

INTRODUCTION TO SAFECOM

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ASSURING A SAFER AMERICA THROUGH EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

What is SAFECOM?

SAFECOM was formed in 2001 after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to improve multi-jurisdictional and intergovernmental communications interoperability

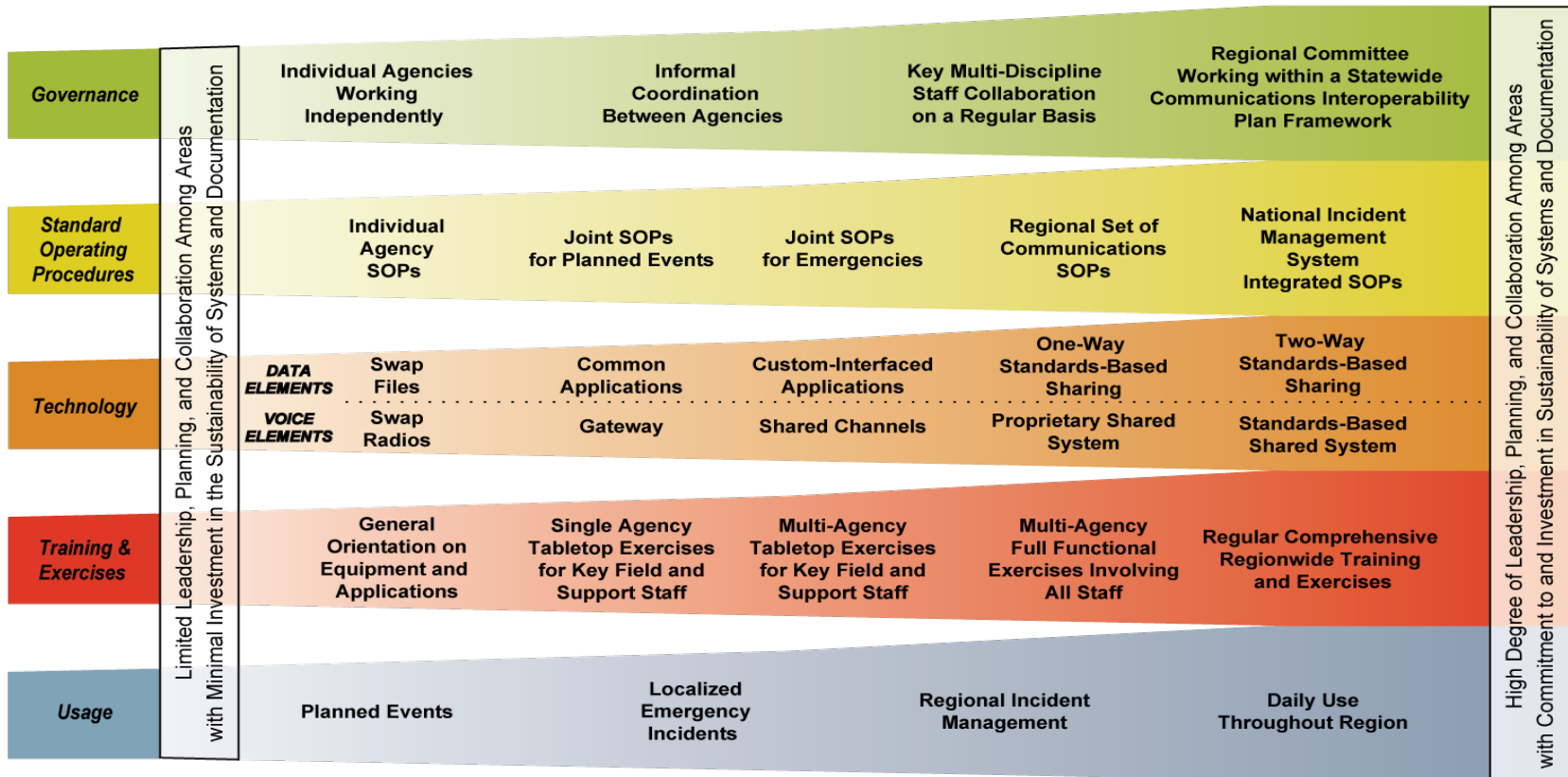


What is Interoperability?



Homeland Security

Interoperability Continuum



SAFECOM's Value

- SAFECOM aims to improve emergency response providers' interjurisdictional and interdisciplinary emergency communications interoperability across local, regional, tribal, state, territorial, international borders, and with Federal government entities
- SAFECOM's unique blend of members and institutional knowledge lend significant credence to SAFECOM's products



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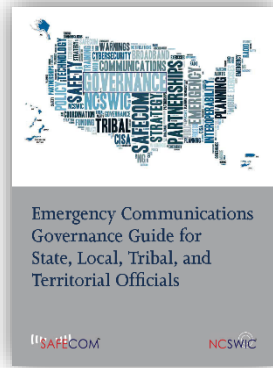


