



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 Board Meets on Roadmap to Chart Future

The First Responder Network Authority ([FirstNet Authority](#)) Board met in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 26 to discuss the Roadmap which will chart FirstNet Authority's future. Board Chair Edward Horowitz remarked, "The Roadmap will be a living plan that will inform our decisions and strategies for investing in the network and public safety."

Public safety input. To assess the most important needs of public safety, the FirstNet Authority has conducted over 600 engagements involving over 15,000 public safety representatives thus far in 2019. The feedback collected is driving the content and development of the Roadmap.

Roadmap domains. The FirstNet Authority identified six domains by which to ascertain and capture technology trends. At the meeting, FirstNet Authority executives, **Dave Buchanan**, Public Safety

Advocacy Executive Director, and **Jeremy Zollo**, Enterprise Strategy Division Executive Director, presented FirstNet Authority's vision for each domain:

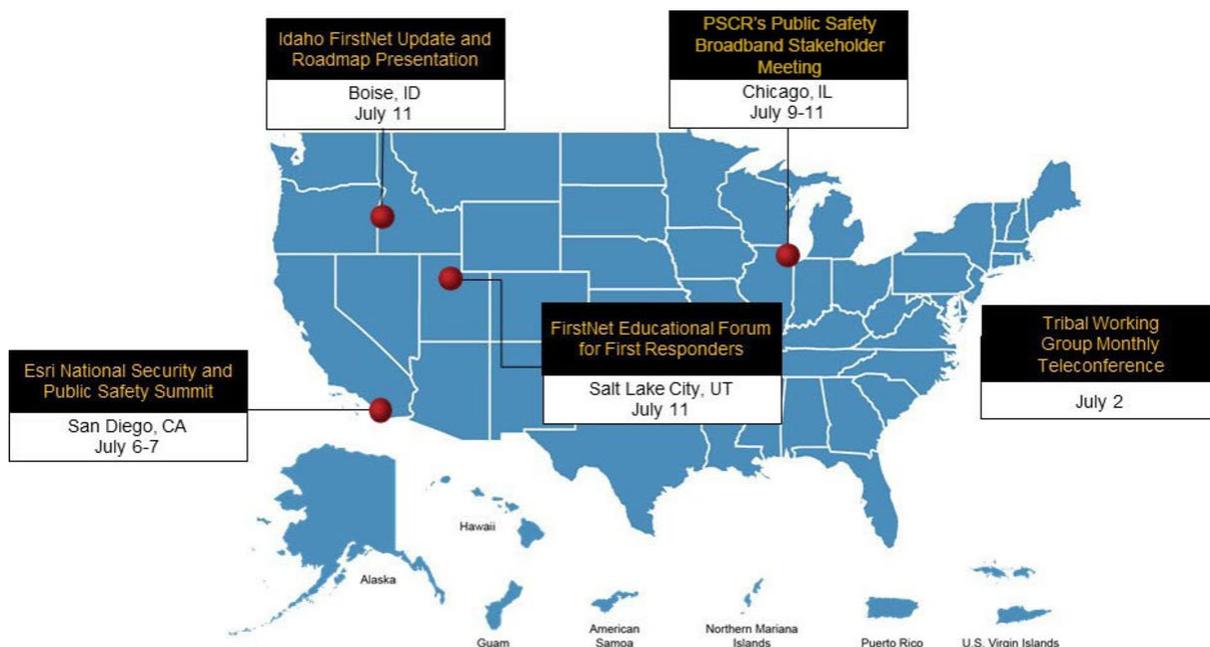
- **FirstNet network core:** Ensure the network is technologically current and supports the mission-critical features and capabilities that public safety needs.
- **Coverage and capacity:** Make the network available to public safety when and where they need it.
- **Situational awareness:** Provide real-time access, collection, and distribution of threats, hazards, and conditions tailored to public safety operations.
- **Voice communications:** Leverage all available voice-related technologies to ensure the most advanced features are available, including push-to-talk.
- **Secure information exchange:** Enable secure, reliable, and easy-to-use access and sharing of critical information across a variety of sources.
- **User experience:** Create an experience on the network driven by public safety operational needs that allows users to focus on their primary mission.

