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April Monthly Bulletin

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

Member Organization Highlight: Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials' International (APCO)

Founded in 1935, APCO, the Leaders in Public Safety Communications, is the world's oldest and largest public safety communications organization.

Education and Outreach

- ▶ The Broadband Mapping Survey Tool will be released in early May. Please take the survey and engage with your association for a thorough response
- ▶ The Education and Outreach Committee is working on an article about SAFECOM for the APCO newsletter
- ▶ The Committee will continue to develop its efforts on a Communications Unit Leader COML certification plan
- ▶ Next meeting: June 24, 2015, at 2:00 pm EST

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ The [FY 2015 SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants \(SAFECOM Guidance\)](#) has been posted to the [SAFECOM website](#)
- ▶ The Funding and Sustainment Committee held a conference call on April 15, 2015, where it discussed Federal news on grants, news and reports on 9-1-1, innovative methods for funding and sustaining state and local emergency communications systems, and future speaking engagements
- ▶ Next meeting: May 20, 2015 at 4:00pm EST

Technology Policy

- ▶ The Committee started developing a "cybersecurity primer" to help SAFECOM's stakeholders understand the importance of cybersecurity and the National Institute of Standards and Technology NIST cybersecurity framework
- ▶ The Committee also overviewed other potential work products such as the letter from SAFECOM to FEMA on the role of the Communications Unit Leader and All Hazards Communications Technician (COML/COMT) in the Incident Command System (ICS), a cybersecurity best practices guide for interacting with vendors, and guidelines for LMR encryption.
- ▶ Next Meeting: May 19, 2015 at 3:00 pm EST

Governance

- ▶ SAFECOM Charter updates, the 2014 Strategic Priorities Close-Out Slick Sheet, and background information about the SAFECOM Marilyn J. Praisner Award were approved by the EC during the March meeting
- ▶ The Annual Report Working Group has drafted the 2014 SAFECOM Annual Report and will submit for comment to the Executive Committee (EC) in May
- ▶ The Governance Committee will begin holding working group meetings to discuss a potential EC structure reorganization in April and May
- ▶ Next meeting: Dates pending due to in person meeting in May

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SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

▶ SAFECOM

- SAFECOM will hold a SAFECOM and joint meeting with the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators May 13-14 in Jacksonville, Florida.

▶ Association of Public Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO)

- Trending topics at [APCO' Broadband Summit](#) on May 4-5 in Washington, DC include FirstNet, 9-1-1 policy issues, cybersecurity and broadband technology.
- [Registration](#) is open for the APCO 2015 Annual Conference, taking place August 16-19 in Washington, DC.

▶ National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC)

- NPSTC LTE Deployable Assets Working Group created a preliminary draft of the Operational Requirements Spreadsheet to accompany the final report.
- NPSTC Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Working Group published a “NPSTC EMS Telemedicine Questionnaire - Assessing the Impact of Prehospital” [video](#) on March 26
- The NPSTC Priority & Quality of Service (P&QoS) Working Group presented a report for the FirstNet PSAC on priority and preemption issues on April 1. The Working Group is updating the 2012 Priority & Quality of Service report.
- NPSTC Spectrum Management Committee issued a call for volunteers for the NPSTC Interference Protection Working Group to work on addressing the LED Lighting Interference questionnaire results, and the FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding full power, interstitial 12.5 kHz “offset” channels in the 809-817/854-862 MHz band.

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