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June Monthly Bulletin

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

SAFECOM Association Spotlight: National Emergency Number Association (NENA)

NENA's Mission is to foster the technological advancement, availability and implementation of a universal emergency telephone number system (9-1-1).

Education and Outreach

- ▶ The Executive Committee approved a Communications Unit (COMU) Working Group under the Education and Outreach Committee on June 11.
- ▶ The SAFECOM Broadband Mapping Survey response period extension ended on June 26. The Committee will continue to analyze the results during its next call.
- ▶ The Committee will review an article drafted for the APCO newsletter, and begin development of a membership Roles and Responsibilities document, and an Engagement Guide.
- ▶ All SAFECOM members are encouraged to submit quarterly newsletter articles to the [SAFECOM inbox](#).
- ▶ Next meeting: July 29, 2015, at 1:00 pm EDT

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ On June 17, the Funding and Sustainment Committee hosted a presentation by Claude Craig, Director, Georgia PCEM, Whitfield County Emergency Services and Jeff Ownby, Deputy Director, Georgia ACEM, Whitfield County Emergency Management on the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax that was recently approved to support the build-out of a new regional communications system.
- ▶ Next meeting: July 15, 2015, at 4:00pm EDT

Technology Policy

- ▶ Heather Robey (DHS OIC) briefed the Technology Policy Committee on OIC's Information Sharing Interoperability Working Group. The Committee will advise the working group on technical subject matter and will assist with determining the current data sharing landscape during its in-person meeting in August.
- ▶ The Committee has brainstormed ideas for new work products including LTE coverage analysis and challenges regarding digital vocoders for P25 systems.
- ▶ The Committee is updating the Cybersecurity Primer draft, based on input from the May in-person meeting.
- ▶ Next Meeting: July 21, 2015 at 3:00 pm EDT

Governance

- ▶ The Governance Committee continues to develop the Marilyn J. Praisner SAFECOM Leadership Award.
- ▶ The Committee is currently developing the 2015 SAFECOM Strategic Plan.
- ▶ Next meeting: July 8, 2015 at 2:00 pm EDT

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SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

▶ National Public Safety Telecommunications Council National (NPSTC)

- NPSTC submitted a letter to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reaffirming NPSTC's support for the Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program (P25 CAP) and recommending the FCC take steps needed to ensure P25 700 MHz narrowband equipment meets the P25 CAP prior to deployment by public safety entities.
- NPSTC representatives met with the FCC on May 7 regarding radio frequency interference from energy-efficient lighting and summarized the issues and results of its draft interference report. After the NPSTC Governing Board approves the report, it will be submitted to the FCC.

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