



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:

“All Hands on Deck” at 2019 IAFC’s Fire-Rescue International Conference

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) spent August 7-10 in Atlanta at the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Fire-Rescue International (FRI) conference and expo. The annual conference draws thousands of fire services leaders and first responders from around the world to hear from industry experts about emerging trends and hot topics impacting the fire and emergency response fields.

Throughout the conference, FirstNet Authority’s Public Safety Advocacy (PSA) team participated in over 30 policy committee meetings and 24 other FirstNet-related sessions. IAFC organized dozens of impressive panels ranging from terrorism and homeland security, drone use, mission critical push-to-talk, urban search and rescue, and hazardous materials.

Participants enjoyed hearing from FirstNet Authority about how FirstNet supports fire and EMS response, and the latest developments and future plans for the network. As the future priorities of the FirstNet Authority continue to gain attention nationwide, many discussions and questions pertained to the Roadmap.

Some of the panel sessions featuring FirstNet included:

Technology Council: FirstNet Board Member **Brian Crawford** and FirstNet area directors **Mike Worrell** and **Michael Varney** opened the meeting with remarks focused on the Roadmap's domains – the FirstNet Core, coverage and capacity, situational awareness, voice communications, secure information exchange and user experience. Michael topped off the discussion with the latest network statistics to showcase how FirstNet is taking shape across both rural regions and urban centers across the country. From there, facilitated interactive break-out sessions gave participants the opportunity to engage with the FirstNet Authority on their agencies' operational experience within the Roadmap's domains.

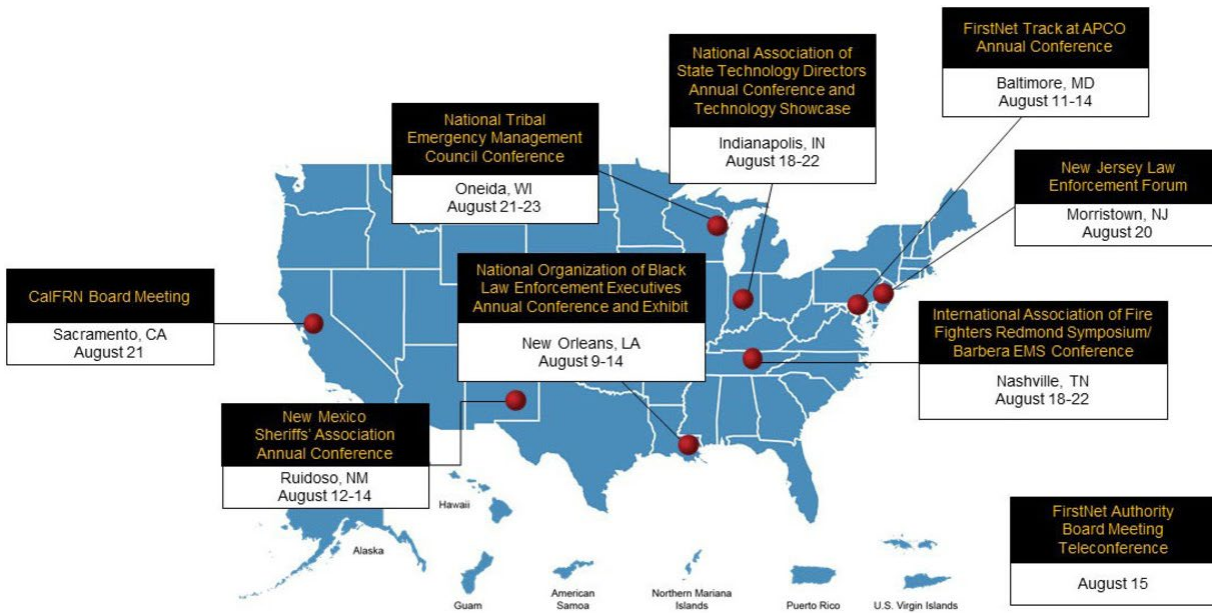
Land Mobile Radio and LTE: **Mike Worrell** and the FirstNet Authority's Senior Public Safety Advisor Kevin Nida led a FirstNet Committee Meeting presentation entitled LMR and LTE System Integration for Fire. Public safety agencies learned more about the possibility and benefits of LMR-LTE integration, as well as how FirstNet can augment and enhance future broadband use.

Terrorism and Homeland Security: Kevin Nida discussed the Roadmap and an overview of FirstNet's goals, future network plans, and FirstNet differentiators from commercial offerings.

IAFC-FRI 2019 was an important opportunity to connect with fire and EMS colleagues and receive input that will continue to shape the network's future. The FirstNet Authority thanks IAFC-FRI organizers for the opportunity to work closely with leaders within fire and emergency medical services.



