



FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY WEEKLY UPDATE

June 25, 2018 — First Responder Network Authority News

- In 52 states and territories, nearly 100,000 first responders from more than 1,000 public safety agencies have signed on to FirstNet <<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/firstnet-momentum-more-than-1-000-public-safety-agencies-subscribed-300670373.html>>. Subscribers range from large federal and state agencies, to tribal public safety entities, schools, and volunteer public safety personnel. Keep up with how the First Responder Network Authority is working for communities nationwide on FirstNet in Action <<https://www.firstnet.gov/FirstNet-in-Action>>.
- The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) released a position statement <<http://www.npstc.org/article.jsp?id=2193>> last week in support of FirstNet. NPSTC stressed that FirstNet is “THE Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network,” with a dedicated core designed to public safety’s standards as established and required by Congress.
- The First Responder Network Authority Board held a combined Board and Committee meeting via teleconference and webinar last week. Materials from the meetings can be found here <https://firstnet.gov/content/firstnet-combined-committee-and-board-meeting-june-20-2018>.
- The First Responder Network Authority posted one new blog last week: Smooth Sailing for FirstNet at Volvo Ocean Race <<https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/smooth-sailing-firstnet-volvo-ocean-race>>.

On the Road

- First Responder Network Authority staff presented on the potential uses of FirstNet for the EMS community at the EMS Medical Directors Association of California Annual Meeting last week in Sacramento.
- First Responder Network Authority staff updated the Maryland State Firemen’s Association 2018 Convention and Conference last week in Ocean City.

- Also last week, the First Responder Network Authority tribal team met with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to discuss their unique communications needs and the FirstNet buildout plan in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Upcoming Events

- This week, the First Responder Network Authority will participate in the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Executive Committee teleconference; a PSAC Network Status Tool webinar; a meeting with HCA Healthcare in Nashville, Tennessee; the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs 2018 Leadership Conference in Montgomery, Alabama; the Mississippi Chiefs of Police Summer Conference in Biloxi; the New Hampshire Data and Communications committees in Pembroke; the Alabama Disaster Preparedness Conference in Hoover; the Maine Interoperable Executive Committee in Augusta; and a meeting with Elko-area public safety stakeholders in Nevada.

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[Washington Post 6/25: FirstNet launches, giving police and firefighters a dedicated wireless network and infinite possibilities](#)

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/true-crime/wp/2018/06/25/firstnet-launches-giving-police-and-firefighters-a-dedicated-wireless-network-and-infinite-possibilities/>

The idea for FirstNet was long in gestation, beginning with the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, but has rapidly come to fruition in the year since AT&T won a contract to build it for the federal government. The idea was a dedicated wireless network exclusively for first responders, enabling them to communicate in emergencies on a secure system built to handle massive amounts of data.

Urgent Communications 6/22: FirstNet board, AT&T highlight deployment, adoption, functionality progress for FirstNet

<http://urgentcomm.com/public-safety-broadbandfirstnet/firstnet-board-att-highlight-deployment-adoption-functionality-progr?page=1>

AT&T yesterday announced that more than 1,000 public-safety agencies in 52 states and territories have joined FirstNet, which is surpassing expectations in meeting key milestones for adoption, deployment and technical capabilities, according to FirstNet board members.

Light Reading 6/18: AT&T to Deploy Small Cells, Smart City Infrastructure in San Jose

<https://www.lightreading.com/smart-cities/atandt-to-deploy-small-cells-smart-city-infrastructure-in-san-jose/d/d-id/744019>

Small cell deployments will also bolster AT&T's FirstNet emergency communications network by providing more network capacity for first responders. Zeto says increased network capacity will improve public safety and emergency personnel's responsiveness by supporting near real-time, low latency transfer of live feeds from emergency personnel's body cameras back to their commanders, for example.