Discussed additional education and outreach materials such as *ICAM 101 Webinar* and *ICAM Executive Briefing*. The Working Group plans to discuss and prioritize the next set of work products
- ▶ Next meeting: February 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM EST

Governance

- ▶ Discussed the Committee’s scope of efforts; including review of an initial State Governance Review Working Group initiatives
- ▶ Reviewed recent SAFECOM membership updates, discussed accepting new members, ongoing development of the *Membership Demographics Survey*, and developing processes and criteria for future membership activities
- ▶ The Annual Report Working Group continues to develop the *2016 Annual Report*
- ▶ The Strategic Plan Working Group continues to develop the *2016 SAFECOM Strategic Priorities: Summary of Accomplishments* and the *2017 Strategic Plan*
- ▶ Next meeting: February 8, 2017 at 2:00 PM EST

SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

Check out SAFECOM's blog to stay informed about SAFECOM's achievements, product development, community outreach and updates from the Office of Emergency Communications

www.dhs.gov/safecom/blog

[SAFECOM Leaders Meet to Discuss SAFECOM 2017 Strategic Plan](#) (January 19, 2017)

[2016 Funding and Sustainment Methods for Public Safety Communications Systems](#) (January 13, 2017)

Coming Soon

The SAFECOM Highlight

The *SAFECOM Highlight* is a new feature in the monthly bulletin. The article showcases a different SAFECOM representative each month to educate the membership about their professional background and interests.

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