



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 Roadmap Workshop Collects Vital Public Safety Input

In an ongoing effort to advance the FirstNet Experience, the First Responder Network Authority's Public Safety Advocacy (PSA) team hosted a Mission-Critical Services Workshop in Fairfax County, VA.

Last week, public safety officials from across the DC Metro area and representatives from AT&T took part in a day-long event to learn more about

the network's current and future efforts surrounding the recently announced First Responder Network Authority Roadmap and mission-critical technologies and services. First Responder Network Authority PSA Region III Lead **Lori Stone** outlined the plan to gather feedback directly from the public safety community to guide the First Responder Network Authority Roadmap.

"We are highly focused on ensuring the Roadmap captures your most critical needs," Stone



explained during the opening session.

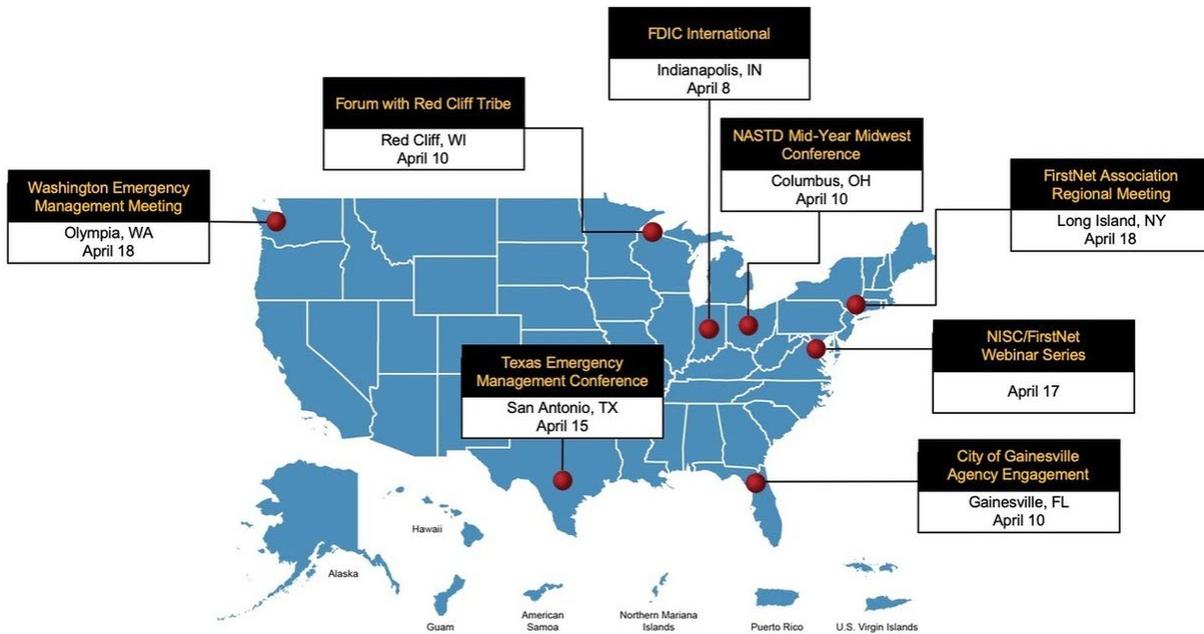
Focusing on the evolution of public safety technologies, First Responder Network Authority Senior Advisor **Bill Schrier** led a discussion to gather input from public safety stakeholders about apps, devices, solutions, and capabilities to help ensure that the FirstNet network continues to meet public safety's operational needs.

Senior Public Safety Products Advisor **Amy Haukeness** gave an overview of the mission-critical video and data capabilities used by public safety in the field. These interactive sessions provided audience members an opportunity to deliver direct feedback on their technological needs to the First Responder Network Authority.

The First Responder Network Authority would like to thank Fairfax County for hosting the event.



Select Upcoming Public Safety Advocacy Engagements



Join the National Information Sharing Consortium's Webinar on FirstNet Apps and Devices

On April 17, 1-2 p.m. ET, the National Information Sharing Consortium is hosting a webinar about FirstNet devices and applications, including work within the developer community related to FirstNet. Speakers include **Sean McSpaden**, Executive Director of the National Information Sharing Consortium; **Dr. Jennifer Harder**, Senior Director of Products at the First Responder Network Authority; and **Travis Hull**, Senior Public Safety Products Advisor for the First Responder Network Authority. Tune in to learn everything you need to know about the FirstNet App Catalog and FirstNet Ready devices. Register [HERE](#).

From the First Responder Network Authority

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is studying the First Responder Network Authority's progress in establishing a nationwide public safety broadband network. As a part of that effort, they are interested in obtaining feedback from first responders and stakeholders in California, Montana, Texas, Nebraska, Mississippi, Florida, and New York about their experience with FirstNet. We consider the work of the GAO important, and their reports often lead to valuable organizational improvements throughout the federal government. In the event GAO officials contact you, please know that your participation is voluntary but your cooperation is appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact **David Buchanan**, Executive Director, Public Safety Advocacy Division, at David.Buchanan@firstnet.gov or 202-407-0420 if you have questions

NTIA Federal Register Notice

[Recruitment of First Responder Network Authority Board Members](#), March 19, 2019



FirstNet in Action

FirstNet Boosting Communications for Tribal First Responders

One year into FirstNet's five-year buildout, the network has seen an increase in LTE coverage by more than 50,000 square miles. As the network expands, the First Responder Network Authority is working to ensure its capabilities are available to first responders across the nation – whether in urban sprawls or rural areas. As part of this effort, FirstNet deployables have enhanced coverage and capacity for the Yankton Sioux Tribe Police Department and the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe. [Learn more](#) about how FirstNet is connecting with federally recognized tribes to provide the connectivity they need.



