

# November 2015 Monthly Bulletin

Below 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 will highlight upcoming meetings and conferences relevant to Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWICs), and provide contact information for new SWICs.

## Governance

- ▶ Continued to solicit sample SWIC job descriptions from members to develop a template that highlights common qualifications and themes. These documents will be part of the New SWIC Recruitment and Orientation Program
- ▶ Worked with the Joint Funding and Sustainment Committee to develop an interactive working session at the November in-person meeting in Norman, Oklahoma, on November 3-4, 2015
- ▶ Obtained NCSWIC Executive Committee (EC) approval for updates to Appendix A in the NCSWIC Charter to broaden the eligibility, beyond the NCSWIC Chair and Vice Chair, of who can represent the NCSWIC on other organizations.
- ▶ Next meeting: Tentatively December 17, 2015, at 1:30pm ET

## Training, Exercises, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

- ▶ Jessica Stolz, Vermont SWIC, has been chosen as the new Committee Chair
- ▶ Next meeting: Tentatively December 15, 2015, at 3:00pm ET

## Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ Met on November 17, 2015, to discuss work products and ongoing initiatives
- ▶ Discussed the current T-band situation and will draft executive briefing talking points to assist associations and states in educating officials on the issue
- ▶ Discussed land mobile radio (LMR) encryption and will review additional LMR products including the Guidelines for LMR Encryption and the Non-P25 Fact Sheet
- ▶ Next Meeting: December 15, 2015, at 3:00 pm ET

## Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ Met on November 18, 2015, and provided input on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 SAFECOM Grant Guidance, and discussed future products and activities that could be used to educate decision-makers on LMR sustainment
- ▶ Received approval during the November SAFECOM EC and NCSWIC EC meetings for the following products, which will be posted to the SAFECOM website by mid-December:
  - Funding Mechanisms Document: How States and Localities are Funding Public Safety Systems
  - SAFECOM Guidance on Broadband Purchasing
  - Improving Grant Management: SAFECOM Guidance for Public Safety Agencies
- ▶ Receive a briefing on December 16 from the Mid-Atlantic Consortium for Advanced Interoperable Communications (MACINAC) on a potential financial model for FirstNet Opt-In states
- ▶ Next meeting: December 16, 2015, at 4:00 pm ET

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