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PUBLIC SAFETY ADVOCACY UPDATE

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



Featured advocacy activity: APWA's Annual Conference Inspires Recognition of Public Works Professionals

Public Works plays a key role in emergency planning, response, and recovery from all types of events and disasters. Operating and maintaining critical infrastructure services, such as transportation, natural gas, electric, water supply, sewage and refuse disposal systems, and public buildings, are vital to a community's livelihood.

During the [American Public Works Association's \(APWA\) annual conference, PWX 2018](#) in Kansas City, MO, discussion focused on the important public works role in emergency management. From the Emergency Management Technical Committee meeting, to various education sessions detailing the public works role in disaster mitigation and response, one sentiment was echoed time and again: It is of critical importance to the safety of all citizens and the sustainability of our communities that the public, government agencies, and professional and technical organizations recognize and support the contributions of public works professionals in all-hazards emergency management.

Public works professionals proudly stand alongside our nation's other first responders in supporting a single, nationwide, interoperable LTE network dedicated to public safety. The advanced communications capabilities provided by the FirstNet network will help first responders and other public safety practitioners save lives and keep their communities safe.

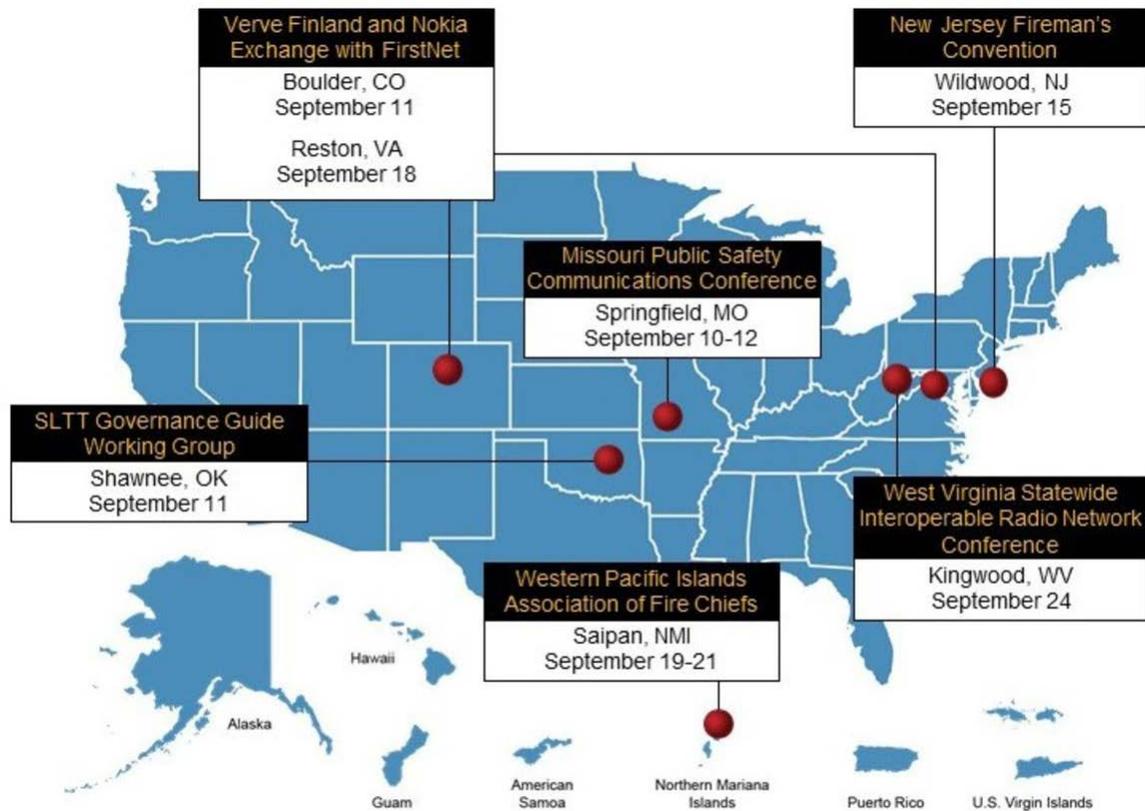
APWA welcomes further collaborative efforts with the First Responder Network Authority in continuing [their work on the Public Safety Advisory Committee \(PSAC\)](#), and working with fellow



responders across all disciplines of public safety to enable us all to better serve and protect our communities.



Select upcoming Public Safety Advocacy engagements



FirstNet in Action: Public safety's use and adoption of the network



FirstNet helps public works agencies coordinate with public safety partners

Phillip R. Mann, Public Works Director of the City of Gainesville, FL, and American Public Works Association (APWA) representative to the PSAC, offers his thoughts about how FirstNet will help public works agencies better communicate with their public safety counterparts in a [new blog](#).

FirstNet supports public safety during community celebrations

This past weekend, communities across America marked Labor Day with local festivals and parades. On Labor Day and throughout the year, first responders support these types of celebrations that bring in large crowds, like the annual Summerfest in Orem, Utah with more than 30,000 visitors. [As FirstNet subscribers](#), public safety in Orem is experiencing FirstNet's always-on connection for day-to-day operations and planned events.



“FirstNet is a game changer for the City of Orem and the region,” said Orem Police Chief **Gary Giles**. Learn how Orem’s police, fire, and EMS used FirstNet during Summerfest 2018 in our recent [blog by Regional Lead Tracey Murdock](#), and share the news on [Twitter](#).



Public Safety First Podcast: Episode 5

In our latest podcast episode, guest host **Mike Varney**, First Responder Network Authority Northeast Director, chats with Deputy Chief **Travis Hollis** of the Rogers, AZ, Fire Department about why a city in “Tornado Alley” decided to transition to FirstNet.

