

June 2017 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. The bulletin highlights recent articles posted to the SAFECOM-NCSCWIC Blog.

Governance

- ▶ The NCSWIC Intellectual Capital Assessment was provided to the NCSWIC Executive Committee (EC) for their review and approval on the July 11, 2017, NCSWIC EC Conference Call
- ▶ Governance Committee members continued to discuss the need to hold an in-person meeting in September
- ▶ Next Meeting: July 27, 2017, at 1:30 pm ET

Planning, Training, and Exercise

- ▶ The Planning, Training, and Exercise (PTE) Committee met on June 27, 2017
- ▶ The committee finalized its Communications Unit Personnel Position Task Book Sign-Off Process Template which will go to the NCSWIC and SAFECOM ECs for their review in July
- ▶ The committee began drafting a Best Practices for Developing a Field Operations Guide tool
- ▶ The committee discussed the potential for assisting with building out Emergency Management Assistance Compact Mission Readiness Packages
- ▶ Next Meeting: July 25, 2017, at 3:00 pm ET

Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Technology Policy Committee met on June 27, 2017
- ▶ The Committee received a recap of the May in-person meeting and subsequent plans to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) guidance primer for public safety
- ▶ The Committee continued discussions on the updated Public Safety Grade definition and the Public Safety Grade White Paper
- ▶ The Committee was also introduced to the Ten Keys to Obtaining a Resilient Local Access Network guide developed by OEC, and asked to provide feedback by Friday, July 14
- ▶ Next Meeting: August 1, 2017, at 3:00 pm ET

ICAM Working Group

- ▶ The SAFECOM and NCSWIC ECs unanimously approved the "Trustmark Framework" position paper at the May in-person meetings. 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 International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP) also expressed interest in endorsing the Trustmark Framework and are considering developing their own Trustmark Framework Resolutions.
- ▶ Next Meeting: July 18, 2017, at 2:00 pm ET

Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Joint Funding and Sustainment Committee met on Wednesday, June 21, 2017.
- ▶ Committee members reviewed Federal Grants and the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) SAFECOM Guidance
 - DHS, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants applications were due on Thursday, June 22, 2017. OEC released a Letter to Stakeholders that included an outline of 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.

- ▶ Members discussed results from the Equipment Life Cycle survey conducted at the May 2017 SAFECOM and NCSWIC meeting held in San Antonio, Texas
 - The committee requested members review the Equipment Life Cycle survey results, provided in the June meeting invite, before the next conference call
- ▶ The committee received final versions of the updated Life Cycle Planning Guide chapters (Introduction, Pre-Planning, Planning, and Acquisition)
 - The committee requested members review the draft “Implementation” section of the Life Cycle Planning Guide before the next conference call
- ▶ Next Meeting: July 19, 2017 at 3pm ET *New Time*

SAFECOM-NCSWIC Blog

- ▶ Check out the SAFECOM-NCSWIC Blog to stay informed about SAFECOM and NCSWIC achievements, product development, community outreach, and updates from your peers and the Office of Emergency Communications www.dhs.gov/safecom/blog
- ▶ Recently posted article:
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