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

Education and Outreach

- ▶ SAFECOM members were interviewed during the APCO Conference for a SAFECOM promotional video, expected later this year.
- ▶ The Introduction to SAFECOM presentation was approved by the Executive Committee (EC) and was distributed for use. Members are encouraged to look for opportunities to present this material.
- ▶ A white paper comparing SAFECOM, the National Public Safety Telecommunication Council, the Public Safety Advisory Committee and the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators is in draft with Office of Emergency Communications (OEC).
- ▶ The first edition of the quarterly newsletter is scheduled for December 2014. Please send articles for consideration to the [SAFECOM inbox](#).
- ▶ The next Education and Outreach Committee meeting is on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 2pm EDT.

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ The Funding and Sustainment Committee has published a repository of emergency communication funding opportunities. The repository is available on the Homeland Security Information Network.
- ▶ The first edition of the Statewide Interoperability Coordinators Success Stories promotional brochure has been published.
- ▶ The Committee is currently reviewing a funding mechanisms white paper.
- ▶ The Funding and Sustainment Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at 4pm EDT.

Technology Policy

- ▶ The Technology Policy Committee finalized the Broadband 101 presentation which is available for use.
- ▶ The Technology Policy Committee will hold its next meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2014, at 3pm EDT.

Governance

- ▶ SAFECOM has extended membership to the National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators (NASNA) and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO).
- ▶ Chief Gerald Reardon accepted the nomination to fill the vacant Public Safety At-Large position on the SAFECOM EC.
- ▶ The next Governance Committee conference call is on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at 2pm EDT.

SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- ▶ National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA)
 - NATOA will hold its Annual Conference on September 29 - October 2 in St. Paul, MN. On September 30, NATOA will sponsor a panel on *Public Safety Communications: FirstNet and NextGen 911 Services*. For additional information on both of these topics, please visit [NATOA's website](#).
- ▶ Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO)
 - APCO will be holding the next Emerging Technology Forum on November 4-5 in San Francisco, CA. This is an opportunity for public safety communications professionals to learn about technologies that are on the horizon. For more information, please visit [APCO's website](#).

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