



## First Responder Network Authority | July 30, 2018

The First Responder Network Authority's **Public Safety Advocacy Update** comes to your inbox with a quick look at events and important information to stay up-to-date with the First Responder Network Authority.

### Featured Advocacy Event

#### FirstNet's Inaugural "Public Safety First" Podcast

Now that FirstNet services are available, for the first time, public safety responders are now guaranteed enhanced emergency communications with priority and preemption over a dedicated network for security and reliability.

Since the beginning of 2018, FirstNet has achieved a remarkable number of milestones –



-  All 56 governors opting in to the FirstNet network,
-  Launch of the dedicated FirstNet Core,
-  Kick off for the buildout of public safety spectrum (Band 14),
-  Nearly 1,500 public safety agencies subscribing to FirstNet as of July, and
-  The First Responder Network Authority's Public Safety Advocacy (PSA) team participating in over 500 engagements, reaching more than 28,000 stakeholders.

These successes are the result of our continued partnership with the public safety community, as we work together to ensure the building of a nationwide network to meet first responders' communications needs.

As the First Responder Network Authority's PSA team continues to traverse the country meeting with public safety stakeholders and industry at local, state, tribal and federal levels, we continually find new ways to reenergize strong relationships with the public safety community. Recently, the First Responder Network Authority launched a "[Public Safety First](#)" podcast to share FirstNet use cases and lessons learned from first responders and to discuss the future of emergency communications.

As the host of the podcast, PSA Executive Director Dave Buchanan will provide an overview of what we are hearing from the field. This podcast will be an opportunity to interview first responders, industry leaders and public safety experts about how FirstNet is impacting day-to-day and emergency operations. With more public safety agencies subscribing to FirstNet each week, Dave will lead discussions featuring the many benefits of improved network functionality for first responders, such as secure data sharing, asset tracking and location services, priority and preemption, and push-to-talk capabilities.

In the future, the podcast will hit the road to highlight field work and feature lessons from agencies using FirstNet, insights on current issues and questions from public safety, spotlights on specific regions, and updates on innovation summits, major industry and association conferences and regional meetings.

To tune into the inaugural episode, "Be a Partner of the Future" subscribe to [iTunes](#), [SoundCloud](#), or [YouTube](#) and learn about the critical role that first responders have played and will continue to play to shape FirstNet for years to come.

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## Select Upcoming Public Safety Advocacy Engagements

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## Come Join Us At:

### • APCO

Las Vegas, NV — August 5-8

FirstNet Moving Forward: Advocacy and Oversight (8/6 12:45PM)

Innovating for Public Safety (8/6 at 2:00PM)

Keynote Kickoff (8/7 at 8:00AM)

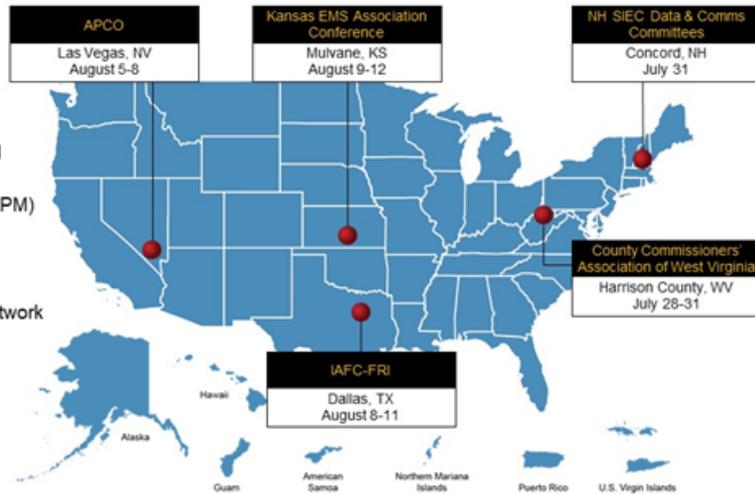
FirstNet Users (8/8 at 1:45PM)

Partnering with Public Safety to Drive Network Innovation (8/7 at 10:30AM)

### • IAFC-FRI

Dallas, TX — August 8-11

FirstNet, Now and What the Future Holds (8/10 at 8:00AM)



