



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – June 19, 2017

FirstNet News

- Stay tuned for information and resources regarding FirstNet State Plan release today. Now live, FirstNet.com is our open website for viewers to learn about FirstNet network products and services, as well as the advantages for public safety.
- Last week, the PSAC met in San Antonio, Texas, for the first in-person meeting of the year to update members on FirstNet's most recent progress and hear from FirstNet and AT&T leadership. PSAC Chair Tom Sorley led dialogue on task team and working group updates, outreach and education efforts and FirstNet and AT&T discussed the people, priorities, and processes around State Plans and the Governor's decision. For more details, please read FirstNet's blog <https://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/psac-recap-outreach-state-plans-network-solutions-focus-summer-meeting> about the meeting.
- FirstNet also attended the 2017 Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) Public Safety Broadband Stakeholder Meeting last week, also in San Antonio. FirstNet Board Chair Sue Swenson delivered the keynote address, which FirstNet published on its blog <https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-chair-sue-swenson-delivers-keynote-2017-pscr-public-safety-broadband>.
- Also last week, FirstNet CEO Mike Poth provided the keynote address at the 5G World Summit in London, United Kingdom.
- FirstNet staffed a booth last week at the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) International HAZMAT Response Teams Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

- FirstNet also participated in the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Conference on Police Telecommunications in Washington, DC. FirstNet President TJ Kennedy, AT&T and FirstNet staff spoke during “The Future of Emergency Communications” roundtable. The audience of 150 Police Chiefs and 9-1-1 Center Directors from around the nation, heard details about deployment, and encouraged them to get involved with their State Plan reviews. Lori Flaherty of the NG-9-1-1 program office talked about plans to deploy this technology nationwide in Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).
- FirstNet staff also participated in a meeting with the Department of the Interior Radio Executive Steering Committee in Washington, DC.
- FirstNet staff participated in the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-Year Conference in Uncasville, Connecticut to revise the tribal curriculum at FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
- This week, FirstNet will be participating in State Plan Review meetings in California, Hawaii, Idaho, Maryland, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington; a meeting of the Canada-U.S. Communications Interoperability Working Group in Buffalo, New York; the Major County Sheriffs Summer Conference in Reno, Nevada; a meeting of the Maryland Practitioners Steering Committee in Reisterstown; the Western Fire Chiefs Association President’s Forum in Park City, Utah; a Hawaii Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan Workshop and Emergency Preparedness Executive Consortium meeting in Honolulu; and the National Sheriffs’ Association Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada.
- Last week, FirstNet posted three new blogs: PSAC Recap: Outreach, State Plans, Network Solutions Focus of Summer Meeting <https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/psac-recap-outreach-state-plans-network-solutions-focus-summer-meeting>, FirstNet Board Member Gov. James Douglas to States, Public Safety: ‘Keep your eyes on the prize’ <https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-board-member-gov-james-douglas-states-public-safety-keep-your-eyes-prize>, and FirstNet Chair Sue Swenson Delivers Keynote at the 2017 PSCR Public Safety Broadband Stakeholder Meeting <https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-chair-sue-swenson-delivers-keynote-2017-pscr-public-safety-broadband>.

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Urgent Communications 6/15: FirstNet, AT&T share more details about fees, operations as state-plan release date approaches

<http://urgentcomm.com/public-safety-broadbandfirstnet/firstnet-att-share-more-details-about-fees-operations-state-plan-rel?page=2>

FirstNet officials are working to finalize the fees that states and territories would pay to use the FirstNet LTE core and FirstNet's licensed 20 MHz of 700 MHz spectrum in a potential opt-out scenario, but it is not certain whether these figures will be included in the state plans that could be delivered as early as next week, according to FirstNet Chairwoman Sue Swenson.

Fire Chief 6/14: FirstNet: The long-awaited public safety broadband network is underway
<https://www.firechief.com/2017/06/14/firstnet-the-long-awaited-public-safety-broadband-network-is-underway/>

FirstNet went from an idea to reality thanks to an unwavering and historical unity of public safety leadership. The March 2017 announcement that a contract between FirstNet and AT&T was signed – meaning first responders will have access to services that use the full AT&T network – resulted in excitement throughout the public safety community.

Orlando Sun Sentinel 6/12: 'FirstNet' game changer for emergency response
<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/opinion/commentary/fl-jyoped-pulse-anniversary-first-responders-20170612-story.html>

Now, we can serve Florida's first responders even better. On March 30, 2017, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) — a new, national high-speed wireless broadband network for public safety — announced it will enter into a public-private partnership with AT&T to construct and administer this long-awaited and vital program. FirstNet represents a major step forward for public safety and national security in the United States — a game-changing development as significant as the adoption of the 9-1-1 system during the latter decades of the 20th century.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet's social media presence grew at its normal rate this week. Twitter gained 40 new followers, now at 6,415. Facebook has 1,225 followers. LinkedIn now has 2,491 followers. YouTube has 466 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 for possible inclusion in an upcoming update.