

Look for a new, updated format and content from the First Responder Network Authority's Public Safety Advocacy Team next week!



## July 9, 2018 — First Responder Network Authority News

- South Carolina's Spartanburg School District 2 joined FirstNet to enable school employees to communicate with each other and first responders during an emergency. "We see violent attacks happening in schools across our country at an alarming rate. Giving our administrators and other personnel who have primary roles in protecting our District's students access to FirstNet is a significant step in our safety procedures," Superintendent Scott Mercer said. Find out more about it in this local news coverage from WSPA <https://www.wspa.com/news/spartanburg-school-district-2-has-new-public-safety-communications-system/1250632141>
- AT&T upgraded its 4G LTE cell towers in Vilas County, WI, as part of FirstNet buildout. Learn more <<http://wxpr.org/post/att-brings-upgraded-network-vilas-county#stream/0>> from local public radio station WXPB.

## On the Road

- Last week, First Responder Network Authority staff and AT&T tested FirstNet capabilities with local public safety during the Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks on the National Mall in Washington, DC.
- The First Responder Network Authority also supported testing of the FirstNet network at the Special Olympics last week in Seattle, Washington.
- Yesterday, First Responder Network Authority Chief Technology Officer Jeff Bratcher spoke <<https://twitter.com/MiekoD/status/1016076280293281792>> at the Esri National Security and Public Safety Summit in San Diego, California.

## Upcoming Events

- This week, the First Responder Network Authority will participate in CLINCON 2018 in Orlando, Florida; a West Virginia Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee (SIEC) FirstNet Workshop in Sutton; a meeting with the Sisseton Wahpeton Tribe in Agency Village, South Dakota; the Ohio Fire & Rescue Officer Development Conference in Columbus; the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference & Exposition in Nashville, Tennessee; a Utah Communication Authority Board Meeting in Salt Lake City; an Alaska Land Mobile Radio Executive Committee meeting in Anchorage; a Colorado 9-1-1 Task Force meeting in Rifle; the monthly Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications Systems Board meeting in West Des Moines; and a Virginia SIEC Meeting in Glen Allen.

## 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.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>>

10,579 followers

4,246 followers

3,247 followers

970 subscribers

## Media Watch

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Urgent Communications 7/6: ETSI reports 92% interoperability success rate from MCPTT, MCDATA, MCVIDEO plugtests

<http://urgentcomm.com/tetra-cca/etsi-reports-92-interoperability-success-rate-mcptt-mcdata-mcvideo-plugtests>

ETSI's press release noted that representatives from the following organizations observed the MCPTT, MCDATA and MCVIDEO testing: AT&T, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS),

the French Ministry of Interior, TCCA, Southern Linc Wireless, the UK Home Office and Verizon Wireless. Also attending the event were representatives from FirstNet.

MissionCritical Communications 6/29: LA-RICS Finalizes AT&T Agreement, Receives \$34M BTOP Payment

<https://www.rrmediagroup.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/17060>

LA-RICS was one of five First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) early builder projects and the only one that AT&T purchased or publicly agreed to incorporate into the nationwide public-safety broadband network (NPSBN).

MissionCritical Communications 6/29: Motorola, Panasonic Announce FirstNet Dealer Program Participation

<https://www.rrmediagroup.com/News/NewsDetails/newsID/17054>

Motorola Solutions and Panasonic are two of the companies participating in the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) dealer program announced this week.