



## FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY

### WEEKLY UPDATE

#### April 30, 2018 — First Responder Network Authority News

- Last week, AT&T Chief Financial Officer John Stephens noted that **nearly 650 public-safety agencies in 48 states and territories** have subscribed to FirstNet.
- The First Responder Network Authority is seeking expressions of interest from individuals who would like to serve on the FirstNet Board. The vacancy announcement can be viewed [here](#).
- The First Responder Network Authority recently participated in 3GPP standards development meetings held in Chennai, India, March 19-23. The meetings covered the latest developments on international LTE standards in several areas relevant to the FirstNet network. The First Responder Network Authority represented public safety interests at the plenary meetings. Learn more in our latest Tech Talk blog <https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/tech-talk-chennai-india-3gpp-plenary-meetings-recap> by First Responder Network Authority Director of Standards Dean Prochaska.

#### On the Road

- First Responder Network Authority Board member Kevin McGinnis spoke last week at the National Rural EMS & Care Conference in Tucson, Arizona. In addition, First Responder Network Authority staff manned an exhibit booth and answered numerous questions on how FirstNet could facilitate rural EMS operations.
- Tribal Working Group Chair Brian Howard and the First Responder Network Authority tribal team presented on tribal involvement in the FirstNet network build-out and other tribal considerations last week at the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) 36th Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- First Responder Network Authority staff also presented last week at the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) International in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Also last week, First Responder Network Authority staff attended the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Region IV Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

## Upcoming Events

- This week, the First Responder Network Authority will participate in a **New Hampshire Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee** Data and Communications Committee meeting in Concord; a **Northwest Vermont Regional Meeting** in Milton; the **Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Broadband Summit** in Arlington, Virginia; the **Auckland Comms Connect Conference** in New Zealand; a **Rhode Island Interoperable Communications Committee** meeting in Lincoln; the **Nevada Sheriffs' & Chiefs' Association Annual Meeting** in Carson City; the **International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Volunteer & Combination Officers Section Symposium in the West** in Scottsdale, Arizona; the **Washington University in St. Louis EMS Conference** in St. Charles, Missouri; and a tribal consultation meeting with the **Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians** in Cherokee, North Carolina.

## Media Watch

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### **Government Technology 4/24: San Jose, Calif., Reaches Deal with AT&T to Install 170 Small Cells This Year**

<http://www.govtech.com/network/San-Jose-Calif-Reaches-Deal-with-ATT-to-Install-170-Small-Cells-This-Year.html>

City officials say the small cells will offer enhanced voice and data capacity for residents and businesses. The technology is also expected to fortify the FirstNet emergency responder communications network, said Dolan Beckel, San Jose's director of innovation and digital strategy.

### **MissionCritical Communications 4/23: Boulder Lab Checks AT&T's Work on FirstNet Rollout Services**

<https://www.rmediagroup.com/Features/FeaturesDetails/FID/836>

First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) technical staff in Boulder, Colorado, are testing and collaborating with partner AT&T, while also integrating equipment and conducting its own tests in the Innovation and Test Laboratory.

## **Web and Social Media**

The First Responder Network Authority's social media presence grew at its normal rate last week. Twitter gained 66 new followers, now at 10,028. Facebook has 4,057 followers. LinkedIn now has 3,013 followers. YouTube has 868 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](mailto:Outreach@firstnet.gov) for possible inclusion in an upcoming update.