



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOC) – November 6, 2017

FirstNet News

- Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina 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.
- Last week, FirstNet CEO Mike Poth testified <https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings/oversight-firstnet-state-perspectives/> in front of the House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on FirstNet's progress to date.
- FirstNet Chief Customer Officer Rich Reed provided the keynote address at the Public Safety Broadband Ohio Conference last week in Columbus, and FirstNet staff also presented in a breakout session.
- FirstNet also provided a FirstNet update last week at the Ohio EMS Chiefs Association's Annual EMS Leadership Conference in Columbus.
- Also last week, FirstNet and AT&T presented at an International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) sponsored webinar on the opening of the FirstNet Developer Program, answering questions on membership and submissions to the FirstNet App Store.
- FirstNet staff also participated in a session on public safety telecommunications infrastructure last week with the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (NACIE) at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, DC.
- This week, FirstNet will participate in the 18th Annual TribalNet Conference & Tradeshow in Glendale, Arizona; a SAFECOM/National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) Joint Meeting in Norman, Oklahoma; the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada; the IWCE Critical LTE Communications Forum in Dallas, Texas; the Virginia EMS Symposium; the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Volunteer and Combination Officers' Symposium in Clearwater, Florida; a meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council; the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Annual Conference in Long Beach, California; a meeting with the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas in Eagle Pass; and tribal meetings with the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Passamaquoddy Tribe, and Penobscot Nation in Indian Township, Maine.

Media Watch

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Urgent Communications 11/2: South Carolina becomes 28th state to make FirstNet 'opt-in' announcement

<http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/south-carolina-becomes-28th-state-make-firstnet-opt-announcement>

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster announced that he accepted the nationwide public-safety broadband network (NPSBN) deployment plan offered by FirstNet and AT&T on behalf of his state.

Bartlesville Radio 11/1: Governor Establishes Network for First Responders

<http://bartlesvillerradio.com/pages/news/155562017/governor-establishes-network-for-first-responders>

Governor Mary Fallin has signed an opt-in letter with FirstNet, the First Responder Network Authority, and AT&T to strengthen public safety and increase emergency preparedness

Washington County 11/1: Washington County Sheriff's Office is the first agency in the State of Maryland to be on the FirstNet Public Safety Communications System

<https://washcosheriff.com/washington-county-sheriffs-office-first-agency-state-maryland-firstnet-public-safety-communications-system/>

Yesterday, the Washington County Sheriff's Office became the first agency in the State of Maryland to be on the FirstNet Public Safety Communications System. FirstNet through AT&T is developing the first nationwide public safety broadband network to provide first responders the advanced communication and collaboration technologies they need to help them do their jobs safely and effectively.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet's social media presence grew at a faster than normal rate this week. Twitter gained 119 new followers, now at 8,022. Facebook has 1,961 followers. LinkedIn now has 3,231 followers. YouTube has 599 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.