



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

First Responder Network Authority participates in APCO's Emerging Technology Forum

At this year's APCO Emerging Technology Forum Oct. 31-Nov.1 in Pittsburgh, industry leaders and public safety communications professionals discussed the future of emergency communications. During the two-day event, **David Buchanan**, Executive Director of Public Safety Advocacy, spoke on "The Latest on FirstNet's Efforts to Improve Public Safety Communications," explaining the role FirstNet is playing to bring interoperable broadband communications to public safety. The session also included information about early FirstNet users and the vision of FirstNet for the future.

With [real-life examples of FirstNet in action](#), Buchanan highlighted major benefits to users:

- FirstNet provided service in the aftermath of **Hurricane Michael** by deploying FirstNet dedicated Sat-COLTs to bolster communications across Florida and Georgia. The First Responder Network Authority worked with the State of Florida to distribute hundreds of FirstNet enabled devices to public safety agencies without commercial service.
- In South Dakota, public safety used FirstNet during the annual **Sturgis Motorcycle Rally** with 50,000 people in attendance. With FirstNet's priority and preemption, local first responders had access to a reliable and robust network without the usual delayed or lost signals during large-scale events.
- During the 2018 **Volvo Ocean Race**, fire, police, emergency management, and EMS were connected to FirstNet's core with priority and preemption. With FirstNet accessible on their mobile devices, first responders could access push-to-talk capabilities to help coordinate response efforts.

These public safety agencies are experiencing some of the early benefits of the network. With

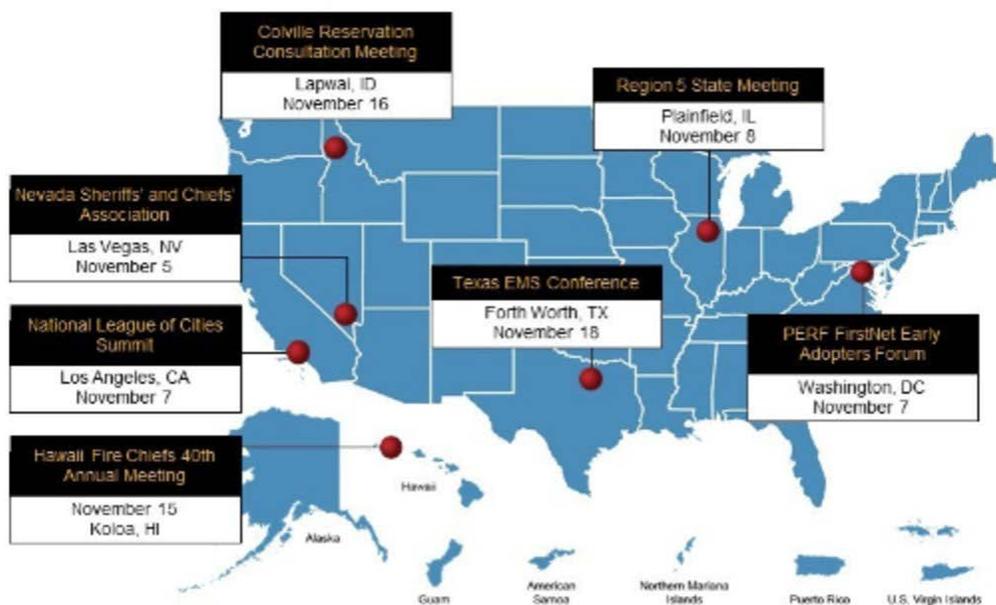
more first responders turning to FirstNet to meet their communication needs, the list of FirstNet subscribers has grown to [more than 3,600 public safety agencies](#) with more than 250,000 network connections.

Buchanan also discussed the First Responder Network Authority's work with AT&T to expand public safety access to applications and devices through FirstNet's Device Ecosystem and FirstNet's Applications Catalog. As the First Responder Network Authority continues to make significant strides in these areas, Buchanan encouraged the audience to join the developer program and develop apps to support public safety's lifesaving work.

We would like to thank APCO for inviting the First Responder Network Authority to participate in the Emerging Technology Forum. We look forward to continuing to work closely with public safety, APCO, and other associations. Together we will change the future of public safety communications.



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FirstNet in Action

FirstNet momentum: 3,600+ public safety agencies subscribed

More than 3,600 agencies have now joined FirstNet. Read the [latest press release](#) to learn how FirstNet is connecting federal, state, local and tribal public safety agencies through natural disasters like Hurricanes Florence and Michael, rural search and rescue, and



international events such as the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

FirstNet discusses advancing patient care at EMS World Expo

From Oct. 29-Nov. 2, the First Responder Network Authority attended the annual EMS World Expo in Nashville to meet with EMS professionals and discuss the latest solutions to advance patient care. In preparation for the event, Senior EMS Advisor **Brent Williams** published a blog discussing FirstNet's impact on patient care and how FirstNet can connect EMS personnel and hospitals more effectively. Read the blog to [learn more](#).



