

March 12, 2018 — First Responder Network Authority News

- Last Week, First Responder Network Authority CEO Mike Poth gave a keynote address at the International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) in Orlando, Florida, announcing AT&T received the green light for FirstNet Band 14 buildout, based on the State Plans. In addition, staff presented during multiple breakout sessions and panel discussions.
- First Responder Network Authority Board member Kevin McGinnis, Interim PSAC Chair Paul Patrick, and staff presented last week at an in-person meeting of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC), held in conjunction with IWCE in Orlando, Florida.
- Also last week, First Responder Network Authority staff presented at a meeting of the North Dakota 9-1-1 Association in Bismarck.
- The First Responder Network Authority Board will hold an in-person meeting on March 15 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Viewing information on the public portion of the meeting will be available on FirstNet.gov.
- Also this week, the First Responder Network Authority will participate in a Federal Communications Commission Region 19 700MHz Committee meeting in Kennebunkport, Maine; Arkansas Wireless Information Network committee and governance board meetings in Little Rock; an Arkansas local public safety tour in Little Rock; the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Conference in Campbell, California; a meeting with Navajo Nation leadership in Phoenix, Arizona; the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Division Mid-Year Conference in Nashville, Tennessee; a Connecticut City and Town Managers Association meeting in Wethersfield; a meeting with the Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council in Spokane, Washington; and regional Vermont outreach meetings in Newport, White River Junction, and Wilmington.
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News from the PSAC:

- The PSAC in-person meeting will be held on Monday, June 4 in San Diego, California. Additional details are forthcoming.

- The 2018 June Public Safety Broadband Stakeholder Meeting is just around the corner. A room block has been reserved at the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Diego Bay at the government per diem rate of \$167 per night. To make your reservation online, use this link. If you prefer to make your reservation over the phone, call 619-239-2400 and use the group code "NST." There are a limited number of rooms reserved, so it is recommended that you book your room as soon as possible.

Media Watch

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[RCR Wireless News 3/9: IWCE 2018: FirstNet pivoting from planning to operations](https://www.rcrwireless.com/20180309/wireless/iwce-2018-firstnet-pivoting-from-planning-to-operations-tag6)

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One year into the public-private partnership between AT&T and the First Responders Network Authority, the focus has significantly shifted from the years-long planning and outreach process gathering support for state opt ins to the FirstNet network, to what FirstNet means for the day-to-day and emergency operations of first responders.

[FireRescue1 3/9: AT&T's FirstNet poised to facilitate advanced firefighting technology \(by First Responder Network Authority Region Lead Kevin Nida\)](https://www.firerescue1.com/fire-products/drones/articles/377317018-AT-Ts-FirstNet-poised-to-facilitate-advanced-firefighting-technology/)

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The FirstNet network's footprint and coverage will be expanded, including in rural areas, so that responders across the nation can make mission critical use of lifesaving technologies, like UAS. Over the next five years, AT&T will be deploying FirstNet's dedicated band of spectrum and is investing heavily in expanding the network.

[MissionCritical Communications 3/8: AT&T Signs Task Order for Band 14 Buildout, Plans 95% Population Coverage](https://www.rrmediagroup.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/16615)

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AT&T signed a new task order with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) for building out 700 MHz band 14 in all 56 states and territories. AT&T executives said the carrier has already begun buildout in most states, but the new task order formalizes the next step in AT&T's year-old agreement with FirstNet to build a nationwide public-safety broadband network (NPSBN).

Web and Social Media

The First Responder Network Authority's social media presence grew at its normal rate last week. Twitter gained 72 new followers, now at 9,560. Facebook has 2,798 followers. LinkedIn now has 3,918 followers. YouTube has 785 subscribers.

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