



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOC) – October 10, 2017

FirstNet News

- Minnesota 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 Board member Teri Takai spoke at the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) Annual Conference in Austin, Texas.
- FirstNet CEO Mike Poth spoke at the Wireless Infrastructure Association's (WIA) Infrastructure Developers Forum in Alexandria, Virginia.
- FirstNet staff also traveled to Texas last week to meet with the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo (Tigua Nation) to discuss tribal coverage in El Paso.
- FirstNet staff were in New Mexico over the weekend for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, where the state's Early Builder Project was being used for first responder communications. Read about it in the local media [here](#).
- This week, FirstNet will provide an update to the House Homeland Security Committee's Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications Subcommittee in Washington, DC. Details are available [here](#).
- Also this week, FirstNet will be participating in a meeting with Northern Virginia police and fire chiefs in Fairfax; the Montana State Fire Chiefs Association Convention in Helena; a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Interoperability Working Group meeting in Washington, DC; the 6th Annual Americas Spectrum Management Conference in Washington, DC; and a meeting of the Delaware Statewide Interoperability Executive Council in Dover.
- Last week, FirstNet posted one new blog: [Tech Talk: Sapporo, Japan 3GPP Plenary Meetings Recap](#).

News from the PSAC

- The Tribal Working Group (TWG) held their monthly teleconference on October 3rd. Topics of discussion included planning for the group's 2018 in-person meeting and FirstNet's Tribal Consultation Policy.

Media Watch

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MissionCritical Communications 10/4: Minnesota Opts In to FirstNet

<https://www.rrmediagroup.com/News/NewsDetails/newsID/16049>

Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton announced the state will participate in the FirstNet and AT&T plan to deliver a wireless broadband network to the state's public-safety community.

EMS World 10/4: Opt In or Opt Out? Governors Face FirstNet Decision (by FirstNet Board Member Kevin McGinnis)

<http://www.emsworld.com/article/218799/opt-or-opt-out-governors-face-firstnet-decision>

Every day the world of emergency medical services becomes more connected and dependent on digital devices to protect the communities we serve. The devices we carry are connected to the emergency response vehicles we drive; the vehicles we drive are connected to the offices and medical facilities where we work; and all this data and information is connected to massive networks commonly known as the "Internet of Things" or "Internet of Lifesaving Things."

Web and Social Media

FirstNet's social media presence grew at its normal rate this week. Twitter gained 85 new followers, now at 7,686. Facebook has 1,850 followers. LinkedIn now has 3,009 followers. YouTube has 580 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.