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July Monthly Bulletin

Below is a snapshot of the work products and initiatives currently being developed by SAFECOM's four Committees.

SAFECOM Association Highlight: National Emergency Management Association (NEMA)

NEMA is dedicated to enhancing public safety by improving the nation's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from all emergencies, disasters, and threats to our nation's security.

Education and Outreach

- ▶ All SAFECOM members are encouraged to watch their emails for a roles and responsibilities questionnaire to help to develop the Roles & Responsibilities and the Engagement Guide.
- ▶ Two SAFECOM articles for the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) public safety communications e-newsletter (please email Gigi Smith for more information) and [Radio Resource Media Group](#) were recently posted.
- ▶ The Introduction to SAFECOM presentation has been updated and published to the [SAFECOM website](#).
- ▶ The Committee is making updates to the Introduction to SAFECOM presentation and SAFECOM fact sheet.
- ▶ Next meeting: August 26, 2015, at 1:00 pm EDT

Funding and Sustainment

- ▶ The Funding and Sustainment Committee continued development of a list of innovative state and local sustainment methods.
- ▶ In June, representatives from the State of Georgia presented on a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax that was used to pay for the upgrade of their public safety communications system.
- ▶ The Committee will meet in person on September 17, 2015, in Norman, Oklahoma.
- ▶ Next meeting: August 19, 2015, at 4:00 pm EDT

Technology Policy

- ▶ The Technology Policy Committee continues to work with the Office for Interoperability and Compatibility to produce a continuum to address data interoperability.
- ▶ The Committee established the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) Working Group and is looking for additional volunteers.
- ▶ Next meeting: August 4, 2015, (In-Person) in Boulder, Colorado.

Governance

- ▶ The Governance Committee continues to develop the Marilyn J. Praisner SAFECOM Leadership Award nomination form and the 2015 SAFECOM Strategic Plan.
- ▶ Nominations for SAFECOM Chair and Vice Chair(s) will be collected in September, and the election is scheduled for the in-person meeting in November. Per the SAFECOM Charter, the Education & Outreach and Funding & Sustainment Committees are scheduled to conduct Committee Chair and Vice Chair elections this year as well.
- ▶ Next meeting: August 12, 2015, at 2:00 pm EDT

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SAFECOM Association Highlights and Current Events

▶ American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO)

- William “Bill” Brownlow, Telecommunications Manager and Governing Board member for AASHTO, and alternate SAFECOM member, retired on June 26, 2015.

▶ National Association of State Technology Directors (NASTD)

- The National Association of State Technology Directors will hold its 2015 [Annual Conference & Technology Showcase](#) in Cincinnati, Ohio on August 23-27, 2015. The theme for this year’s event is entitled “Collaboration Through Partnerships: Leveraging Core Competencies in State Government.”

▶ National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC)

- NPSTC’s 2015 Priority & Quality of Service and Local Control reports are expected to be published in August and will provide new information and additional public safety requirements. The reports will be provided to FirstNet’s Public Safety Advisory Committee.
- The NPSTC Emergency Medical Service Working Group is reviewing responses provided by 679 public safety and healthcare agencies on pre-hospital video to draft a formal report.
- NPSTC published a report on June 29, 2015 providing a high level overview of systems and functionality comparing NG 9-1-1 and FirstNet. The report will be used by some states as a part of their FirstNet outreach program.

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