

May 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 and provides contact information for new Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWIC).

Governance

- ▶ The Governance Committee finalized questions for the NCSWIC Intellectual Capital Assessment and will provide it to the NCSWIC Executive Committee for their review prior to the July 11, 2017, NCSWIC EC Conference Call
- ▶ Members discussed the creation and housing of statewide governance profiles on the Homeland Security Information Network
- ▶ Members continued to discuss the need to hold an in-person meeting in late summer
- ▶ Next Meeting: June 22, 2017, at 1:30 pm ET

Planning, Training, and Exercise

- ▶ The Planning, Training, and Exercise (PTE) Committee met in person on May 3, 2017
- ▶ John Miller, New Jersey SWIC, was named the new Chair of the committee and Sue Krogman, Nebraska Deputy SWIC, was named the new Vice Chair of the committee
- ▶ The committee is in the process of finalizing its Communications Unit Personnel Position Task Book Sign-Off Process Template
- ▶ The committee reviewed SWIC survey responses and began scoping the Best Practices for Developing a Field Operations Guide document
- ▶ The committee also chose topics for its informational videos on Technical Assistance offerings and discussed the potential for another in-person committee meeting in August 2017
- ▶ Next Meeting: June 27, 2017, at 3:00 pm ET

Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Technology Policy Committee held an in-person committee meeting on May 3, 2017
- ▶ The committee continued discussions on Public Safety Grade definition and white paper and conducted a working session on Requests for Proposal (RFP) for subscriber units to draw out best practices for administering the RFP process
- ▶ Committee members received updates on the Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group and on Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications (FPIC) activities and initiatives
- ▶ Members discussed and prioritized future work products and committee initiatives
- ▶ Next Meeting: July 27, 2017, at 3:00 pm ET

ICAM Working Group

- ▶ The SAFECOM and NCSWIC ECs approved the following ICAM work products that were subsequently posted to the [SAFECOM/NCSWIC website](#):
 - Trustmark Framework Position Paper
 - Trustmark Framework Tri-fold Brochure
 - ICAM 101 Executive Briefing
- ▶ The working group released a blog post on the newly published work products on the SAFECOM/NCSWIC website
- ▶ Members researched and explored outreach options for additional ICAM Work Products
- ▶ Next Working Group Meeting is tentatively scheduled for late June

Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Joint Funding and Sustainment Committee met in San Antonio, TX on May 3, 2017
- ▶ The committee discussed the recent award of the FirstNet contract, and noted the continued need to continue to educate and communicate with elected officials and decision-makers on the entire communications portfolio.
- ▶ The committee distributed the life cycle survey to SAFECOM and NCSWIC members which will be used to estimate life cycles, and inform future Life Cycle Planning Guide sections.
- ▶ The committee finalized four sections of the Life Cycle Planning Guide:
 - Introduction
 - Pre-Planning
 - Planning
 - Acquisition
- ▶ Next Meeting: June 21, 2017, at 3:30 pm ET (note time change)

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 articles:
 - [SAFECOM Guidance FAQ: Understanding P25 Standards and Compliance](#)
 - [National Governor's Association \(NGA\) White Paper Released](#)
 - [SAFECOM and NCSWIC Encourage Public Safety to Adopt Trustmark Framework](#)
- ▶ Looking for an opportunity to increase your writing portfolio or share your knowledge or experiences with your peers? Consider submitting an article for the Blog!
 - We are continually looking for new articles. If it is something relevant in your state, it would probably help other states too!
 - Please send draft articles to NCSWICGovernance@hq.dhs.gov

New SWIC Contact Information

- ▶ Chris Maiers, Iowa SWIC: maiers@dps.state.ia.us

For more information or questions related to NCSWIC, please contact your state's SWIC or NCSWICGovernance@hq.dhs.gov.