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

InterAgency Board

The mission of the [InterAgency Board](#) is to strengthen the nation's ability to prepare for and respond safely and effectively to emergencies, disasters, and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or Explosives incidents.

Education and Outreach

- ▶ The Education and Outreach Committee will analyze the results of the Broadband Mapping Survey Tool during its next meeting.
- ▶ The Committee is writing an article about SAFECOM for the APCO newsletter, developing a membership Roles and Responsibilities document, and an Engagement Guide.
- ▶ The COMU Working Group met on May 12, 2015 to discuss COMU lifecycle, credentialing process, and sustainability of the COMU training.
- ▶ Next meeting: June 24, 2015, at 2:00 pm EDT

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ On May 20, the Funding and Sustainment Committee hosted a presentation by Christine Lee, Program Manager from DHS Science and Technology Directorate, on the Radio Internet Protocol Communications Module (RIC-M) – a potential cost-savings device that enables interoperability between multiple vendor systems, extending the life of conventional legacy systems.
- ▶ FirstNet is accepting [public comments](#) on its Notice seeking input to certain interpretations of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, through June 4, 2015.
- ▶ Next meeting: June 17, 2015 at 4:00pm EDT

Technology Policy

- ▶ The Technology Policy Committee continued the development of a “Cybersecurity Primer for Public Safety” through a joint SAFECOM/NSWIC working session at the May in-person in Jacksonville, Florida. Tech Policy members discussed cybersecurity topics and provided feedback on the Primer and future cybersecurity products.
- ▶ The Committee also reviewed and brainstormed strategic goals and potential work products for 2015, 2016 and 2016.
- ▶ Some Tech Policy members dialed into the Funding and Sustainment Committee's RIC-M presentation to better understand the technical aspect of the device.
- ▶ Next Meeting: June 16, 2015 at 3:00 pm EDT

Governance

- ▶ The Committee continued to develop the 2014 SAFECOM Annual Report and the Marilyn J. Prasiner SAFECOM Leadership Award.
- ▶ Next meeting: June 10, 2015 at 2:00 pm EDT

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SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- ▶ **National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)**
 - NASEMSO sponsors the [EMS Strong Campaign](#), an initiative to unify and inspire men and women of U.S. EMS.
- ▶ **National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC)**
 - The [Common Channel Naming Working Group](#) presented its update of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Channel Naming Standard report to the NPSTC Governing Board. The Board approved the document, and will send it to APCO for the vetting process.
- ▶ **National Sheriff's Association (NSA)**
 - The [NSA Annual Conference](#) convenes in Baltimore, MD on June 26th through July 1st, 2015.
- ▶ **New York City Interagency Communications Committee (NYCICC)**
 - The NYCICC met on May 6, 2015 to discuss regional updates, FirstNet, trainings, and grant projects. For additional information, please email [Jay Kopstein](mailto:Jay.Kopstein).

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