# December 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 also highlights recent articles posted to the SAFECOM-NCSWIC Blog.

## Governance

‣ The tracker for the Intellectual Capital Assessment is available on the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN). It is a searchable document that outlines the backgrounds and areas of expertise for Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWIC) that responded the 2017 NCSWIC Intellectual Capital Assessment Survey
‣ Committee members continued to discuss and update the *SWIC Executive Briefing*
‣ Next Meeting: January 25, 2018, at 1:30 pm ET

## Planning, Training, and Exercise

‣ The Planning, Training, and Exercise (PTE) committee met on December 20, 2017
‣ The committee reviewed and finalized the *Field Operations Guide (FOG) Best Practices*
‣ The committee discussed strategic priorities and potential 2018 in-person committee meetings
‣ The committee continued developing the *Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Mission Readiness Package*
‣ Next meeting: January, 23, 2018, at 3:00 pm ET

## Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

‣ The committee will hold its first call of 2018, on January 16, 2018, at 3:00 pm ET. During this call, the committee will:
  o Continue efforts to address Strategic Priority 16 to compile guidelines and best practices for developing public safety communications request for proposals (RFP), by discussing content to be included in the *RFP Best Practices for Land Mobile Radio Subscriber Units Toolkit*
  o Support Strategic Priority 17 to increase awareness and explore options for T-Band relocation, by learning key outcomes of impacted city representatives, from a meeting held in New York City, on December 13, 2017
  o Support Strategic Priority 18 to explore the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) Working Group's primary goals to:
    ▪ Utilize stakeholder feedback from multiple levels of government to identify, document, and develop work products
    ▪ Facilitate the transition to NG 9-1-1 and identify opportunities to support the development, purchase, and implementation of new technology, support services, and products utilized by public safety
  o Discuss potential 2018 in-person meeting dates

### ICAM Working Group

‣ The Identity, Credential, and Access Management Working Group (ICAM), is pleased to announce that Ted Lawson will serve as the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Communications Federal Lead for the working group, effective immediately
‣ The working group is continuing the development of discipline-specific education and outreach materials for fire, law enforcement, EMS, 911, and emergency management to examine ICAM challenges, impacts, and opportunities for each discipline
‣ ICAM meetings will resume in early 2018

## NG 9-1-1 Working Group

‣ The Committee will hold its first call of 2018 on January 9, 2018, at 4:00 pm ET. During this call, the working group will continue discussions on collecting and sharing resources to support stakeholder efforts to fund, assess readiness, and complete the transition to NG 9-1-1. Additionally, the working group will begin to discuss and scope the following priorities:
  o Promoting the *NG 9-1-1 Readiness Scorecard*
  o Identifying and sharing best practices on the management of geographic information system data
  o Developing executive summaries of vital NG 9-1-1 documents to facilitate information sharing
  o Facilitating meaningful discussions among all levels of government to address inconsistencies in architecture and operations among Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), states, and jurisdictions

## Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

‣ The Funding and Sustainment Committee finalized their 2018 Strategic Priorities
‣ Members continued to provide input to the Fiscal Year 2018 SAFECOM Grant Guidance, with additional discussions to occur on the January conference call
‣ The Committee continued to update and finalize the Project 25 letter to State Administrative Agencies
‣ Discussions on Phase II of the *Emergency Communications Life Cycle Guide* will continue on the Committee's next conference call
‣ Next Meeting: January 17, 2018, at 3:00 pm ET

## 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
‣ 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!
  o We are continually looking for new articles. If it is something relevant in your state, it would probably help other states too!
  o Please send draft articles to NCSWICGovernance@hq.dhs.gov

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