



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: FirstNet Authority engages Hawaii on Roadmap

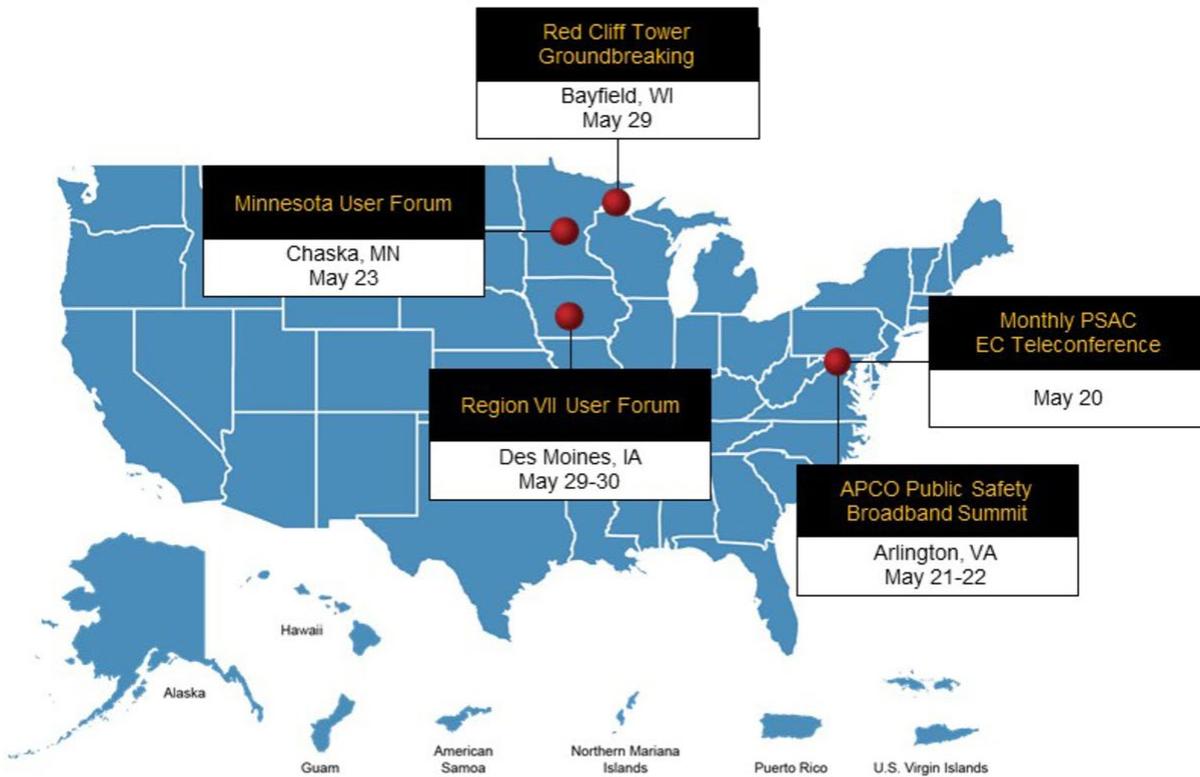
Last week, the First Responder Network Authority's Public Safety Advocacy (PSA) team visited the Aloha State to meet with the County of Honolulu on its Roadmap Engagement tour. The trip gave the First Responder Network Authority an opportunity to solicit feedback from the island's public safety community about their localized emergency communications needs, and to discuss the specific and ongoing successes and challenges facing public safety responders in Hawaii.

First Responder Network Authority's Jennifer Harder, Harry Markley, and Kenison Tejada first joined the Honolulu police, fire services, 9-1-1 dispatch, and EMS responders on several "ride-alongs" to observe FirstNet technologies and broadband capabilities in action. These firsthand experiences proved invaluable to First Responder Network Authority staff who shared their observations and insights during a subsequent meeting with representatives from multiple city and county public safety agencies, including Hawaii's Statewide Interoperability Coordinator. After spending this focused field time with responders, the meeting continued with an opportunity to review and map out their agency communications pathways. PSA staff conducted a guided discussion on the First Responder Network Authority Roadmap, focused on its impacts to technologies available now, and its guidance furthering public safety technologies and capabilities in the future.

The First Responder Network Authority would like to thank the City and County of Honolulu and its public safety agencies for hosting the team. We look forward to continued discussions as FirstNet develops and evolves based on input from public safety all over the nation.



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FirstNet in Action



FirstNet Authority Leaders Visit Georgia Cyber Center

When your job is to protect our communities, nothing is more important than being connected, protected, and situationally aware. Brigadier General Welton Chase, Jr. recounts how he joined First Responder Network Authority Board Chair Edward Horowitz and members of the Board’s Technology and Public Safety Advocacy Committees at the Georgia Cyber Center in Augusta, GA.

[Read how the First Responder Network Authority continue to focus on ensuring that public safety has](#)

[a platform that is highly reliable and secure to meet their lifesaving needs.](#)



FirstNet in the news

Regional Coverage

[Rural broadband closer to parity with cities](#) (The Daily Sentinel, CO, May 15)

The state also has entered into a contract with AT&T to install Colorado's portion of the First Responder Network Authority, known as FirstNet. That's a program created by Congress to build a national data network for the nation's police, fire and other emergency services agencies.

[AT&T and City of San José Help Close Digital Divide](#) (AT&T Press Release, CA, May 14)

AT&T and the City of San José are extending their relationship with a deal value of more than a million dollars to help close the digital divide and leverage smart cities solutions to help address some of the critical issues facing the community. This continues to bolster San José's place as one of the most innovative cities in Silicon Valley.

[Rehoboth Beach Upgrades Data for First Responders](#) (WRDE Coast TV, DE, May 9)

This week, the city announced its police department, public works, and other emergency management departments now have FirstNet, a broadband platform with AT&T that keeps data speeds up for first responders in case the network slows down, like at large scale events or during natural disasters.

[Ohio entities seek to use ISSI to make first interoperable link between FirstNet and P25 systems from Harris, Tait](#) (Urgent Communications, April 26)

Public-safety entities in the state of Ohio hope to begin testing an interoperability solution that is designed to link FirstNet push-to-talk service with Harris P25 systems—and possibly a Tait P25 network—by leveraging P25 Inter RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI) technology, according to officials involved in the project.

National Coverage

[FirstNet: An Opportunity For AT&T](#) (Seeking Alpha, May 8)

One of the largest projects the management team at AT&T (T) is working on right now that few people know about is the firm's extensive development of infrastructure and network assets that falls under its FirstNet contract.

[Emil Olbrich: Now is a good time for public safety to learn about 5G](#) (Urgent Communications, May 10)

One of the earliest proponents of public-safety LTE more than a decade ago, Olbrich says it may be some time before first responders will utilize 5G, but now is a good time for public-safety and government officials to become familiar with newest broadband wireless technology. "It was ten years

ago we talked about LTE and FirstNet's just onboarding, in the last year, users."

[FirstNet: The \\$18 Billion Experiment That Must Succeed \(No Jitter, May 8\)](#)

FirstNet is a nationwide wireless broadband network for first responders, being built and deployed through a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership between the federal government and AT&T.



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