

March 2016 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. Additionally, this bulletin highlights upcoming meetings and conferences relevant to Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWICs) and provides contact information for new SWICs.

Governance

- ▶ The Committee met on March 31, 2016, to discuss ongoing initiatives and planned work products.
- ▶ The Committee distributed the *2015 NCSWIC Strategic Priorities Summary of Accomplishments*.
- ▶ The *SWIC Roles and Responsibilities Fact Sheet* was approved by the NCSWIC Executive Committee.
- ▶ The Committee continued to develop the *2015 NCSWIC Annual Report* and *2016 NCSWIC Strategic Plan*.
- ▶ The Committee continued to develop the *SWIC Position Description Guide*.
- ▶ The Committee continued to develop the *Supporting the SWIC Fact Sheet*.
- ▶ Next meeting: April 27, 2016, at 10:00 am ET

Planning, Training, and Exercise

- ▶ The Committee met on March 1, 2016, to discuss ongoing initiatives and 2016 work products.
- ▶ The Committee approved the new Planning, Training, and Exercise mission statement and priorities.
- ▶ Discussed ideas for the Guide for Developing Training Programs and expanding the online resource library to share information and best practices.
- ▶ Individuals interested in presenting on training and exercises in their state may contact [Jessica Kaputa](#).
- ▶ Next meeting: April 27, 2016, at 10:00 am ET

Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Committee met on March 29, 2016, to discuss ongoing initiatives and work products.
- ▶ The Committee discussed LMR encryption and the suite of Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications (FPIC) documents related to encryption.
- ▶ The Committee continued to discuss T-band and related work products such as the [T-Band Executive Briefing Talking Points](#), which was approved by the SAFECOM and NCSWIC Executive Committees.
- ▶ The Committee also discussed "public safety grade" to see if there is a desire for further discussion.
- ▶ Next Meeting: April 27, 2016, at 10:00 am ET

Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Funding and Sustainment Committee met on March 16, 2016
- ▶ The [2016 SAFECOM Grant Guidance](#) was released on February 19, 2016.
- ▶ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant applications are due April 25, 2016.
- ▶ The [Land Mobile Radio \(LMR\) Trio](#) documents were published February 9, 2016. These documents were further publicized by Mission Critical Magazine, National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC), the North East Disaster Recovery Information Exchange, and Motorola.

- ▶ The LMR Trio along with the [Funding Mechanisms](#) document were briefed to the Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications, and the Emergency Communications Preparedness Center Research and Development Focus Group, and will be presented to the Southwest Border Communications Working Group at the end of March.
- ▶ The committee continues to work on additional LMR sustainment documents including a brochure, memo, and briefing deck.
- ▶ The committee continues its work on the System Life Cycle Guide Addendum.
- ▶ The committee is planning for an in person meeting on April 6, 2016 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to discuss the LMR marketing materials (brochure, one-pager for elected officials), system life cycle guide update, and Next Generation 9-1-1 funding informational documents.
- ▶ Next Meeting: April 6, 2016 16, 2016, in Salt Lake City, Utah

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