



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – June 5, 2017

FirstNet News

- FirstNet is looking forward to seeing the SPOCs and their teams at the State Plan Kickoff Meeting in Dallas, Texas, this week. FirstNet staff are already on the ground in Dallas preparing for what will be an engaging and vital meeting for the FirstNet Network deployment. The agenda is being finalized and will come out later today. In addition, the PSAC Executive Committee will be meeting separately in Dallas and attending the State Plan Kickoff.
- Last week, FirstNet Board members Rich Stanek and Chris Burbank, President TJ Kennedy, and FirstNet staff attended the Major Cities Chiefs Association Summer Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. FirstNet provided updates to the group on the partnership with AT&T and the State Plans process.
- Also last week, FirstNet staff provided a programmatic update at the NTIA State Broadband Leaders Network Annual Workshop in Arlington, Virginia.
- Over the weekend, FirstNet staff attended the National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators (NASNA) Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.
- FirstNet staff also presented at the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association 9th Annual Conference in Anchorage last week.
- This week, FirstNet will be participating in the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Conference and Expo in San Antonio, Texas; the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Conference and Expo in Boston, Massachusetts; the National Homeland Security Conference in Buffalo, New York; the FirstNet Summer 2017 State Plans SPOC Meeting in Dallas, Texas; a PSAC Executive Committee Meeting in Dallas, Texas; the Sydney Comms Connect Conference in Sydney, Australia; the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) 2017 Professional Development Training in Boston, Massachusetts; the June Federal Agency Point of Contact call; and a Maryland SIEC meeting in Hanover.
- Last week, FirstNet posted two new blogs: [FDIC Highlights Advances In Firefighter Training, Technology](#) and [FirstNet's Nationwide Network: A promising opportunity for community paramedicine programs](#).

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.
- PSAC members are invited to attend PSCR's Public Safety Enhanced User Interface Roadmap R&D Summit, July 18-19, 2017 at the NIST Labs in Boulder, Colorado. The Summit will enable stakeholders to provide input on the recently published [Public Safety User Interface R&D Roadmap](#). PSCR seeks to review the roadmap report with a wide audience to assist with its development of initial User Interface-related project plans. The Summit will include multiple breakout sessions designed to gather input from attendees to inform PSCR's R&D program. PSCR has approximately 25 invitational travel spots remaining on a first come, first serve basis. Travel authorizations are due no later than June 15, so please submit your invitational travel request as soon as possible. For details on how to register and book travel, please reference an email sent from the PSAC inbox on May 18. For additional questions, please email the PSAC inbox.
- The summer 2017 in-person Tribal Working Group meeting will be held on Monday, July 24th, in Flagstaff, Arizona, one day in advance of the field session of the Tribal-Interior Budget Council (TIBC), which will be held July 25th-27th. Instructions for TWG members to make invitational travel arrangements are forthcoming.

Media Watch

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StateScoop 6/2: FCC releases FirstNet opt-out guidelines; 9 states probe market

<http://statescoop.com/fcc-releases-firstnet-opt-out-guidelines-9-states-probe-market>

As public safety leaders await their first look at the state draft plans from the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) sometime this month, a draft report and order released Thursday by the Federal Communications Commission proposes a timeline and new rules for states now weighing the option to develop an alternative plan for their piece of the nationwide wireless data network for first responders.

Firehouse 6/1: Fire Technology: The FirstNet Innovation Lab & Test Site

<http://www.firehouse.com/article/12326968/fire-technology-the-firstnet-innovation-lab-test-site>

Once the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) became law in 2012, the challenges focused on how to build this nationwide wireless broadband network for public safety. The design of such a network and all the components is unique from present commercial wireless carriers, not to mention very complex. FirstNet must provide the reliability and resilience network grade similar to that of existing public safety land mobile radio systems

at a price similar to existing subscriber plans, and work with all 56 states and territories. Unlike the commercial wireless networks, FirstNet must be hardened to withstand the anticipated environmental/weather conditions, have backup power, and have the broadband capacity to function at the moment an incident or major event occurs.

FierceWireless 5/31: AT&T looks to deploy FirstNet, WCS and AWS spectrum as soon as this year

<http://www.fiercewireless.com/wireless/at-t-looks-to-deploy-firstnet-wcs-and-aws-spectrum-as-soon-as-year>

AT&T plans to roll out services on its FirstNet, WCS and AWS spectrum as soon as this year, Chief Strategy Officer John Donovan said Wednesday. And it's more than willing to build its own towers if necessary.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet's social media presence grew at its normal rate this week. Twitter gained 48 new followers, now at 6,296. Facebook has 1,174 followers. LinkedIn now has 2,437 followers. YouTube has 453 subscribers.