Creating opportunities for agencies to engage on operationalizing mobile data

As FirstNet reached more than 3,600 subscribers, Director of Federal and National Programs for Public Safety Advocacy **Chris Algieri** released a blog outlining the next steps for public safety engagement opportunities across the country.

[Read more](#) to learn how FirstNet is dedicated to creating opportunities for a safer future.

Episode 11, *Public Safety First* podcast

In the latest episode of *Public Safety First*, host **David Buchanan** celebrates the one-year anniversary of Maryland opting in to FirstNet with Washington County Sheriff **Doug Mullendore**.

As the first agency subscriber in Maryland, Sheriff Mullendore discusses the successes of the past 12 months and reveals how FirstNet has helped push his



county to the forefront of modern public safety communications.

[Listen to the full episode](#) and [share on Twitter](#).



FirstNet in the news

NATIONAL COVERAGE

[Special Report – A look at where AT&T and FirstNet are now in the public-safety market](#) (*FierceWireless*, Oct. 30)

When Hurricane Michael, the fourth-most powerful storm on record to hit the United States, devastated regions of the Florida panhandle, Georgia and the Carolinas earlier this month, AT&T's network was operating at 90 percent or better than normal performance, according to **John Donovan**, CEO at AT&T Communications.

[National Law Enforcement Museum Announces Major Donation from FirstNet Team](#) (WBIW.com, Oct. 31)

The National Law Enforcement Museum – the nation's only museum dedicated to exploring nearly every facet of American law enforcement – announced a one-million-dollar donation from the FirstNet team at AT&T.

[More than 3,600 public safety agencies subscribed to FirstNet](#) (*Police Magazine*, Oct. 26)

More than 3,600 public safety agencies across the country have now joined FirstNet. That's a nearly 50 percent increase in the number of agencies subscribing to the nationwide public safety communications platform in less than two months, says AT&T.

[Florida City turns to AT&T FirstNet for connectivity during aftermath of Hurricane Michael](#) (*Urgent Communications*, Oct. 26)

Officials in Panama City Beach, Fla., relied on FirstNet for communications in the wake of Hurricane Michael, which caused outages in the jurisdiction's broadband and LMR systems, according to City Manager **Mario Gisbert**.

[How FirstNet will aid first responders in disaster response](#) (*StateTech Magazine*, Oct. 25)

With FirstNet, first responders will not have to worry about getting access to critical data and

communications on their smartphones and tablets. And public safety agencies can plan emergency response operations knowing they have a dedicated support network.

REGIONAL COVERAGE

[OST police chief brings change to reservation in first six months](#)

(*Rapid City Journal*, SD, Oct. 31)

Six months into his new position as police chief of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, **Robert Ecoffey** has brought new ideas and programs to a department that was lacking steady leadership and understaffed. In June, the department was the first Native American law enforcement agency to join FirstNet, a program of the federal government and AT&T that improves communications for first responders.

[Tech Tuesday: FirstNet](#)

(NBC WMTV, WI, Oct. 30)

With this year's multiple natural disasters, we are all aware of how imperative communication is during the time of disaster, especially to first responders who help those in need. **Caleb Drolshagen** from AT&T talks about FirstNet – the only dedicated wireless broadband network designed for public safety by public safety.

[Derry Police adopt FirstNet](#)

(*Derry News*, NH, Oct. 29)

When it comes to handling much-needed communications, Derry is now at the top of the list for having top notch public safety technology ready to go. The Derry Police Department has implemented a technology upgrade with FirstNet, a groundbreaking new nationwide communication platform earmarked specifically for public safety. Derry is the first municipal agency in New Hampshire to implement FirstNet. Town, police, and fire officials joined with FirstNet representatives and others last week to help celebrate and demonstrate the new system.

[Panama City Beach's desperate hunt for cell phones after Hurricane Michael](#)

(*Panama City News Herald*, FL, Oct. 27)

AT&T officials – like other responders working the storm ravaged Florida Panhandle – say their work to date has achieved positive results, but much more still needs to be done. AT&T supervisor **Daryl Wise**, a senior consultant with the public-private FirstNet nationwide emergency broadband system – a public-private partnership between AT&T and the federal government – told the Panama City Beach City Council on Thursday the company will keep more than 150 workers on site in the Panhandle repairing the cell system “until it’s fixed.”



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How FirstNet Will Aid First Responders in Disaster Response

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FirstNet Momentum: over 3,600 public safety agencies have subscribed to FirstNet. Get the facts: my.firstnet.com/685f7376



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#IFD proud to be on the leading edge of embracing new public safety technology w/ the use of @cradlepoint & @FirstNetGov built w/ @ATT. Great police, fire & military turnout for today's presentation @Bullseye_Event educating agencies on #IOT advances 🚒🚓🚑🇺🇸





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Highlights from the AT&T #firstnet hackathon. Thanks to everyone who participated!



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