

# SAFECOM

## March Monthly Bulletin

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

### **Member Organization Highlight: U.S. Conference Of Mayors**

The United States Conference of Mayors is the official non-partisan organization of the mayors of U.S. cities with populations of 30,000 or more; currently there are 1,394 such cities.

### **Education and Outreach**

- ▶ SAFECOM shirts are available for order. All orders are due to Mark Grubb by April 15, 2015. Contact [SAFECOMGovernance](#) for more information
- ▶ The Committee submitted the final revisions of the SAFECOM Elevator Speech to the Executive Committee (EC) and received approval during the March EC meeting
- ▶ The Committee is working on several projects including: Joint SAFECOM/NCSWIC Newsletter, a new COMU initiative, and a Broadband Mapping Survey
- ▶ Next meeting: April 29, 2015, at 1:00 pm EST

### **Funding and Sustainment**

- ▶ The Committee held a conference call on February 18, 2015, where members received an update on the 2015 DHS appropriations and the impact on DHS grants
- ▶ The Committee discussed identifying innovative methods for sustaining state and local emergency communications systems in FY 2015
- ▶ Next meeting: April 15, 2015, at 4:00pm EST

### **Technology Policy**

- ▶ The Committee is working to develop a letter to FEMA urging the elevation of communications officers within the incident command structure (ICS)
- ▶ The Committee continues to monitor developments in cybersecurity relating to public safety communications and plans to develop reference materials for SAFECOM stakeholders
- ▶ Next Meeting: April 21, 2015, at 3:00PM EST

### **Governance**

- ▶ The Committee completed updating the SAFECOM Charter and submitted the final revisions to the EC for approval during the March EC meeting
- ▶ The Committee developed the 2014 Strategic Priorities Close-Out Slick Sheet to summarize 2014 committee products and activities. The Committee will soon begin developing the 2014 SAFECOM Annual Report and the 2015 SAFECOM Strategic Plan

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## Governance Committee, Continued

- ▶ The Committee continued developing the SAFECOM Membership Award and will present a description of the proposed award during the March EC meeting, outlining its purpose and process for receiving the award, as well as background information about the award's namesake, Marilyn J. Praisner
- ▶ Next meeting: April 8, 2015, at 2 pm EST

## SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- ▶ Association of Public Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO)
  - [APCO's Annual Broadband Summit](#) will take place at the Renaissance Downtown in Washington DC, on May 4-5, 2015
  - The [Public Safety Communications Leadership in Policy Awards Dinner](#) will take place on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 where APCO will recognize leaders in public safety communications
  - [APCO's 2015 Annual Conference](#) will take place in Washington DC, on August 16-19, 2015
- ▶ National Association of State Technology Directors (NASTD)
  - PSAC member Charlie Sasser presented on FirstNet, the PSAC and SAFECOM (view the SAFECOM in 100 seconds video) at the National Association of State Technology Directors (NASTD) southern region meeting on March 10. Meeting attendees included state information technology directors and technology hardware, software and services vendors from Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

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