Select Upcoming Public Safety Advocacy Engagements



FirstNet in Action



New FirstNet Cell Sites Launch in Warren County to Support Public Safety

Warren County’s first responders are getting a major boost in their wireless communications with the addition of two new, purpose-built cell sites. The sites – located in Warrenton and near Lake Gaston – are part of the FirstNet network expansion taking place in North Carolina, which is bringing increased coverage, capacity and capability to first responders across the state.

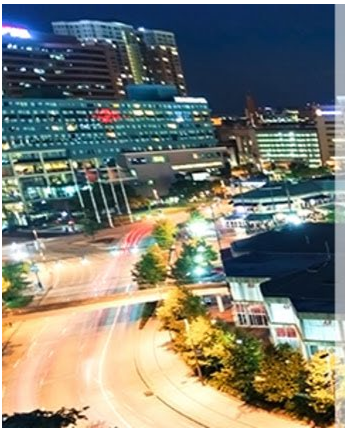
[Read more about the launch of FirstNet’s newest cell sites in rural America](#)



Working Together to Transform Public Safety Communications

Over the last 50 years, major U.S. industries—aerospace, automobile, energy, consumer electronics and more—have implemented significant technological changes to adapt to the shifting and growing demands of consumers. Just as these industries have evolved with the digital age, so too is the emergency communications industry, which is undergoing a major transformation with the arrival of FirstNet—the only nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to first responders.

[See why FirstNet Board Member Paul Patrick calls FirstNet a catalyst for public safety communications](#)



Connect with the First Responder Network Authority at APCO 2019

A sure sign of summer is the arrival of APCO International's Annual Conference and Expo! This year's event will include the first-ever FirstNet track, featuring panels and sessions about the nation's only broadband network dedicated to public safety. FirstNet Authority leadership and public safety representatives will be in Baltimore from August 11-14 to discuss the latest FirstNet developments and operational use cases nationwide, and to provide a special announcement about the FirstNet Authority Roadmap.

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Regional Coverage

[Pa. county switches to FirstNet for first responders](#) (EMS1 via the Daily Item, Sunbury PA, July 24)

[DOCOMO PACIFIC to assist with FirstNet in the Marianas](#) (The Guam Daily Post, GU, July 24)

National Coverage

[Duck goes all in on FirstNet](#) (GCN, August 1)

[AT&T contract with DOJ worth up to \\$984 million includes FirstNet access for more than 40 federal agencies](#) (Urgent Communications, July 31)

[AT&T to Complete 70% of FirstNet Service by 2019](#) (ExecutiveBiz, July 29)

[FirstNet-Certified Visual Labs Turns Phones into Body Cams](#) (Government Technology, July 29)



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Two new, purpose-built [#FirstNet](#) cell sites were unveiled in Warren County, NC this week. Learn how the sites are bolstering coverage in this [#rural](#) community and helping first responders communicate when and where they need to: firstnet.gov/newsroom/press...

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Looking forward to a great week @FireRescueIntl to network and get great education with many great fire and emergency service leaders. #FirstNet #FRI2019 @FirstNet



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We're gearing up for #APCO2019! Check out our blog for a full list of #FirstNetAuthority speakers and details about our panels, which will address hot topics like #NG911, #RuralBroadband, and public safety apps: firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/...

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Visiting the Boulder Lab with the FirstNet PSA Team



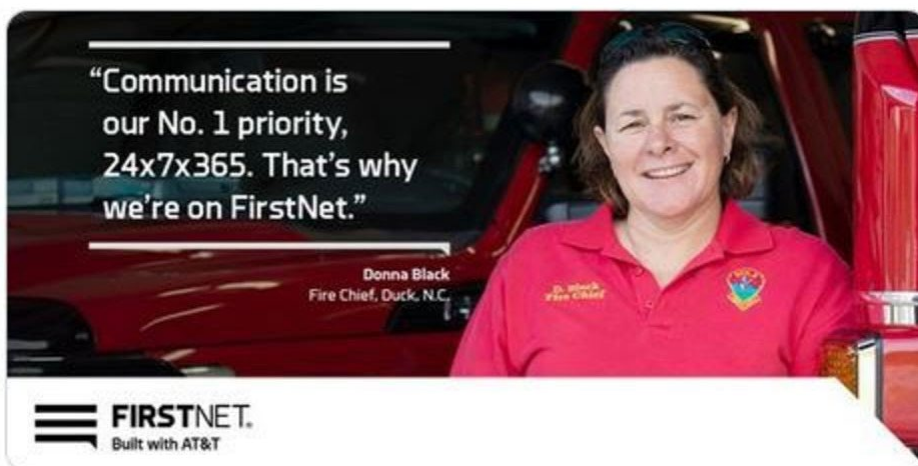
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“Communication is our No. 1 priority – 24 x 7 x 365. That’s why we’re on FirstNet.” Read more from Duck, NC Fire Chief Donna Black for how they rely on FirstNet for day-to-day communications: my.firstnet.com/9601d7b2



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