PERF Forum Provides Roadmap Engagement with Law Enforcement

As part of the First Responder Network Authority's efforts to engage with public safety and develop its roadmap, we went to Atlanta, GA, for a regional forum with the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).



PERF helped the First Responder Network Authority gain a better understanding of how broadband is being used by public safety today and how the network can

be better positioned to provide future capabilities to meet public safety's needs. [Read about](#) the First Responder Network Authority's engagement with PERF and how it will help shape the First Responder Network Authority Roadmap.

Firstnet Connects AAA Ambulance to Improve Patient Care in Mississippi

AAA Ambulance Service dispatches ambulances and helicopters for 16 counties in the region of Hattiesburg, MS. It relies on FirstNet to help connect the medical crews and ensure they are providing the best response for all of their patients. **Andy Geske**, the Chief of Information Technology for AAA Ambulance Service, is looking forward to the future of the network and the potential integration of telemedicine capabilities. [Check out our latest blog](#) to learn how AAA Ambulance Service relies on FirstNet to connect its 24-hour emergency and non-emergency medical transport service.



FirstNet in the news

[FirstNet Authority conducting public-safety outreach to inform reinvestment decisions in nationwide system](#) (*Urgent Communications*, April 3)

Findings from outreach workshops with first-responder entities during the next several months will help develop the FirstNet Authority's roadmap that will outline how the organization plans to invest about \$15 billion into the FirstNet system during the next 23 years, according to a FirstNet Authority official.

[Navy, Marine Corps opt in to FirstNet](#) (*Washington Technology*, April 2)

The Navy and Marine Corps have signed up to use the FirstNet nationwide public safety communications network AT&T is building for first responders in the U.S. This Monday announcement from AT&T comes slightly more than a month after the Department of the Navy issued a policy directive that contains guidance on how to deploy the wireless FirstNet system.

[FirstNet announces new improvements for 2019](#) (*EMS1*, April 2)

AT&T plans to roll out a number of improvements to FirstNet this year. The new improvements include

a single sign-on for quicker access to FirstNet services, enhanced security measures, increased network visibility for administrators, and a mobile app that will enable users to request priority service from the field during times of network congestion.

[AT&T outlines new FirstNet tools coming out in next 12 months](#) (*MissionCritical Communications*, March 29)

To mark the first anniversary of the launch of the dedicated public-safety core for the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), AT&T outlined some of its plans for the FirstNet network over the next year. AT&T plans to roll out several new tools including the FirstNet Assist app, single sign on, encrypted assets and increased network visibility. The FirstNet Assist app, slated to be available in the coming months, will take FirstNet customer service mobile.

[AT&T celebrates first anniversary of FirstNet network](#) (*Telecompaper*, March 29)

AT&T announced its FirstNet network is celebrating its first anniversary. AT&T was selected by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) to build and manage the first broadband network dedicated to America's police, firefighters, and emergency medical services (EMS). To keep innovation for Public Safety going strong, AT&T said it's rolling out new tools that will continue to help FirstNet subscribers take advantage of the specialized FirstNet experience.

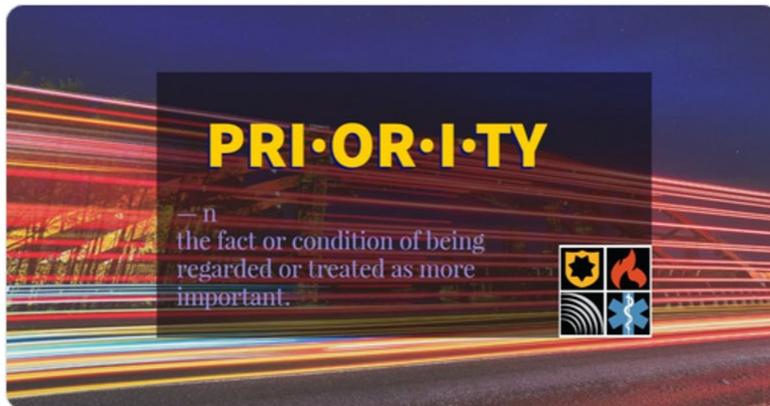


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It's [#FirstNetMadness](#)! This month, [@IPSC_Indiana](#) and [@IDHS](#) have been highlighting the many ways that [#FirstNet](#) benefits public safety. Thanks for the continued support as we work to build a positive [#FirstNetExperience](#) for first responders in Indiana and across the nation!



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[@FirstNetGov](#) Tribal team providing a briefing and overview to members of the Navajo Nation in Window Rock, AZ. Discussing how [#FirstNet](#) will improve the way [#tribalpublicsafety](#) responds across 27,000 square miles.





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Happy 2nd Anniversary to #FirstNet, the innovative public-private partnership offering nationwide broadband to give our first responders the communications tools they need to keep America safe and secure. Learn more at firstnet.gov

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We signed the historic... To ensure that... In the spirit of... 1. To diligently work together... 2. To work every day... 3. To provide an exceptional customer experience... 4. To be responsive and engaged... 5. To drive innovation and advances... By signing this pledge, we honor the work first responders do every day to help save lives and protect our communities.

Signed on the Thursday of March 2017

William Rouse, Secretary

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