



First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – December 8, 2014

- FirstNet’s Board will meet this week in the auditorium of the Salt Lake City Police Department. On December 9, sequential Board Committee meetings for: Governance and Personnel, Technology, Outreach, and Finance will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. The FirstNet Board meeting itself will be on December 10. These meetings are open to the public and will also be webcast. Check the website for the agendas and additional information:
<http://firstnet.gov/content/board-meeting-december-2014>.
- FirstNet participated in the 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference on December 3rd in Washington, DC. This year Carl Rebstock was on the panel discussing: “Bolstering Public Safety and Judicial Systems in Tribal Communities: Law Enforcement and Disaster Response.”
- The initial recruitment for Public Safety Advisory Committee Tribal Working Group nominees has concluded. Appointment letters will be mailed soon to eight tribal organizations that submitted nominees.
- The week of December 14th, Carl Rebstock will be travelling to Alaska to meet with the SPOC, as well as the University of Alaska at Anchorage, Alaska Inter-tribal Council, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Regional Foundation, and possibly the Alaska Federation of Natives and Tanana Chiefs Conference.
- FirstNet was also present at the FBI Criminal Justice and Information Systems Advisory Board meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, December 2-3.
- FirstNet has begun a series of five regional meetings as part of the process for gathering public comments for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements (PEIS) process. Meetings this week will be in Kansas City, Missouri (December 9) and New Orleans, Louisiana (December 11). For more information visit <http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-schedules-programmatic-environmental-impact-statement-scoping-meetings>. We’ll discuss these further during the upcoming SPOC Webinar in January.
- FirstNet continued engagement with Canadian public safety organizations through the Canadian Interoperability Technical Interest Group (CITIG) at the Eighth Canadian Public Safety Interoperability Workshop held in Ottawa, Ontario. Canada continues to

prepare for broadband while increasing the interoperable communications capabilities of their current radio systems and 9-1-1 answering points.

- FirstNet will join the Florida team this week for their initial consultation meeting on December 12 in Tallahassee.

We have received completed checklists from the following 35 states and territories: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Washington DC, Wisconsin, Wyoming. The state consultation team has been contacting these states and territories and has scheduled Initial Consultation meetings into April of 2015.

From the States and PSAC Organizations

- More than 30 PSAC representatives and members of the FirstNet User Advocacy team participated in the in-person meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) held on December 2 in Norman, OK. Those present had a robust discussion that included the consultation process and key upcoming areas of focus for the PSAC, including Quality of Service/Priority and public safety grade issues. For more information visit <http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-public-safety-advisory-committee-psac-prepare-busy-2015>.
- Director of Outreach Amanda Hilliard joined the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators and SAFECOM for their meetings in Norman, OK on December 3-4. NCSWIC and SAFECOM members spent time focusing on the release of the 2014 National Emergency Communications Plan available at <http://www.dhs.gov/necp>. During the NCSWIC-only meeting there was a brief panel discussion on FirstNet initial consultations.
- FirstNet will participate in statewide outreach events this week in Albuquerque, New Mexico (December 8), St. Thomas and St. Croix, US Virgin Islands (December 11, 12).
- FirstNet will present during the December 12 Tribal Telecom Conference.
- Check your calendar for the December monthly SPOC/SWIC regional calls occurring from the 15th – 19th on your regular day of the week and time. You should have also received three separate invitations for the upcoming first quarter 2015 calls.
- The first SPOC Quarterly Webinar of 2015 will occur on **Thursday, Jan 8, from 2:00 -3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time**. You should already have an Outlook calendar invitation for this and the other three for 2015. The call in number and

webinar link will be sent on Monday, January 5 and will also serve as a reminder for the upcoming session.

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

The AWS-3 auction continued to be the focus of many articles mentioning FirstNet this week. Additionally, Urgent Communications produced a piece that focused on the importance of setting prioritization policies for future users of the nationwide public safety network.

Urgent Communications: FirstNet 'Public-safety Entity' Definition Should Be Broad, but Prioritization Policies Must Be Clear

Will Congress consider FirstNet a success, if police, fire and EMS are able to communicate fabulously throughout an incident, but their effectiveness was limited by the fact that they did not have robust, reliable communications with other key critical-infrastructure players involved in the response because of a narrow "public-safety entity" definition? I don't think so. <http://urgentcomm.com/blog/firstnet-public-safety-entity-definition-should-be-broad-prioritization-policies-must-be-clear>

TR Daily (Summary): FirstNet Meetings Include RFI, Notice Discussions

First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) board members are scheduled to hear presentations in Utah next week on preliminary findings on a comprehensive network solution request for information (RFI) released in September (TRDaily, Sept. 17), according to agendas for committee and full board meetings. Board members also are scheduled to be briefed on responses to a public notice released in September seeking comments on preliminary interpretations and other issues regarding FirstNet's authority. In addition, the Governance and Personnel Committee and full committee are scheduled to consider technical modifications to FirstNet's bylaws. Also, FirstNet Secretary Uzoma Onyeije is

scheduled to address board members on procedures to help them identify any future potential conflicts of interest. The full board also is scheduled to be briefed on FirstNet's historic preservation requirements and to meet in closed session to discuss legal matters. The board's four committees are scheduled to meet sequentially on Dec. 9 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. MST at the Salt Lake City Police Department, while the full board is scheduled to meet from 9 a.m.-12:35 p.m. MST on Dec. 10.

Broadcasting and Cable: AWS-3 Ends Day Just Short of \$40B

The total in provisional bids was knocking on the door of \$40 billion at \$39,866,412,800. After 44 rounds, the auction has been dubbed a big success by House Republicans who helped create it. It has also almost quadrupled the reserve price of \$10.587, more than doubled pre-auction estimates of the final take, and paid for FirstNet, the first responder network, taking financial pressure off the broadcast incentive auction scheduled for 2016. <http://www.broadcastingcable.com/news/washington/aws-3-ends-day-just-short-40b/136049>

Social Media

The AWS-3 auction again received significant attention on Twitter. Updated guidance & info for the vendor community on the "Doing Business with #FirstNet" Webpage, and the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) meeting were additional FirstNet-related trending topics. The FirstNet Twitter account now has more than 1,268 followers, and the LinkedIn account has more than 372 followers. Our blog posts from this week can be found at: <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>