Strategic Priorities



Governance Committee

- Focuses on public safety communications governance, which concentrates on improving both SAFECOM governance structures and processes as well as external statewide governance bodies for public safety communications
- Manages SAFECOM's membership and develops programmatic resources



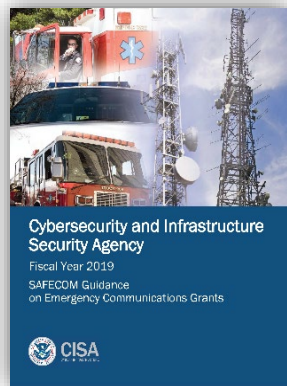
*SAFECOM
Governance Guide*



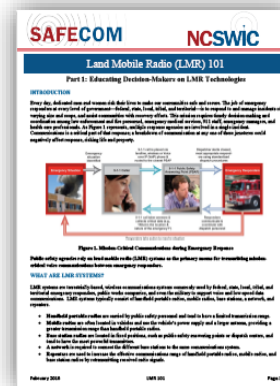
*SAFECOM Annual
Report*

Funding & Sustainment Committee

- Concentrates on identifying innovative means to fund and sustain emergency communications systems and activities
- Prepares and disseminates information on appropriations and new funding sources available to the public safety community at all levels of government



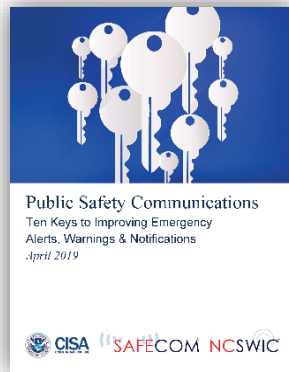
*SAFECOM Guidance on
Emergency Communications
Grants*



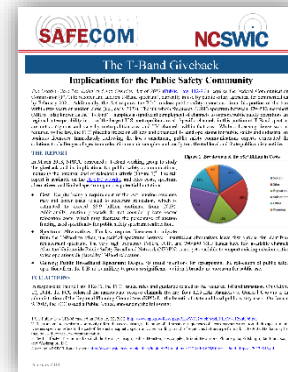
*Land Mobile Radio
(LMR) Trio*

Technology Policy Committee

- Promotes technologies, resources, and policies related to emergency communications and interoperability
- Continues to support LMR, promote broadband technology deployment, and partner with other federal groups to further the use and security of emergency communications systems



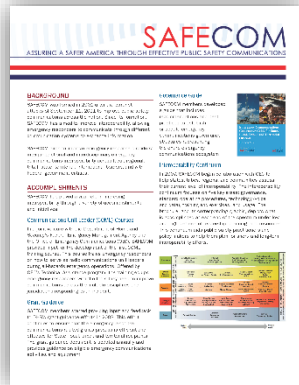
Public Safety Communications: Ten Keys to Improving Emergency Alerts, Warnings & Notifications



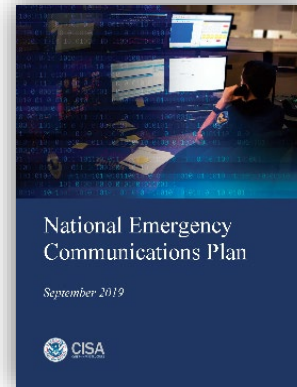
The T-Band Giveback Whitepaper

Education & Outreach Committee

- Promotes the role of SAFECOM and highlights its impact on emergency communications nationwide
- Leads SAFECOM's efforts with member and non-member organizations to best communicate SAFECOM's mission, goals, and priorities



*SAFECOM
Factsheet*



*National Emergency
Communications
Plan (NECP)*

SAFECOM Working Groups and Task Forces

SAFECOM creates working groups and task forces to develop on defined product or execute one specific activity. Current SAFECOM working groups and task forces and their alignment are as follows:

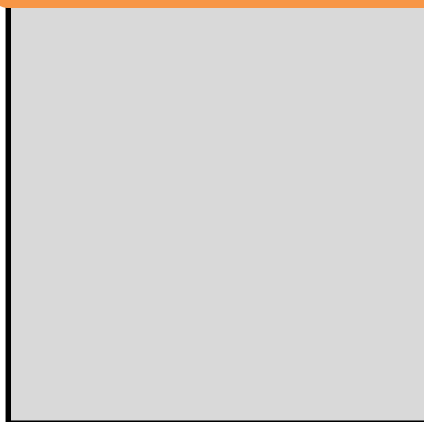
SAFECOM Executive Board

- Communications Section Task Force
- Information Sharing Framework Task Force
- Incident Communications Advisory Council (ICAC)
- Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program (CAP) Task Force
- Project 25 User Needs Task Force

