

# SAFECOM

## March Monthly Bulletin

Below is a snapshot of the work products and initiatives currently being developed by SAFECOM's four Committees.

### **SAFECOM Association Spotlight: National Associations of Emergency Medical Technicians**

The National Associations of Emergency Medical Technicians represent and serve emergency and mobile healthcare practitioners including emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, paramedics, advanced practice paramedics, critical care paramedics, flight paramedics, community paramedics, and mobile integrated healthcare practitioners.

#### **Education and Outreach**

- ▶ The *SAFECOM Fact Sheet* and the *SAFECOM Roles and Responsibilities* were approved by the SAFECOM Executive Committee and are available on the [SAFECOM website](#) and [HSIN](#), respectively.
- ▶ Continued developing the *SAFECOM Outreach Plan*.
- ▶ The Communications Unit (COMU) Working Group continued to develop resources and materials for the April in-person meeting in Jacksonville, FL.
- ▶ Next Meeting: April 27, 2016 (Jacksonville, Florida)

#### **Funding and Sustainment**

- ▶ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant applications are due April 25, 2016.
- ▶ The [LMR Trio](#) along with the [Funding Mechanisms](#) document have been briefed to the Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications (FPIC) and the Emergency Communications Preparedness Center Research and Development Focus Group. It was also presented to the Southwest Border Communications Working Group at the end of March.
- ▶ Continued to develop additional LMR sustainment documents including a brochure, one pager, and briefing deck.
- ▶ Continued to develop the *System Life Cycle Guide Addendum*.
- ▶ Continued to prepare 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 (Salt Lake City, Utah).

#### **Technology Policy**

Discussed LMR encryption and the suite of FPIC documents on this topic.

- ▶ Continued to discuss the T-band topic and related work products such as the [T-Band Executive Briefing Talking Points](#), which has been approved by the SAFECOM and NCSWIC Executive Committees.
- ▶ The Committee also discussed "public safety grade" and if there is appetite for the topic.
- ▶ Identified potential activities for the April in-person meeting in Jacksonville, Florida.
- ▶ Next Meeting: Next Meeting: April 27, 2016 (Jacksonville, Florida)

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## Governance

- ▶ Continued to develop the *2015 SAFECOM Annual Report* and *2016 SAFECOM Strategic Plan*.
- ▶ Finalized the *Strategic Priorities Summary of Accomplishments Fact Sheet*. The document is now available on the [SAFECOM website](#).
- ▶ Continued to identify potential associations to join SAFECOM and consider candidates for SAFECOM Public Safety At-Large membership.
- ▶ Next Meeting: April 27, 2016 (Jacksonville, Florida)

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