## Media Highlights

### Be Social with FirstNet



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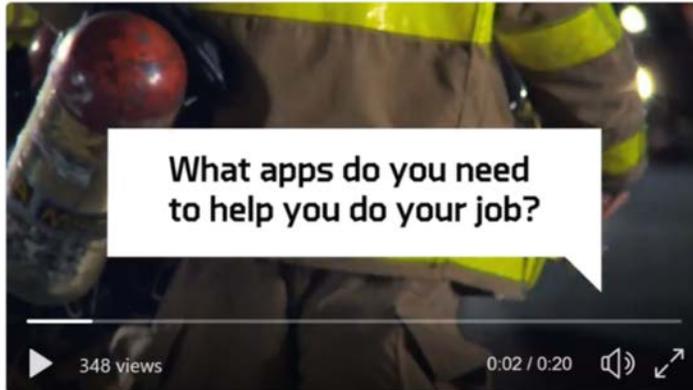
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Today, alongside representatives from FirstNet Authority, AT&T and other state and local officials, we announce plans for improved mobile broadband and voice services in Bedford County.



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## New blog series: 5 Easy Benefits of FirstNet

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The First Responder Network Authority published its first blog in a series of five, "FirstNet Enabled Location Services: Enhancing Situational Awareness and Improving Public Safety Outcomes." The blog series will highlight the 5 early benefits of FirstNet for public safety. Click [here](#) to read more.

### **FirstNet in Action: Highlighting the adoption and use of public safety's network**

**Signal Mountain Police Department in Tennessee** is the first city in the state to join FirstNet to enable police officers to communicate with each other and other first responders with digital displays and computer

equipment installed in the city's 12 patrol cars.

[Buildout of FirstNet sites with Band 14 capability](#) still ahead of schedule, AT&T official says (Urgent Comms, Jul. 24)

AT&T has added equipment to support operations on 700 MHz Band 14 spectrum at more than 2,500 cell sites and the carrier expects to meet its initial network-buildout target for FirstNet at least three months ahead of schedule, according to the AT&T official overseeing the deployment.



**[FirstNet Momentum: Band 14 Added to More Than 2,500 Sites Across the Country, First FirstNet Dedicated Deployable Assets Available](#)** (AT&T New Release, Jul. 20)

AT&T has been actively deploying public safety's Band 14 spectrum as part of our FirstNet build. So far, Band 14 has been added to more than 2,500 sites across the country – with the process for 10,000+ more currently underway. And the first FirstNet-dedicated deployable network assets are ready for use.

**[Houston Tests Devices and Apps Using FirstNet Spectrum](#)** (By Lesia Dickson - Emergency Management Magazine, Jul. 20)

When the spotlight is on for a major national event like the Super Bowl, the opportunities to demonstrate cutting-edge public safety communications technologies abound. In addition to better game-day communications, there is often the belief that the investment in innovative technologies will positively improve day-to-day operations when the spotlight fades.

**[FirstNet wireless broadband platform helps hospitals and patients during emergencies](#)** (HealthCareITNews, Jul. 23)

“As an independent authority established by Congress, our charge is to create the first-ever broadband network devoted to public safety. The Act also required that we enter into a public/private partnership to actually deploy the network,” said Brent Williams, who now serves as EMS advisor at FirstNet Authority. To move in this direction, FirstNet conducted a competitive procurement process and selected the broadband partner that offered the overall best value solution.

**[Signal Mountain Police Department first in state to use new communication system](#)** (WRCB-TV, Jul. 20)

Chief Mike Williams announced Thursday that the department is now using AT&T's FirstNet system to communicate throughout the department, which is a game changer when seconds matter most.

**[5 use cases for smart city IoT](#)** (GCN, Jul. 17)

With the roll out of FirstNet, the first responder community will have access to a dedicated public safety network that can support IoT devices that allow responders to quickly share data and help inform decisions. As IoT-based public safety applications are developed, cities must consider the privacy of citizens, the report said.

**[Intrepid Networks' situational-awareness application earns FirstNet certification](#)** (Urgent Comms, Jul. 17)\*

Intrepid Networks has announced that its Response situational-awareness mobile application is recognized as FirstNet Certified and is available through the FirstNet App Catalog, and the company plans to submit a second application for FirstNet consideration in the near future, according to an Intrepid Networks official.

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