



## First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOC) – May 30, 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](#).
- Last week, FirstNet CEO Mike Poth provided the keynote address at the Wireless Infrastructure Association's annual Wireless Infrastructure Show in Orlando, Florida.
- Last week, FirstNet staff attended the Associated Tribes of Northwest Indians' (ATNI) Mid-Year Convention in Portland, Oregon. Staff joined the Idaho, Oregon, and Washington SPOC teams to provide updates to the conference's general assembly, as well as to the ATNI Telecommunications Subcommittee. PSAC Tribal Working Group (TWG) Chair Brian Howard also provided an update on a draft tribal consultation policy effort, gathering tribal public safety profiles, and other endeavors of the TWG.
- Also last week, FirstNet staff manned a booth at the International Association of Fire Chiefs' (IAFC) Fire Rescue Med conference in Henderson, Nevada.
- FirstNet staff attended an outreach meeting in Statesville last week with stakeholders from North Carolina's western counties. Staff briefed roughly 30 attendees on FirstNet's partnership with AT&T and State Plans. FirstNet staff received questions involving security, economies of scale, and operational readiness at the agency level.
- This week, FirstNet will be participating in the Major Cities Chiefs Association Summer Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada; an Alaska stakeholder event in Anchorage; the Connecticut EMS Expo in Uncasville; the NTIA State Broadband Leaders Network Annual Workshop in Arlington, Virginia; and the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Anchorage.
- Last week, FirstNet posted two new blogs: [FirstNet: Connecting EMS to Improve On-Scene Triage, Care and Safety](#) (originally posted on EMS World), [PSAC Profile: National EMS Management Association \(NEMSMA\)](#), and [National EMS Week 2017: Always in Service](#).

### News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- The summer 2017 in-person PSAC meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15th, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas, after the conclusion of the PSCR annual conference.

## Media Watch

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### **StateScoop 5/23: Top 11 Public Safety Tech Leaders to Watch**

<http://statescoop.com/monthly/top-11-public-safety-tech-leaders-to-watch-3>

FirstNet CEO Mike Poth has the daunting and ambitious job of directing the development of the nation's first interoperable communications network for first responders. Drawing on his front line experience as a police officer in Tempe, Arizona, and his time working for Hewlett Packard, Poth has met with each state to learn what it wants from a network that can give police, fire and medical services resilient and reliable access to data communication during emergencies.

### **Urgent Communications 5/23: AT&T CEO expects accelerated FirstNet buildout, promises hardening, 'ruthless preemption' for public safety**

<http://urgentcomm.com/public-safety-broadbandfirstnet/att-ceo-expects-accelerated-firstnet-buildout-promises-hardening-rut>

AT&T expects to deploy the Band 14 FirstNet public-safety LTE network "much quicker" than the five-year schedule included in the request for proposals (RFP), and first-responder subscribers will have "ruthless preemption" access rights on the system, AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson said today.

### **Wireless Week 5/23: AT&T's FirstNet Build Could Start Sooner Than You Think**

<https://www.wirelessweek.com/news/2017/05/ts-firstnet-build-could-start-sooner-you-think>

AT&T is chomping at the bit to get going on its FirstNet buildout. CEO Randall Stephenson said this week at an investor conference AT&T is aiming to kick off construction of its nationwide network for first responders by the end of this year. According to Stephenson, AT&T is already submitting bids to all the states for their opt-in or opt-out consent. By the close of 2017, he said, work should already have started in a number of the states that were the first to agree to participation in the network's deployment.

## *Web and Social Media*

FirstNet's social media presence grew at its normal rate this week. Twitter gained 54 new followers, now at 6,248. Facebook has 1,154 followers. LinkedIn now has 2,424 followers. YouTube has 451 subscribers.