As an early adopter, Deputy Chief Hollis talks about how FirstNet is changing the way his agency’s responders communicate and the future of public safety communications, including the Internet of Life-Saving Things (IoLST). [Listen to the full episode](#) and

share the latest episode on [Twitter](#).



Blog series: 5 early benefits of FirstNet

Check out our fourth blog in a series of five, entitled “Early Benefits of FirstNet: Support is Available to Public Safety 24/7/365.” The blog series highlights the five early benefits of FirstNet for public safety. [Read more](#).





FirstNet in the news

[Tech on the Go](#) (*Police Magazine*, Sept. 4)

Using a combination of mobile hardware and law enforcement software, along with newer resources like FirstNet, officers can do their jobs safely and more efficiently.

[FirstNet Goes Local](#) (*Government Technology*, Sept. 3)

By late July, more than 1,500 public safety agencies had joined FirstNet, enabling more than 110,000 connections — with the adoption rate doubling from April to June. Verizon has declined to release exact subscriber numbers.

[Public-safety adoption of FirstNet spikes during the past month, according to AT&T](#) (*Urgent Communications*, Aug. 31)

More than 2,500 public-safety agencies—representing a total of more than 150,000 connections—have joined FirstNet to date, according to a press release issued this week by AT&T. In comparison, the carrier previously reported that “nearly 1,500” public-safety agencies had subscribed to the service as of July 20.

[New network, 'FirstNet,' to offer first responders more efficient communication](#) (*Las Vegas NOW*, Aug. 30)

"When nothing's happening, other customers can come on that freeway, but when a situation like Route 91 happens, everybody who's not public safety will come off that freeway, and it opens up those communication airwaves just for police, fire, EMS and any other responders," said **Chrissie Coon**, the spokeswoman for FirstNet. "So my hotspot, I've already got it connected to my computer."

Regional Coverage

[Cook to upgrade fire department equipment, pagers](#) (*The Timberjay*, MN, Sept. 5)

Johnson also approached the council with a plan to upgrade the department's pager system to the federal First Net system administered by AT&T. "It is a better line of communication for us," he said. "Most (of the department) are using the pager system through their phone. What the new phones allows us to is see where everyone is and permit push to talk."



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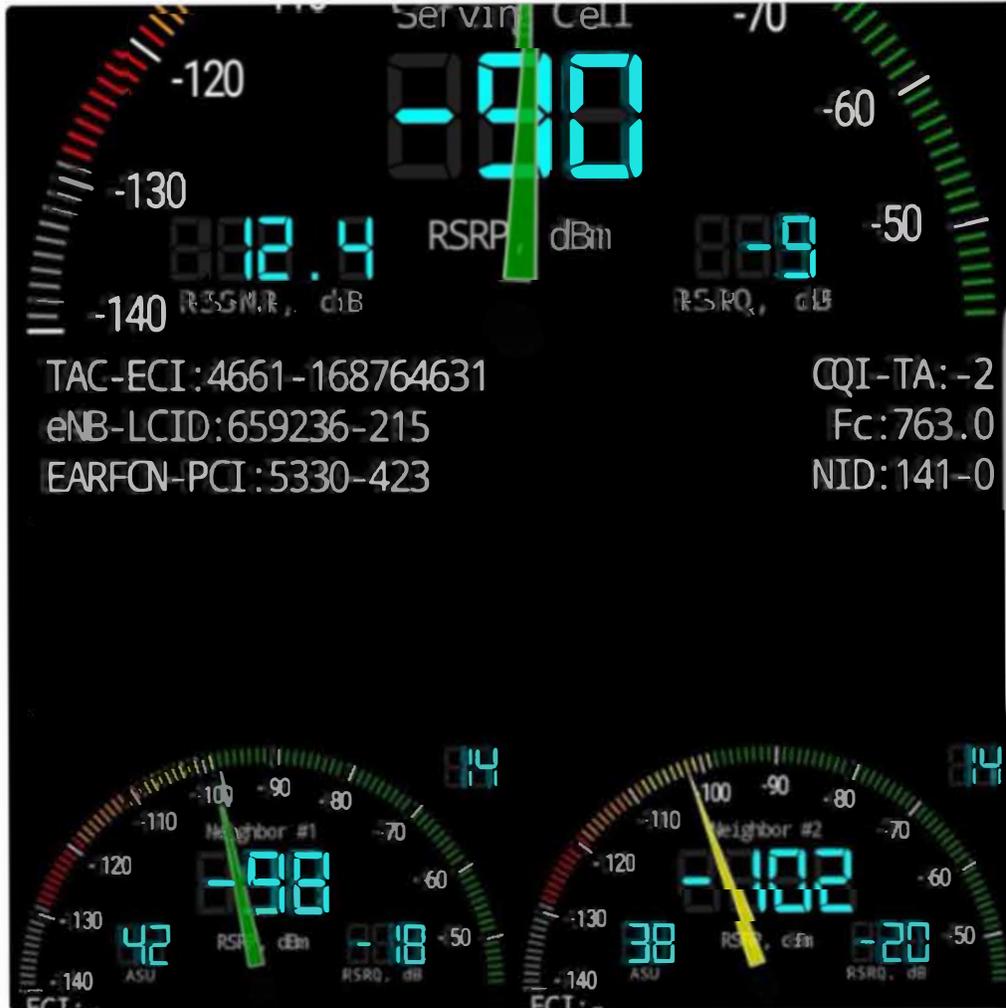
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