Governance Committee

- Membership Working Group
- Cybersecurity Working Group

Funding & Sustainment Committee



Technology Policy Committee

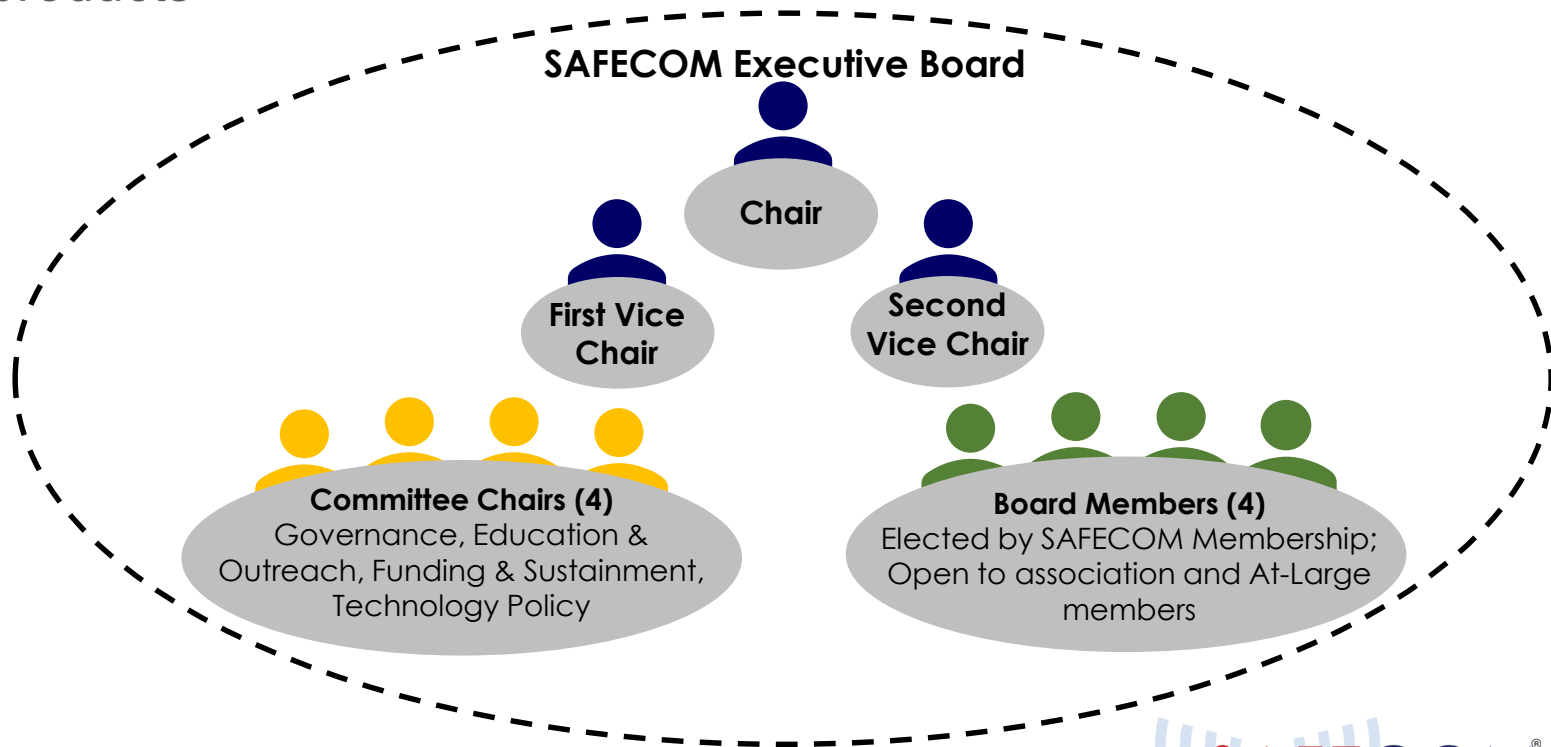
- Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group
- ICAM Sub-Working Group
- Next Generation 911 (NG911) Working Group

Education and Outreach Committee

- Interoperability Continuum Working Group

SAFECOM Executive Board

- SAFECOM is headed by the SAFECOM Executive Board
- The 11 member board is responsible for providing strategic leadership to SAFECOM and approving SAFECOM's array of products



SAFECOM Leadership

SAFECOM Chair
Chief Gerald Reardon



SAFECOM At-Large (City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Fire Department)

First Vice Chair
Chief Chris Lombard



The Interagency Board for Emergency Preparedness & Response (IAB); SAFECOM At-Large (Seattle, Washington Fire Department)

Second Vice Chair
Chief Jay Kopstein



SAFECOM At-Large (New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services)

SAFECOM Leadership

SAFECOM Board Members

Chief Doug Aiken



National Public Safety
Telecommunications
Council (NPSTC)

Anthony Catalanotto



SAFECOM At-Large
(New York State
Division of Homeland
Security & Emergency
Services)

Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald



National Sheriffs'
Association (NSA)

Charlie Sasser



National Association
of State Technology
Directors (NASTD)

SAFECOM Leadership

SAFECOM Committee Chairs

Governance

Captain George Perera



SAFECOM At-Large
(Miami-Dade Police
Department)

Education & Outreach

Michael Davis



SAFECOM At-Large
(Ulster County 911
Emergency
Communications)

Funding & Sustainment

Lloyd Mitchell



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Association (FCCA)

Technology Policy

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