



First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – June 8, 2015

FirstNet News

- We wrapped up a successful week of stakeholder engagement in San Diego, which started with the June 1 PSAC meeting, followed by the FirstNet Committee and Board meetings and the PSCR conference. The PSAC meeting included 33 of the 40 PSAC members, and focused on discussions around the PSAC assignments for priority and preemption, public safety grade and user equipment. Regarding the PSCR conference, FirstNet staff participated in priority and preemption and acquisition and data collection sessions. All materials are available on the [FirstNet](#) and [PSCR](#) websites.
- Last week, in addition to the San Diego meetings, FirstNet participated in the APCO Data Types & Security Mechanisms for Public Safety Apps meeting and the Police Executive Research Forum/Major Cities Chiefs Association Annual Conference.
- This week, FirstNet will participate in the Michigan Sheriffs' Association 2015 Summer Professional Development Seminar, the National Council of State Telecom Association Executives (NCSTAE), the 2015 Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference, the National Homeland Security Conference and the Montana State Fire Chiefs Association conference.
- To date, there have been 31 initial consultation meetings which have involved almost 2,000 state, tribal, and local representatives. Overall, we have connected with more than 25,000 public safety and private sector stakeholders at more than 175 outreach and consultation engagements in fiscal year 2015 to date. This week staff will participate in consultations in New Hampshire (6/9), New Mexico (6/10), and Ohio (6/11).
- To date, FirstNet has received 51 of 56 completed consultation checklists. Confirmed upcoming initial consultation meetings are: Vermont (6/16), Kansas (6/17), Wisconsin (6/18), North Dakota (7/9), Illinois (7/14), Alabama (7/15), Georgia (7/21), California (7/28-29), Tennessee (7/23), Pennsylvania (8/4), Hawaii (8/11-12), American Samoa (8/13-14), Indiana (8/26), Michigan (9/1) and New Jersey (9/3). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).
- The following public safety subject matter expert positions are now posted on [USAJobs.com](#). The positions close on June 16.

- Emergency Management Specialist (Emergency Medical Services) (ZP-0089-04)

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Location: Negotiable After Selection, United States

DHA vacancy announcement: [NTIA-FRNA-2015-0150](#)

- Emergency Management Specialist (911) (ZP-0089-04)

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Location: Negotiable After Selection, United States

DHA vacancy announcement: [NTIA-FRNA-2015-0151](#)

- Emergency Management Specialist (Fire) (ZP-0089-04)

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Location: Negotiable After Selection, United States

DHA vacancy announcement: [NTIA-FRNA-2015-0156](#)

From the PSAC and States/Territories

- The June regional SPOC/SWIC calls will be replaced by an optional webinar this month on June 25, 2:00-3:30 pm EDT. Lesia Dickson of the Texas Public Safety Broadband Program, will be presenting on the eLearning platform that Texas has chosen, as well as the two comprehensive courses: Introduction to Public Safety Broadband and the Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) Mobile Data Survey Tutorial (MDST). The eLearning modules can be used as is by other states without charge at the Texas eLearning site, or other states can have the eLearning modules to adapt for their own needs, saving time and funds. Watch for the Outlook invitation coming soon.
- The next quarterly webinar is July 9 from 2:00-3:30 pm EDT.

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

Media coverage focused on the PSAC, Board, and PSCR meetings. Articles covered a variety of topics, including the Early Builder update at the PSAC meeting; the market research report at the Board meeting; Chair Swenson's keynote to the PSCR; and the questions received on the draft RFP.

Urgent Communications: FirstNet's Public-Safety-Centric Mindset 'Very Different' Than Typical Federal Entity, Swenson Says

<http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/firstnets-public-safety-centric-mindset-very-different-typical-federal-entity-swenson-s>

FirstNet may be housed in the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and subject to federal rules, but public-safety users can be assured that FirstNet—and its contracted partners—plan to conduct its operations with the same urgency as first responders, according to FirstNet Chairwoman Sue Swenson.

FirstNet Receives 642 Questions on Draft RFP

http://mccmag.com/newsArticle.cfm?news_id=12174

FirstNet has received 642 questions about its draft RFP and special notice. Responses to the draft RFP and special notice are due July 27 said Acting Executive Director TJ Kennedy during a June 3 board meeting. Kennedy revealed data from a market research project the board conducted about the public-safety mobile data market. According to Kennedy, findings validated the major themes of the special notice and draft RFP, including the addressable market of 4 million to 13 million public-safety users for the FirstNet network.

Fierce Mobile Government: FirstNet Projects Progress, But Challenges Remain

<http://www.fiercemobilegovernment.com/story/firstnet-projects-progress-challenges-remain/2015-06-03>

The First Responder Network Authority continues to make progress as the Public Safety Advisory Committee, whose mission is to help FirstNet carry out its duties and responsibilities, hears its first formal update on pilot projects.

RCR Wireless News: PSAC Gets Initial Reports on FirstNet Pilot Projects

<http://www.rcrwireless.com/20150602/network-infrastructure/lte/psac-gets-initial-reports-on-firstnet-pilot-projects-tag6>

The 40-member Public Safety Advisory Committee received its first formal update on the status of FirstNet pilot projects around the country, in the ongoing effort to lay the groundwork for a national LTE network for public safety broadband.

Web and Social Media

Social media activity also mainly focused on the FirstNet Board and PSAC meetings this week. The FirstNet Twitter account gained a number of followers from the meetings, and now has more than 2,260 followers; LinkedIn 757; Google+ 45; and YouTube 117 subscribers. FirstNet Chairwoman Sue Swenson's keynote address from the 2015 PSCR Public Safety Broadband Stakeholder Meeting is available at <http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/sue-swenson-keynote-2015-pscr-public-safety-broadband-stakeholder-meeting>. The FirstNet team produced a video with PSCR on priority, preemption, and quality of service that has garnered positive attention over social media: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h189vQhzWfc>.