

June Monthly Bulletin

SAFECOM Spotlight: National EMS Management Association (NEMSMA)

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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

- ▶ Reviewed comments and feedback on the *Public Safety Communications Evolution Brochure* graphic
- ▶ Reviewed the Education and Outreach (E&O) Committee Work Plan
- ▶ Discussed the August 2, 2017, E&O Committee In-person Meeting agenda
- ▶ Began developing an interoperability video storyboard
- ▶ Next Meeting: July 26, 2017, at 2:00 – 3:00 PM EDT

Communications Unit (COMU) Working Group

- ▶ COMU Working leadership met in-person on June 27-28, 2017 to discuss the detailed framework of efforts to be undertaken within the next year to support the COMU of the future (Communications 2.0)
- ▶ Reviewed the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinator's (NCSWIC) Planning, Training, and Exercise Committee's *COMU Personnel Position Task Book Sign-Off Process Template*; Requested to co-sponsor the document with NCSWIC
- ▶ Discussed and outlined future goals/visions for providing various Technical Assistance (TA) offerings to states
- ▶ Next Meeting: July 10, 2017, at 2:00 – 3:30 PM EDT

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ Met on June 21, 2017, to review Federal Grants and the *Fiscal Year 2017 SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants (SAFECOM Guidance)*
- ▶ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants applications were due on Thursday, June 22, 2017. The Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) released a letter to stakeholders that included an outline of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grants available for funding emergency communications, a summary of grant allocations, and updates to FY17 DHS grants. One major change in 2017 was the extension of allowable costs to include Long Term Evolution (LTE) equipment
- ▶ Discussed results from the Equipment Life Cycle survey conducted at the May 2017 SAFECOM and National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) meeting held in San Antonio, Texas, and requested members review the survey results, provided in the June meeting invite, before the next conference call

- ▶ Received final versions of the updated *Life Cycle Planning Guide* chapters (Introduction, Pre-Planning, Planning, and Acquisition) and requested members review the draft “Implementation” section before the next conference call
- ▶ Next Meeting: July 19, 2017, at 3:00 – 4:00 PM EDT **(NEW TIME)**

Technology Policy

- ▶ Received a recap of the May in-person meeting and subsequent plans to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) guidance primer for public safety
- ▶ Continued discussions on the updated Public Safety Grade definition and the *Public Safety Grade White Paper*
- ▶ Introduced to the *Ten Keys to Obtaining a Resilient Local Access Network* guide developed by OEC, and asked members to provide feedback by Friday, July 14

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

- ▶ SAFECOM and NCSWIC Executive Committees unanimously approved the *Trustmark Framework* position paper at the May in-person meeting. The position paper encourages public safety agencies to adopt and leverage the Trustmark Framework in effort to achieve federated ICAM solutions
- ▶ Other organizations such as the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP) expressed interest in endorsing the Trustmark Framework and are considering developing their own Trustmark Framework Resolutions
- ▶ Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 3:00-4:00 PM EDT **(Tentative)**

Governance

- ▶ The Membership Working Group continues to identify SAFECOM’s membership needs and develop criteria candidates should meet to fill those needs
- ▶ The State Governance Review Working Group continues to develop the *SAFECOM Recommended Guidelines for Statewide Public Safety Communications Governance Structure (“Strawman”)*
- ▶ Next Meeting: July 12, 2017, at 2:00 PM ET

SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- ▶ *SAFECOM Guidance* released on June 9th, 2017. The *SAFECOM Guidance* is updated annually to provide current information on emergency communications policies, eligible costs, best practices, and technical standards for state, local, tribal, and territorial grantees investing federal funds in emergency communications projects.

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