

NAPSG Steering Committee Conference Call

Minutes from May 26

Items discussed:

- NFPA and NASFM have been accepted as members of the Alliance
- Vision and charter document sent out for review had no comments submitted by the steering committee members, so they are assumed okay.
- Peter O'Rourke discussed a proposal to establish a NAPSG Foundation. This would be a 501c3 or c6 non-profit with a Board of Directors from our membership that is envisioned to be a place to solicit and deposit grants or other funding to conduct GIS projects. There was support voiced for the proposal. Jonathan Moore (IAFF) stated he supported the Foundation concept and would discuss it with the leadership in order to confirm the IAFF support.
- Jonathan Moore discussed his participation in the new NFPA committee working on a Data Exchange Model for the Fire Service. They are currently drafting a straw man GIS standard and data exchange guide for review and discussion by the committee. Ed Plaughter (IAFC) and Jim Smalley (NFPA) are also working on this effort.
- NAPSG will share a booth with the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the ESRI user's conference. This will increase visibility for NAPSG and start to develop awareness and recognition for us.
- We are planning to produce a webinar in June on the topic of "Building Blocks for Public Safety GIS" to help educate people interested in starting a GIS program in their agency.
- DHS Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties has expressed an interest in joining the Alliance with a specific interest in tracking special needs populations.
- A logo for NAPSG has been developed for use on letterheads, banners, etc.