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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 are encouraged to send topics for the Quarterly Newsletter to the SAFECOM inbox.
- ▶ OEC is drafting a white paper that compares the roles of four emergency communications advisory groups, and the committee will have the opportunity to provide feedback once the draft is completed by OEC
- ▶ The SAFECOM 101 Presentation continues to be utilized, most recently at the Southwest Border Communications Working Group Meeting.
- ▶ The Committee has started to map out new initiatives for 2015.
- ▶ The next Education and Outreach Committee call is on Monday, December 8, 2014, at 2:00pm EST.

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ The Funding Mechanisms White Paper is undergoing final updates to incorporate additional funding mechanisms and State examples and will be redistributed to the committee members for final approval in the near future.
- ▶ The next Funding & Sustainment Committee call is on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 4:00 EST.

Technology Policy

- ▶ Technology Policy Committee members provided feedback to the Next Generation 9-1-1 Quick Reference Guide. OEC is reviewing the document and will send it to the SAFECOM Executive Committee for final approval.
- ▶ The committee is pending review of a T-Band Giveback fact sheet and a Broadband Technology Education product.
- ▶ The next Technology Policy Committee meeting is on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at 3:00pm EST.

Governance

- ▶ The Governance Committee continues efforts to update the SAFECOM Charter.
- ▶ Membership Update: Terry Hall is the new National Association of Counties (NACo) primary representative and Patrick Irwin is the alternate representative. The Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) identified Scott Edson as the alternate representative replacing Ray Flynn. Other SAFECOM member changes include naming Bruce Cheney as the National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators representative, and Glenn Cannon as the new National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) representative.
- ▶ SAFECOM EC members have until November 6, 2014, to self-nominate or nominate a SAFECOM EC member for the SAFECOM Chair and two Vice Chair positions. Send nominations via email to [SAFECOM inbox](#). Elections will occur at the December 3-4, 2014 SAFECOM in-person meeting.
- ▶ The next Governance Committee call convenes on November 5, 2014, at 2:00 EST.

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SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

- ▶ National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC)
 - NPSTC approved the Console Long Term Evolution (LTE) report, which was sent to the FirstNet Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) for review, comment, and forwarding to the FirstNet technical team.
 - Based on input provided by FirstNet, NPSTC is focusing its efforts on the following priority areas for requirements development: 1. Local Control, 2. Priority and Quality of Service (QoS), and 3. Deployable Systems. NPSTC will update its 2012 Local Control and Priority & QoS reports and develop a new deployable report most likely in conjunction with similar work being proposed by the Canadian Centre for Security Science.
 - NPSTC has begun discussions about LED Lighting Interference. Many examples of public safety radio interference have been discussed. NPSTC will work to further study this issue and to bring it to the attention of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
- ▶ National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)
 - NSA's Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 21-24, 2015, in Washington, DC. To register or view additional information regarding the conference, please visit the [NSA Website](#).

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