

SAFECOM

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Below is a snapshot of the work products and initiatives currently being developed by SAFECOM's four committees. Please email the [SAFECOM inbox](#) if you are interested in joining any of the committees.

Starting this month, the bulletin will include a spotlight of a SAFECOM member organization. This month will feature the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC).

SAFECOM Association Spotlight: NCSWIC

NCSWIC is a national governance body established to assist State and territory interoperability coordinators with promoting the critical importance of interoperable communications and best practices within their States and nationally. Association representatives: [Mark Grubb](#) and [Steve Noel](#).

Education and Outreach

- ▶ The "About SAFECOM" video debuted at the SAFECOM meeting in Norman, Oklahoma. A link will be distributed in January
- ▶ The committee discussed new products for 2015, including a SAFECOM communications plan
- ▶ Next meeting: January 28, 2015 at 2:00pm EST

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ The committee discussed drafting a resource for SWICs to use to brief leadership on the support OEC provides States and territories, the dollar amount associated with State requested OEC TAs, and other emergency communications funding sources
- ▶ Next meeting: January 21, 2015, at 4:00pm EST

Technology Policy

- ▶ In 2015, the committee will focus on working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to examine how to better incorporate communications into the Incident Command System and work on a cybersecurity fact sheet for public safety communications
- ▶ Next meeting: January, TBD

Governance

- ▶ Steve Proctor (Public Safety At-Large Member, Utah Communication Agency Network) was elected as SAFECOM's Chair during the December SAFECOM Executive Committee (EC) meeting. Mark Grubb (NCSWIC) and Doug Aiken (National Public Safety Telecommunications Council) were elected as SAFECOM Vice Chairs
- ▶ The committee continues efforts to update the SAFECOM Charter, based on feedback received from the EC
- ▶ Next meeting: January 14, 2014, at 2:00 pm EST

SAFECOM Association Highlights and Events

- ▶ National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC)
 - The Governing Board voted to approve the NPSTC's amended digital position paper
 - The EMS Working Group began working on EMS video requirements and facilitated a training session on radiologic emergencies for the Association of State and Tribal Health Officers

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