

## November Monthly Bulletin

### SAFECOM Spotlight: Metropolitan Fire Chiefs (Metro Chiefs)

The Metropolitan Fire Chiefs (Metro Chiefs) is a section of both the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The Metro Chiefs section brings together fire chiefs from large metropolitan fire departments to share information and focus on major issues effecting policy changes in the U.S. and abroad. The Metro Chiefs continue to work with multiple government agencies to ensure that efficient policies and programs be put forward to solve evolving issues.

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

### Education and Outreach

- ▶ November 7, 2017 Education and Outreach (E&O) Committee In-Person Meeting:
  - Discussed the *Public Safety Communications Evolution Brochure*
    - Reviewed and provided feedback on the Public Safety Communications Evolution Brochure Timeline Graphic
    - Reviewed and provided feedback on the Public Safety Communications Evolution Brochure Evolution Graphic
    - Reviewed and provided feedback on the new cyber security section
  - Reviewed completed 2017 work products and identified the committee's 2018 strategic priorities
- ▶ Next Meeting: January TBD, 2018, at 3:00 PM EST

### Communications Unit (COMU) Working Group

- ▶ November 8-9, 2017, COMU Working Group In-Person Meeting:
  - Discussed milestones and began developing a strategic plan
  - Reviewed and discussed additional communications functions
- ▶ Next Meeting: January 10-11, 2018, in Los Angeles, California

### Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ November 7, 2017, Funding and Sustainment Committee In-Person Meeting:
  - Reviewed and discussed 2017 work products
  - Identified the following products for completion in Fiscal Year 2018:
    - Phase II and Phase III of the updated *Emergency Communications Systems Lifecycle Guide*
    - Cost Benefit Analyst for the Appendix of the updated *Emergency Communications Systems Lifecycle Guide*
    - Develop Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)
  - Received approval from both the SAFECOM and NCSWIC Executive Committees on Phase I of the updated *Emergency Communications Systems Lifecycle Guide*
- ▶ November 15, 2017, Funding and Sustainment Committee Conference Call:
  - Recapped key takeaways and action items from the November 7, 2017, in-person meeting
  - Received an update on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 SAFECOM Guidance and anticipated changes to the FY18 Guidance. Members will receive a draft copy of the Guidance for review and input
  - Members agreed to finalize and distribute the Project 25 letter to State Administrative Agencies with the addition of a CC: from the SAFECOM and NCSWIC Chairs, and discussed next steps for dissemination
  - Discussions on Phase II of the Lifecycle Guide will continue during the Committee's next conference call
  - Next Meeting: January 17, 2018, at 3:00 pm EST

## Technology Policy

- ▶ November 7, 2017 Technology Policy Committee In-person Meeting:
  - Received updates from the Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group
  - Received updates from the Next Generation (NG) 911 Working Group
  - Continued discussions on committee work products including the Request for Proposal (RFP) Best Practices for Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Subscriber Units “Do’s and Don’ts” document
  - Identified key deliverables and focus areas for Fiscal Year 2018 to include development of the RFP Best Practices for Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Subscriber Units Toolkit and the addition of strategic priorities to:
    - Increase awareness and explore options for T-Band relocation
    - Explore opportunities to support the NG911 Working Group’s primary goal to utilize stakeholder feedback from multiple levels of government to identify, document, and develop work products to facilitate the transition to NG 911
    - Identify opportunities to support the development, purchase, and transition to/implementation of new technology and support services and products utilized by public safety
- ▶ Next Meeting: January 16, 2018, at 3:00 PM EST

### Identity, Credentialing, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group

- ▶ Continued focusing on creating discipline-specific education and outreach materials for fire, law enforcement, EMS, 911, and emergency management to examine ICAM challenges, impacts, and opportunities for each discipline
- ▶ Next Meeting: TBD

### Next Generation 911 Working Group

- ▶ November 9, 2017, NG 911 Working Group In-person Meeting:
  - Revised the NG 911 Working Group’s primary goal to “utilize stakeholder feedback from multiple levels of government to identify, document, and develop work products that will facilitate the transition to Next Generation 911”
  - Continued discussions on collecting and sharing resources to support stakeholder efforts to fund NG 911, assess readiness, and complete the transition to NG911; and identified short- and long-term priorities for Fiscal Year 2018 to include:
    - Identifying and sharing best practices on the management of geographic information system (GIS) data
    - Developing executive summaries of vital NG911 documents to facilitate information sharing
    - Promoting the NG 911 Readiness Scorecard
    - Facilitating meaningful discussions among all levels of government to address inconsistencies in architecture and operations among Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), states, and jurisdictional
- ▶ Next Meeting: January 9, 2018 (Time TBD)

## Governance

- ▶ The SAFECOM Executive Committee (EC) approved the SAFECOM membership applications and a membership advertisement during the November 8, 2017, SAFECOM EC In-Person Meeting
- ▶ Continued developing the SAFECOM Recommended Guidelines for Statewide Public Safety Communications Structure document
- ▶ Continued to develop a new process by which all SAFECOM members will have an opportunity to review all SAFECOM products and materials prior to final approval
- ▶ 2017 SAFECOM Elections concluded in November, with the following members elected:
  - Funding and Sustainment Committee Vice Chair: Lloyd Mitchell, Forestry Conservation Communications Association

- SAFECOM Vice Chairs: Chris Lombard, Interagency Board; and Michael Murphy, SAFECOM At-Large
- ▶ Next Meeting: December 13, 2017, at 2:00 PM EST

## SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- ▶ **SAFECOM Nationwide Survey (SNS)** is now open! The [SNS](#) is a nationwide data collection effort to obtain actionable and critical data that drives our nation's emergency communication policies, programs, and funding. SAFECOM will leverage the collected data to identify gaps and inform development of the program's strategic priorities. The SNS will also assist the Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications to execute the Nationwide Communication Baseline Assessment. Visit our [website](#) to learn more and take the survey!

Check out SAFECOM's blog to stay informed about SAFECOM's achievements, product development, community outreach and updates from OEC: [www.dhs.gov/safecom/blog](http://www.dhs.gov/safecom/blog)

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