FirstNet user spotlight. At the meeting, Tyler Clements, Field Coordinator for the State of Indiana, shared his experience with [FirstNet's coverage and capability during the Terre Haute airshow](#), with record crowds and debilitating rain. He recalled, "One thing we did prior to the event is work with FirstNet to make sure the network was optimized. FirstNet was the only carrier that provided for us through that congestion throughout the event."

Public safety broadband award. The Board also announced the solicitation of nominations for the Chief Harlin R. McEwen Public Safety Broadband Communications Award. The award honors an individual who has displayed remarkable leadership or made significant contributions in public safety broadband communications. [Submit your nominations](#) by September 30.



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ROADMAP ENGAGEMENT

Iowa's Region VII Forum



Regional Engagement Focuses on Public Safety's Needs

The FirstNet Authority continued its collaboration with the Region VII states – Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri – when we convened for a recent FirstNet User Forum in Altoona, Iowa. The forum was hosted by the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System and brought together more than 115 stakeholders from public safety agencies to learn about the latest FirstNet developments and regional initiatives underway. We also shared updates about the FirstNet Authority Roadmap and captured input from participants.

[Read more about what first responders in Region VII states had to say about FirstNet](#)



Regional Coverage

[Op-ed: Why first responders need a dedicated communications network](#) (Houston Business Journal, TX, June 21)

As one of the most devastating storms to ever hit Texas, Hurricane Harvey taught us many lessons. One of the clearest is that we need to equip Houston's first responders and public servants with the strongest communications platform available – and now we can.

[AT&T says it has invested more than \\$15 million between 2016-2018 in its USVI wireless network](#) (The Virgin Islands Consortium, VI, June 19)

AT&T said this week that it has invested more than \$15 million in its U.S. Virgin Islands wireless network between the years 2016-2018. "These investments boost reliability, coverage, speed and overall performance for residents and businesses," the communications behemoth said in a release. "We've also improved critical services that support Public Safety and first responders using the FirstNet communications platform."

National Coverage

[Fresenius Medical Care North America Joins FirstNet - America's Public Safety](#)

[Communications Platform](#) (Fresenius Medical Care press release on Yahoo Finance, June 25)

Fresenius Medical Care North America (FMCNA), the nation's leading renal care company, is approved to join FirstNet – a new communications platform just for public safety. This new communication system will help ensure FMCNA employees stay connected during a natural disaster or emergency, allowing them to continue providing life-sustaining access to dialysis treatment for patients with kidney failure.

[Vehicle antennas enable FirstNet MIMO operation](#) (EDN Network, June 22)

Two MIMO antennas, the Gar and Barracuda from Laird Connectivity, offer multiband operation and Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) services for public safety, FirstNet, and aftermarket fleet applications.

[Can global tracking actually be safe? NYC's Crosby Tech is out to prove it.](#) (Grit Daily, June 18)

Crosby has also developed enterprise technology to keep first responders safe. Their FireTracker is a location tracking software for firefighters that is designed for compatibility with AT&T's FirstNet network (the company's public safety network). It offers precision tracking of fleets and firefighters, SOS functionality, and durability that will withstand rough emergency situations.

[MCC Expo Quick Take: Understanding FirstNET](#) (EfficientGov, June 19)

Speakers from FirstNet Authority and FirstNET at AT&T presented how the national public safety broadband network works, who can use it and four key local agency operational takeaways at the recent California Mobile Command Center Expo.

[L-Band Satellite Solutions Complement LTE MCPTT Systems in APAC Countries](#) (The Critical Communications Review, June 12)

For APAC, FirstNet provides tangible lessons in terms of driving interoperability and encouraging the use of MCPTT systems (the system brings a number of benefits, including access to 4G, increased network capacity and speed to mobile device users).



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Public Safety Roadmap Summit

At the Public Safety Roadmap Summit, FirstNet Authority staff met with nearly 100 stakeholders from across the nation to collect their feedback to inform a Roadmap for the network.

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@FirstNetGov #Tribal spent time touring the Big Cypress Reservation at Seminole this week. Understanding the geography and public safety needs is a priority



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