



May 7, 2018 — First Responder Network Authority News

- May offers a number of opportunities to recognize the hard work and life-saving sacrifices of fire service, law enforcement, and emergency medical services personnel. See our new blog on Honoring Our First Responders <<https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/honoring-first-responders-in-may>> for more information and events! Look for special social media posts and features throughout May, and share them on Twitter and Facebook with the #WeServeYou hashtag.

On the Road

- First Responder Network Authority CEO Mike Poth gave a keynote address last week at the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Public Safety Broadband Summit in Arlington, Virginia. First Responder Network Authority and AT&T staff also participated in a FirstNet update session and a session on the Internet of Public Safety Things and Smart Cities. The First Responder Network Authority's processes for engaging stakeholders and capturing feedback was highlighted throughout the discussions.
- In conjunction with International Firefighters Day <<https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/recognizing-fire-service-personnel-international-firefighters-day-0>>, First Responder Network Authority staff presented at the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Volunteer & Combination Officers Section Symposium in the West last week in Scottsdale, Arizona. The First Responder Network Authority blog also featured a profile <<https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/meet-senior-fire-advisor-mike-worrell>> on Senior Fire Advisor Mike Worrell.
- First Responder Network Authority staff gave an update and discussed EMS-specific communications needs with EMS practitioners and physicians at the Washington University in St. Louis EMS Conference last week in Missouri.
- First Responder Network Authority staff also presented on FirstNet implementation and how the network is contributing to the growth of the public safety communications ecosystem last week at the Auckland Comms Connect Conference in New Zealand.
- Also last week, the First Responder Network Authority tribal team held a consultation meeting with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, North Carolina.
- In addition to the blogs mentioned above, the First Responder Network Authority posted the new blog: FirstNet is "Boston Strong" at the 2018 Marathon <<https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-boston-strong-2018-marathon>>.

Upcoming Events

- This week, the First Responder Network Authority will participate in a meeting with the New York Conference of Mayors in Saratoga Springs; a Regional Ojibwe Tribal Meeting in Bemidji, Minnesota; a meeting with the Virginia Office of Public Safety & Homeland Security in Richmond; a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Region 30 Interoperability Committee meeting in Plattsburgh, New York; the New Jersey Association of Counties Annual Conference in Atlantic City; a meeting with the Baltimore Fire Department in Maryland; and the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association Annual Business Conference in Anchorage.

Media Watch

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Government Technology 5/3: FirstNet Tested During Boston Marathon

<http://www.govtech.com/public-safety/FirstNet-Tested-During-Boston-Marathon.html>

Leaders at FirstNet, the nation's emerging high-speed first responder communications network, are declaring a win in their biggest public demonstration to date.

GCN 5/2: FirstNet takes core network, devices, apps for a test run at Boston Marathon

<https://gcn.com/articles/2018/05/02/firstnet-boston-marathon.aspx>

At this year's Boston Marathon, fire, police and incident response teams from Boston and Brookline, Mass., tested a variety of devices and applications connected to FirstNet's dedicated core network.

JEMS 5/2: 2018 Boston Marathon Operation Uses FirstNet for Communications

<http://www.jems.com/articles/news/2018/may/2018-boston-marathon-operation-uses-firstnet-for-communications.html>

During this year's marathon, the First Responder Network Authority (First Responder Authority) team and AT&T were on hand to distribute 80 FirstNet devices to fire, police and incident response teams from the cities of Boston and Brookline. Thirty of these phones were outfitted with SIM cards and connected to the dedicated FirstNet Core.

Social Media

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