

## July 2015 Monthly Bulletin

Below 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. In addition, this bulletin will highlight upcoming meetings and conferences relevant to Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWICs), and provide contact information for new SWICs.

### Governance

- ▶ The Committee updated and approved the 2015 NCSWIC Strategic Plan, led by Budge Carrier, California SWIC. The Strategic Plan will be presented during the NCSWIC EC in-person meeting on August 5, 2015 for EC review and approval before finalizing the Plan.
- ▶ The Governance Guide Working Group held its final meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the final sections of the *2015 Emergency Communications Governance Guide for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Officials*. The Working Group is conducting their final review of the draft Guide and NCSWIC EC members will have an opportunity to review and approve the Governance Guide during the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting in Boulder, CO.
- ▶ The Committee will begin focusing on the New SWIC Orientation Program which will include reassessing the SWIC Welcome Packet, a personalized letter from a SWIC in the region, access to promotional materials developed by the NCSWIC Program, and pairing the newly appointed SWIC with other SWICs in the region as well as the OEC Coordinator to provide relevant regional information.
- ▶ Next meeting: August 27, 2015 at 1:30 pm ET

### Training, Exercises, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

- ▶ The Committee is drafting a survey to inform the development of a standard interoperability training program curriculum to educate incoming and existing public safety personnel throughout professional academies.
- ▶ On August 20, 2015 at 3:00 pm ET, the Committee will be hosting an educational webinar focusing on training and exercise programs at the state level. This webinar, presented by Nick Brown, Georgia SWIC, will focus on exercise design, planning, methodologies, and implementation of the training and exercises program in Georgia. This presentation will also include Georgia's efforts to establish integrated and interoperable communications using the Mobile Communication Vehicles in the event of a major, multi-jurisdictional emergency.
- ▶ Next Meeting: August 25, 2015, at 3:00 pm ET

### Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Technology Policy Committee continues to work with the Office for Interoperability and Compatibility to produce a continuum to address data interoperability.
- ▶ The Committee established the Next Generation 9-1-1 Working Group and is looking for additional volunteers.
- ▶ Next meeting: August 4, 2015, (In-Person) in Boulder, Colorado

### Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Funding and Sustainment Committee continued development of a list of innovative state and local sustainment methods.
- ▶ Representatives from the State of Georgia presented on a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax that was used to pay for the upgrade of their public safety communications system.
- ▶ The Committee will meet in person on September 17, 2015, in Norman, Oklahoma.
- ▶ Next meeting: August 19, 2015, at 4:00 pm ET

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