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Member Organization Highlight: National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics (SEARCH)

SEARCH is a nonprofit organization that supports the information sharing, interoperability, communications, information technology, high-tech crime investigative and criminal records systems needs of state, local and tribal justice and public safety agencies and practitioners nationwide.

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

Education and Outreach

- ▶ The [SAFECOM website](#) launched on February 4, 2015. SAFECOM members are encouraged to share this new resource with stakeholders
- ▶ SAFECOM shirts are available for order. All orders are due by April 15, 2015. Contact [Mark Grubb](#) for more information
- ▶ Members are encouraged to submit articles for the next NCSWIC/SAFECOM Quarterly Newsletter. For more information, please contact the [SAFECOM inbox](#)
- ▶ Next meeting: April 29, 2015, at 1:00 pm EST

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ The Committee received an update on FY 2015 DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants and discussed Public Notice DA 15-34, providing guidance for licensees required to transition from the T-Band, including critical dates and information on spectrum use
- ▶ [Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response \(SAFER\) Grants](#) that fund local fire personnel have been released. Applications are due March 6
- ▶ The Committee is working to update the Grant Lifecycle/Best Practice presentation and will present it to the SAFECOM/NCSWIC prior to FY 2015 grant release
- ▶ Next meeting: March 18, 2015, at 4:00 pm EST

Technology Policy

- ▶ The Committee will develop a document to help SAFECOM's stakeholders understand the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) cybersecurity framework, a primer on common technical language, and a document to prepare stakeholders for discussions with vendors
- ▶ SAFECOM members interested in participating in the upcoming SAFECOM Next Generation 9-1-1 Working Group should contact the [SAFECOM inbox](#)
- ▶ Next Meeting: March 17, 2015, at 3:00 pm EST

Governance

- ▶ The Committee is working with the SAFECOM Executive Committee to finalize updates to the SAFECOM Charter and will soon begin developing the 2014 SAFECOM Annual Report and the 2015 SAFECOM Strategic Plan
- ▶ Next meeting: A March meeting date has not yet been determined

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SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- ▶ National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC)
 - NPSTC released a [public safety questionnaire](#) to collect information from public safety agencies on their experience with LED interference
 - The Priority and Quality of Service Working Group is focused on an effort to create a presentation on revised requirements. The Deployable Systems Working Group continues to develop use cases which will be tied to operational requirements, and started work on a fifth use case involving aerial LTE services
- ▶ New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
 - The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey can activate interoperability channels UTAC and 700/800 TAC in both the Port Authority Trans Hudson rail tunnels and the World Trade Center Complex. Standard Operating Procedures are available. Please contact [Jay Kopstein](#) for more information
- ▶ Metro Boston Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region
 - The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) in conjunction with the Metro Boston Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Communications Interoperability Subcommittee (CIS) have funded and completed a second phase of a subway underground interoperability public safety communications expansion. The final phase will add 700/800 MHz BDA's for trunk system operations. Contact [Chief Gerald Reardon](#) for additional information.

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