



FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY

WEEKLY UPDATE

June 11, 2018 -- First Responder Network Authority News

- AT&T released a new FirstNet marketing video today, “FirstNet IS [available](https://vimeo.com/274183955),” to coincide with the announcement of subscriber paid availability
https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/firstnet-becomes-locally-available-to-first-responders-opens-doors-to-5-300-att-retail-locations-nationwide-300664044.html?tc=eml_cleartime.
- The First Responder Network Authority and AT&T were in Utah celebrating with the City of Orem as they joined FirstNet. Read about the event here <https://orem.org/firstnet-announcement/>.
- The First Responder Network Authority posted a blog on supporting Brookfield, Connecticut responders: FirstNet Responds After Strong Storms Hit Western Connecticut
<https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-responds-after-strong-storms-hit-western-connecticut>

On the Road

- First Responder Network Authority Board Chair Sue Swenson gave a keynote address last week at the 2018 Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) Public Safety Broadband Stakeholder Meeting in San Diego, California. Read the text of her remarks
<https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-chair-sue-swenson-delivers-keynote-2018-pscr-public-safety-broadband>.

In addition, CEO Mike Poth gave a keynote address and staff participated in a panel discussion with representatives from AT&T.

- The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) met in-person last week ahead of the PSCR conference, hearing from AT&T leadership and previewing new videos
<<https://www.firstnet.com/community/videos/your-firstnet-house>>.
- The First Responder Network Authority's Rich Reed gave the keynote address at the Norwegian Communications Leaders Summit last week in Lillesand, Norway.
- The First Responder Network Authority tribal team provided a FirstNet update last week at the Tribal Leaders National Emergency Management Mid-Year Briefing in Anaheim, California. Also in California last week, the tribal team met with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians in Palm Springs. In addition, the tribal team met with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee, Oklahoma, to discuss their unique communications needs.

Upcoming Events

- This week, the First Responder Network Authority will participate in the DAS & Small Cells Congress in Las Vegas, Nevada; the Fiber Network Alliance of Georgia 2018 Conference in Buford; the Mountain Connect Broadband Development Conference in Vail, Colorado; the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) ISO Symposium in Norman, Oklahoma; the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) 2018 Summer Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana; the Sydney Comms Connect meeting in Australia; the National Sheriffs Association (NSA) 2018 Conference & Exposition in New Orleans, Louisiana; and the Southern California Tribal Emergency Managers Meeting in Banning.

Social Media

<<https://twitter.com/FirstNetGov>>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/5236528?trk=tyah&trkInfo=clickedVertical:company,entityType:entityHistoryName,clickedEntityId:company_5236528,idx:0>

<<https://www.facebook.com/firstnetgov/?fref=ts>>

<<https://www.youtube.com/user/FirstNetGov>>

10,396 followers

4,151 followers

3,132 followers

929 subscribers

Media Watch

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[Urgent Communications 6/6: FirstNet's Swenson cites public-safety progress, points to future changes, potential business models](#)

<http://urgentcomm.com/public-safety-broadbandfirstnet/firstnet-s-swenson-cites-public-safety-progress-points-future-change>

Public-safety adoption of FirstNet <http://urgentcomm.com/organizations/ntia-firstnet?intlink=autlink> is proceeding well during the first months of the first-responder network being available, and the pace of change within the sector could accelerate in the future, according to FirstNet Chairwoman Sue Swenson.

[Tampa Bay Times 6/6: Column: Commerce Department helps Americans prepare, recover from storms](#)

http://www.tampabay.com/opinion/columns/Column-Commerce-Department-helps-Americans-prepare-recover-from-storms_168719140

Moreover, the Commerce Department is working to ensure that first responders have the broadband technology they need to even better protect and serve the public. The First Responder Network Authority, an entity within NTIA, is working to deploy a dedicated broadband network so that all police, fire and emergency medical service experts can communicate and collaborate wherever they are needed.

[RCR Wireless 6/5: Flying COW drones make headway](#)

<https://www.rcrwireless.com/20180605/drones/operators-take-flight-flying-cow-drones-tag41-tag99>

Recently AT&T's Network Disaster Recovery (NDR) Team created the "Extreme-Weather Drone," which AT&T announced will be one of two types of COWs the company will use as part of its work with the First Responders Network Authority. FirstNet awarded AT&T a 25-year contract to provide a mobile network for emergency responders. AT&T has opened up access to all of its spectrum to first responders, with priority and preemption services so that first responders can access the network as-needed in a disaster situation.