

January 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. Additionally, this bulletin highlights upcoming meetings and conferences relevant to Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWICs).

Governance

- ▶ The Governance Committee met on January 26, 2017, to review the status of quarter one products and begin discussions on the NCSWIC Intellectual Capital Assessment which the committee will begin developing at the next meeting
- ▶ Members began the review of two products developed by OEC's Statewide Governance and Planning Integrated Project Team
- ▶ Next Meeting: February 23, 2017, at 1:30 pm ET

Charter Update Working Group

- ▶ Working Group members met on January 17 and February 6, 2017, to begin discussions on the update to the NCSWIC Charter
- ▶ The Working Group will begin edits with the Background, Vision, and Mission
- ▶ Next Meeting: February 20, 2017, at 3:00 pm ET

Planning, Training, and Exercise

- ▶ The Planning, Training, and Exercise Committee met on January 31, 2017, to review the following 2017 products:
 - Host bi-monthly webinars
 - Continue to build out the Planning, Training, and Exercise Online Library
 - Develop a COML Signoff Template
 - Collect best practices and standard operating procedures for developing a Field Operations Guide (FOG)
- ▶ On March 28, 2017, at 3:00 pm ET, the committee will host a webinar on improvement planning and implementation
- ▶ Next In-Person Meeting: March 8, 2017, in Glynco, Georgia

Technology Policy (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Technology Policy Committee met on January 17, 2017, to recap the SAFECOM and NCSWIC leadership meetings and discuss ongoing work products such as:
 - A Public Safety Grade White Paper that outlines challenges for creating a consensus public safety grade definition and the importance of using a standards-based approach
 - Guidance on land mobile radio encryption and standards based features to assist the public safety community with requests for proposals for communications systems
- ▶ Members were asked to submit definitions for public safety grade and potential agenda topics for the May in-person meeting in San Antonio, Texas, in advance of the next committee meeting
- ▶ Next meeting: February 21, 2017, at 3:00 pm ET

ICAM Working Group

- ▶ On January 17, 2017, working group members reviewed and approved the Trustmark Framework Position Paper, which is designed to encourage the public safety community to adopt and endorse the "Trustmark Framework." The position paper will next be submitted to the Joint Technology Committee for review and approval

- ▶ Additionally, the working group plans to develop a *Trustmark Framework 101 Primer* to accompany the release of the position paper. The primer is intended to provide public safety stakeholders with background and supplemental information on the Trustmark Framework
- ▶ Members also discussed additional education and outreach materials such as an *ICAM 101 Webinar* and an *ICAM Executive Briefing*
- ▶ Next meeting: February 21, 2017, at 2:00 pm ET

Funding and Sustainment (Joint with SAFECOM)

- ▶ The Joint Funding and Sustainment Committee met on January 18, 2017, and received updates on revisions to the SAFECOM Grant Guidance from the Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) and Grants Branch and reviewed upcoming grant deadlines
- ▶ Victoria Garcia, Hawaii Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and Committee Co-Chair, announced she will be stepping down as the Hawaii SWIC, and as the Funding and Sustainment Co-Chair. Committee Chair Tom Roche thanked her for taking on the role, and for being such a strong and active leader on the Committee
- ▶ 2017 Quarterly Plan Schedule:
 - Q1: Estimating the Life Cycle
 - Q2: Maintenance Models and Methods
 - Q3: Funding Mechanisms 2017
 - Q4: Input into the SAFECOM Grant Guidance
- ▶ Next meeting: February 15, 2017 at 4:00 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
- ▶ Recently posted articles:
 - [NCSWIC Leaders Meet to Discuss 2017 Strategic Plan](#)
 - [SAFECOM Leaders Meet to Discuss 2017 Strategic Plan](#)
 - [2016 Funding and Sustainment Methods for Public Safety Communications Systems](#)
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