



## First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOC) – August 28, 2017

### FirstNet News

- Last week, Hawaii opted in to the FirstNet network. Stay tuned for updates and watch the State Plans Dashboard map continue to develop at [www.firstnet.gov](http://www.firstnet.gov).
- Last week, FirstNet Chief Technology Officer (CTO) Jeff Bratcher gave a keynote address at a Cisco-Jasper all-hands event on the Internet of Life Saving Things in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- CTO staff also presented on FirstNet applications and devices last week to the National Public-Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) Broadband Emerging Technology Working Group.
- FirstNet had a booth last week at the National EMS Safety Summit in Denver, Colorado. FirstNet staff and Ed Mills from the Colorado SPOC Team engaged with a number of EMS leaders from around the state to discuss FirstNet and coverage plans from AT&T.
- FirstNet staff also met with the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Electronic Safety Equipment Technology Committee last week in Ithaca, New York to discuss communication device standards.
- Also last week, FirstNet and AT&T staff presented at the National Native American Law Enforcement Association's (NNALEA) 25th Annual National Collaborative Training Event in Las Vegas.
- This week, FirstNet will be participating in the Global City Teams Challenge (GCTC) Expo in Washington, DC; the National Association of State Technology Directors (NASTD) Annual Conference and Technology Showcase in Memphis, Tennessee; a FirstNet discussion with the U.S. Secret Service in Washington, DC; a meeting of the Wyoming Governance Board in Cheyenne; and a Virginia Public Safety Broadband Network/FirstNet Region VII Conference in Nokesville.
- Last week, FirstNet posted one new blog: [Advancing UAS Technologies in all Public Safety Disciplines](#) (which originally appeared in FIRE CHIEF Magazine).

## Media Watch

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### **Urgent Communications 8/25: NTIA officials outline expected process associated with reviews of states seeking FirstNet 'opt-out'**

<http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/ntia-officials-outline-expected-process-associated-reviews-states-seeking-firstnet-opt->

Governors will have the most crucial financial information when they receive final state plans from FirstNet next month, but the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) review process may not be finalized until later, NTIA officials said last week during an APCO 2017 session.

### **Publicnow.com 8/24: AT&T Networks Prepared For Hurricane Harvey**

<http://www.publicnow.com/view/A67D3DA92DC9577659EEAA5432A8EF71D741C436>

Plus, we are increasing our NDR fleet with new deployables to support first responders as part of our public-private partnership to deliver FirstNet's nationwide public safety broadband network. AT&T has more than 700 pieces of equipment, including our Cell on Wheels (COWs), Cell on Light Trucks (COLTs), trailers, generators and more. Our deployables and equipment can help them stay connected during emergencies and operate faster, safer and more effectively when lives are on the line.

### **Urgent Communications 8/22: FirstNet officials say advocacy for public safety is key role in the future**

<http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/firstnet-officials-say-advocacy-public-safety-key-role-future>

FirstNet will continue to work with public-safety representatives to ensure that its nationwide public-safety broadband network (NPSBN) evolves to meet first responders' needs during the next 25 years, FirstNet officials said last week during the APCO 2017 show in Denver.

## *Web and Social Media*

FirstNet's social media presence grew at its normal rate this week. Twitter gained 46 new followers, now at 7,284. Facebook has 1,677 followers. LinkedIn now has 2,809 followers. YouTube has 543 subscribers.