



## **First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOC) – May 22, 2017**

### **FirstNet News**

- Leadership and staff from FirstNet and AT&T look forward to gathering with SPOCs and their teams for the State Plans Kickoff Meeting on June 7th and 8th in Texas at the Intercontinental Dallas. If you have not already done so, please register here <https://att.cvent.com/NationalStatePlanKickoff>.
  - The SPOC, their team members, other influencers for the state, including the State CIO, should attend. If you miss this event, you are still able to get access to the portal for your state, but will miss out on some great content on the solution and ability to network and ask questions live. The last session on June 8th finishes at approximately 4 pm CT, with optional state one-on-ones that can be scheduled after 4 pm on the 8th. If you would like a one-on-one session with AT&T and FirstNet, please plan to fly out late on the 8th or the following morning.
  - In addition, we know that many CIOs have already been included in your State Plan review process and are planning to come to Dallas. Please know that we are aware that National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) is sending out notifications to all State CIOs about the importance of attending this State Plan meeting. As discussed previously, please feel free to reach out to your CIOs and any other official in your state that you believe will be important to the review process or important to the recommendation to the governor. If you have already included them to come as part of

the group from your state, great. If not, and you feel they should attend, but you may have already allocated your 5 slots please reach out to [kenzie.capece@firstnet.gov](mailto:kenzie.capece@firstnet.gov) for an exception to the allocated 5 slots per state.

- Last week, FirstNet Board member Teri Takai participated in a panel discussion on the future of public safety communications at FedScoop's Public Sector Innovation Summit in Arlington, Virginia.
- FirstNet also participated in multiple sessions at the APCO Public Safety Broadband Summit in Washington, DC last week. FirstNet CEO Mike Poth gave a keynote speech, Chief Customer Officer Rich Reed presented on State Plans, and FirstNet staff held a breakout session on mobile applications and the FirstNet Network.
- Also last week, FirstNet Chief Technology Officer Jeff Bratcher and Chief Counsel Jason Karp took part in a Continuing Legal Education Seminar on FirstNet, which was hosted by the Federal Communications Bar Association in Washington, DC.
- FirstNet staff also provided State Plans and tribal updates in joint presentations with the Texas SPOC at the Texas Emergency Management Conference in San Antonio last week.
- This week, FirstNet will be participating in the Florida APCO/NENA Training Conference in Daytona Beach; the Wireless Infrastructure Show in Orlando, Florida; the Ohio Health EMS Conference in Columbus; a meeting of the Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee in North Chesterfield; a Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs conference in Spokane; a Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association meeting in Glastonbury; an Oregon APCO/NENA meeting in Hood River; a meeting of Region 1 SPOCs in Hartford, Connecticut; a Southwest Border Communications Working Group meeting in Sacramento, California; a FEMA Region 4 Regional Emergency Communications Coordination

Working Group (RECCWG) meeting in Atlanta, Georgia; the Associated Tribes of Northwest Indians' Mid-Year Convention in Portland, Oregon; a FEMA Region 8 RECCWG meeting in Fargo, North Dakota; and meetings of the Oklahoma Public Safety Broadband Network Working Group and Public Safety Committee Tribal Advisory Group in Oklahoma City.

- Last week, FirstNet posted two new blogs: [FirstNet: The Wait Is Almost Over](#) and [Life-Saving Preparation: How AT&T Plans for Hurricane Season](#).

## Media Watch

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### IAFC Blog 5/17: Next for FirstNet: Statewide Plans

<https://www.iafc.org/blogs/blog/iafc/2017/05/17/next-for-firstnet-statewide-plans>

AT&T has been chosen to build the first nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to America's first responders. The next stage of the process is that FirstNet will provide the governor of each state or territory with a notice of the completion of the request for proposal process; the details of the proposed plan; and the funding level for the state or territory. Upon receipt of the plan, a governor will have 90 days to choose whether to participate in the plan provided by FirstNet or conduct its own deployment of a radio access network (RAN) which is the core within each state for the nationwide network. FirstNet has projected that the statewide plans should be sent to the governors in June [2017].

### StateScoop 5/17: Beyond core public-safety network, FirstNet offers 'ecosystem' for software developers

<http://statescoop.com/firstnet-being-developed-as-an-innovation-platform>

The country's first nationwide wireless communications network for public

safety is being developed as an "innovation platform," a board member of the federal agency said Wednesday.

[APCO Blog 5/15: All In: Betting Against Opt-Out](https://www.apcointl.org/tabletopx/all-in-betting-against-opt-out/)

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With FirstNet's historic announcement of its selection of AT&T as its partner, we are about to achieve the promise of a state-of-the-art, nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network. Each state will soon be presented with the opportunity of FirstNet's proposed network build – one that will forever transform and improve emergency response. States would receive this at no cost and with no need to assume financial, technical, cybersecurity, public safety, or operational risks. Unless governors want those costs and risks.

## **Web and Social Media**

FirstNet's social media presence grew at its normal rate this week. Twitter gained 50 new followers, now at 6,194. Facebook has 1,140 followers. LinkedIn now has 2,387 followers. YouTube has 447 subscribers.

Do you have something you want to feature in the weekly update, such as a conference date, personnel announcement, or news article showcasing the work of your organization? Please send it to [Outreach@firstnet.gov](mailto:Outreach@firstnet.gov) for possible inclusion in an upcoming update.