



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOC) – October 2, 2017

FirstNet News

- Last week, FirstNet delivered official notice of State Plans to governors. Read the full news release [here](#).
- Louisiana opted in to the FirstNet network last week. Stay tuned for updates and watch the State Plans Dashboard map continue to develop at www.firstnet.gov.
- Also last week, FirstNet CEO Mike Poth, AT&T Senior Vice President Chris Sambar, and FirstNet staff attended the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Annual Forum in Scottsdale, Arizona, to present to the group's Preparedness and Legal committees.
- Mike Poth, FirstNet Board Vice Chairman Jeff Johnson, and FirstNet staff also attended the California Fire Chiefs Association's Annual Conference in Riverside last week, where Mike provided a FirstNet update.
- FirstNet President TJ Kennedy gave a keynote address last week at the Government Business Executive Forum in Washington, DC.
- FirstNet staff traveled to Kansas last week to meet with three tribes: the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, and the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska.
- This week, FirstNet will be participating in the North Carolina Emergency Medicine Today Conference in Greensboro; the Utah APCO Annual Conference in Sandy; the Kentucky League of Cities Conference & Expo in Covington; a meeting of the Rhode Island Interoperable Communications Committee in Lincoln; the UtiliSite Council Wireless Collocation Summit in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; the North Country Interoperability Consortium in Lebanon, New Hampshire; the West Virginia EMS Conference in Morgantown; the Wireless Infrastructure Association Infrastructure Developers Forum in Alexandria, Virginia; and a meeting with the Ysleta Del Sur Tigua Nation in El Paso, Texas.

News from the PSAC

- Read about last week's PSAC webinar in FirstNet's blog post: [Fall PSAC Webinar Highlights Task Team Collaboration, Working Groups' Activities](#).

Media Watch

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MissionCritical Communications 9/29: Governors Must Make Opt-In/Out Decision by Dec. 28

<https://www.rmediagroup.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/16027>

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) delivered official notice of state plans to governors. Governors will have 90 days — until Dec. 28 — to decide whether to opt in or out of the FirstNet/AT&T plan for deploying the nationwide public-safety broadband network.

Urgent Communications 9/28: Louisiana becomes 22nd state to make FirstNet 'opt-in' decision

<http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/louisiana-becomes-22nd-state-make-firstnet-opt-decision>

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards yesterday announced that he has accepted the nationwide public-safety broadband network (NPSBN) deployment plan offered by FirstNet and AT&T on behalf of his state, making Louisiana the 22nd state—not including two territories—to “opt-in” to the FirstNet system.

IEEE Spectrum 9/26: FirstNet Invites U.S. States to Sign Up for Public Safety Broadband Network (by FirstNet Chief Technology Officer Jeff Bratcher)

<https://spectrum.ieee.org/tech-talk/telecom/wireless/firstnet-us-wireless-network-for-public-safety-invites-states-to-sign-up>

Three monster hurricanes pummeled the United States and Puerto Rico in recent weeks. As soon as they hit land, public safety personnel were there to help those in harm's way. To do that important work, first responders deserve a reliable wireless network of their very own.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet's social media presence grew at its normal rate this week. Twitter gained 47 new followers, now at 7,601. Facebook has 1,821 followers. LinkedIn now has 2,983 followers. YouTube has 575 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 PSAC@firstnet.gov for possible inclusion in an upcoming update.