April 2017 Monthly Bulletin

This bulletin is a snapshot of the work products and initiatives currently being developed by members of the four National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) committees. The bulletin highlights recent articles posted to the SAFECOM-NCSCWIC Blog and provides contact information for new Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWIC).

Governance

▶ The Governance Committee continued to develop questions for the NCSWIC Intellectual Capital Assessment and plans to finalize the survey questions during the in-person committee meeting on May 3, 2017
▶ Next Meeting: May 25, 2017, at 1:30 pm ET

Charter Update Working Group

▶ Working group members met on April 3 and 17, 2017, to finalize updates to sections four and five of the NCSWIC Charter
▶ Members also met on April 24, 2017, to conduct a final review of the entire updated charter
▶ Members of the working group will present the suggested changes to the NCSWIC during the May 4, 2017, in person meeting with hopes of publishing the updated charter following a vote later in the month

Planning, Training, and Exercise

▶ The Planning, Training, and Exercise (PTE) Committee met on April 18, 2017
▶ The committee continued developing its Communications Unit (COMU) Personnel Position Task Book (PTB) Sign-Off Process Template
▶ The committee finalized its Best Practices for Developing a Field Operations Guide (FOG) Survey
▶ The committee discussed the potential for another in-person committee meeting in August 2017
▶ The PTE Committee Chair and Vice Chair positions are currently vacant. If you are interested in leading this committee as either the Chair or Vice Chair please email Jennifer Cory at Jennifer.Cory@hq.dhs.gov
▶ Next Meeting: May 22, 2017, at 3:00 pm ET

Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

▶ The Technology Policy Committee met on April 18 and finalized the agenda for the May 3, 2017 in-person committee meeting
▶ Members continued discussions on Public Safety Grade definition and white paper and the T-Band Migration
    o The committee will continue to monitor T-Band actions and determine appropriate actions
▶ Committee members received updates on Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications (FPIC) activities and initiatives including updates on FPIC's "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)" designed to provide emergency response personnel with easier access to federal interoperability channels with UHF and VHF frequencies
▶ Members also reviewed and approved the Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) Working Group "Reference Guide"
▶ Next meeting: May 3, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas

ICAM Working Group

- The ICAM Working Group met on April 18, approved the ICAM "Reference Guide," and researched and explored outreach options for ICAM work products
- The working group submitted the following work products to both the SAFECOM and NCSWIC Executive Committees for vote and approval:
    - Trustmark Framework Position Paper
    - Trustmark Framework Tri-fold Brochure
    - ICAM 101 Executive Briefing
- Next meeting: May 16, 2017, at 2:00 pm ET

Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

- The Joint Funding and Sustainment Committee met on April 19, 2017
- The Committee authorized Shirrell Roberts to send the revised Project 25 (P25) Letter to his peers – State Administrative Agencies (SAA) and State Homeland Security Advisors (HSA) – to raise awareness of the importance of purchasing standards-based equipment
- Members continued discussions on estimating life cycle funding and refined the life cycle survey for distribution during the May Joint SAFECOM and NCSWIC in-person meeting working session
- Next Meeting: May 3, 2017 in San Antonio, TX

SAFECOM-NCSWIC Blog

- Check out the SAFECOM-NCSWIC Blog to stay informed about SAFECOM and NCSWIC achievements, product development, community outreach, and updates from your peers and the Office of Emergency Communications www.dhs.gov/safecom/blog
- Recently posted articles:
    - SAFECOM and NCSWIC Offer Life Cycle Planning Tool
    - Elevating the Importance of the SWIC and SIGBs
    - 2016 NCSWIC Annual Report and 2016 NCSWIC Strategic Priorities: Summary of Accomplishments
- Looking for an opportunity to increase your writing portfolio or share your knowledge or experiences with your peers? Consider submitting an article for the Blog!
    - We are continually looking for new articles. If it is something relevant in your state, it would probably help other states too!
    - Please send draft articles to NCSWICGovernance@hq.dhs.gov

New SWIC Contact Information

- Terry LaValley, Vermont SWIC: Terry.LaValley@vermont.gov

For more information or questions related to NCSWIC, please contact your state's SWIC or NCSWICGovernance@hq.dhs.gov.