



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOC) – August 21, 2017

FirstNet News

- Last week, Arizona, Kansas, and Nevada opted in to the FirstNet network. Stay tuned for updates, and watch the State Plans Dashboard map continue to develop at www.firstnet.gov.
- FirstNet had a large presence at the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International (APCO) Annual Conference & Expo last week in Denver, Colorado. FirstNet Board Chair Sue Swenson provided a keynote address at the Distinguished Achievers Breakfast; FirstNet held a town hall with Sue, Board member Rich Stanek, Board member Kevin McGinnis, and Chief Technology Officer Jeff Bratcher; and FirstNet staff presented on Next Generation 9-1-1 integration, State Plans and Governor's Decision, and applications and devices, as well as staffed an exhibit booth.
- FirstNet staff also participated in a meeting of the NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association's Tribal Affairs Committee last week.
- This week, FirstNet will be participating in the National EMS Safety Summit in Denver, Colorado; a Cisco-Jasper Internet of Life Saving Things Event in Las Vegas, Nevada; a Virginia Public Safety Broadband Network Region III Conference in Lynchburg, Virginia; and the National Native American Law Enforcement Association Annual National Collaborative Training Event in Las Vegas, Nevada.

News from the PSAC

- FirstNet's PSAC Early Builders Working Group (EBWG) has their monthly teleconference this Wednesday, August 23.

Media Watch

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Government Technology 8/18: FirstNet for Emergency Communications: 6 Questions Answered

<http://www.govtech.com/network/FirstNet-for-Emergency-Communications-6-Questions-Answered.html>

The system nicknamed FirstNet was created by Congress in the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. Under the contract with the government, the group led by AT&T will build, operate and maintain a new nationwide communications network, providing high-speed wireless communications for public safety agencies and personnel. The network will be protected against unauthorized intrusion and strong enough to withstand disasters that might damage other communications systems. Emergency workers will be able to preempt other users' traffic on the network, and will be able to send and receive as much data as they need to during their emergency work.

Telecompaper 8/18: Nevada Joins FirstNet

<https://www.telecompaper.com/news/nevada-joins-firstnet--1208511>

Nevada became the 15th state to join the FirstNet network following a decision by local Governor Brian Sandoval. He announced his decision to accept the FirstNet and AT&T plan to deliver a wireless broadband network to the state's public safety community. AT&T, in a public-private partnership with FirstNet, will build, operate and maintain a wireless broadband communications network for Nevada's public safety community at no cost to the state. The FirstNet network will drive innovation and create an entire system of modernized devices, apps and tools for first responders.

Urgent Communications 8/17: AT&T exec discusses core-to-core interoperability, Verizon proposal, FirstNet differentiators

<http://urgentcomm.com/public-safety-broadbandfirstnet/att-exec-discusses-core-core-interoperability-verizon-proposal-first>

Enabling interoperability between the FirstNet public-safety LTE core being built by AT&T and the LTE cores of Verizon or other carriers is feasible technically, but doing so would be a departure from the FirstNet request for proposals (RFP) and could introduce security issues for public safety, according to an AT&T executive.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet's social media presence grew at a higher than normal rate this week, likely due in part to FirstNet's promotional work around the APCO conference. Twitter gained 85 new followers, now at 7,238. Facebook has 1,653 followers. LinkedIn now has 2,787 followers. YouTube has 540 subscribers.