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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 outreach enhances FirstNet experience across New Hampshire and the rest of Region 1

This week, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) travels to the Granite State to host two FirstNet User Forums – for New Hampshire (Sept. 10) and Region 1 (Sept. 11). Throughout the events, first responders from across the Northeast will have the opportunity to learn more about FirstNet and how the nationwide network will create a dedicated and differentiated broadband experience to transform public safety operations and help save lives.

On September 10, **John Stevens**, New Hampshire Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, will open the New Hampshire FirstNet User Forum by introducing **New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu**.

FirstNet Authority's **Edward Parkinson** will also deliver an executive update on the FirstNet public-private partnership and the FirstNet Authority's work, including the recently released FirstNet Authority Roadmap. In particular, he will discuss the Public Safety Advocacy (PSA) team's recent outreach efforts surrounding the Roadmap to ensure that public safety's input will continue to help shape the network's future. Additionally, Stacy Schwartz, AT&T Vice President for Public Safety and FirstNet, will give a FirstNet network update.
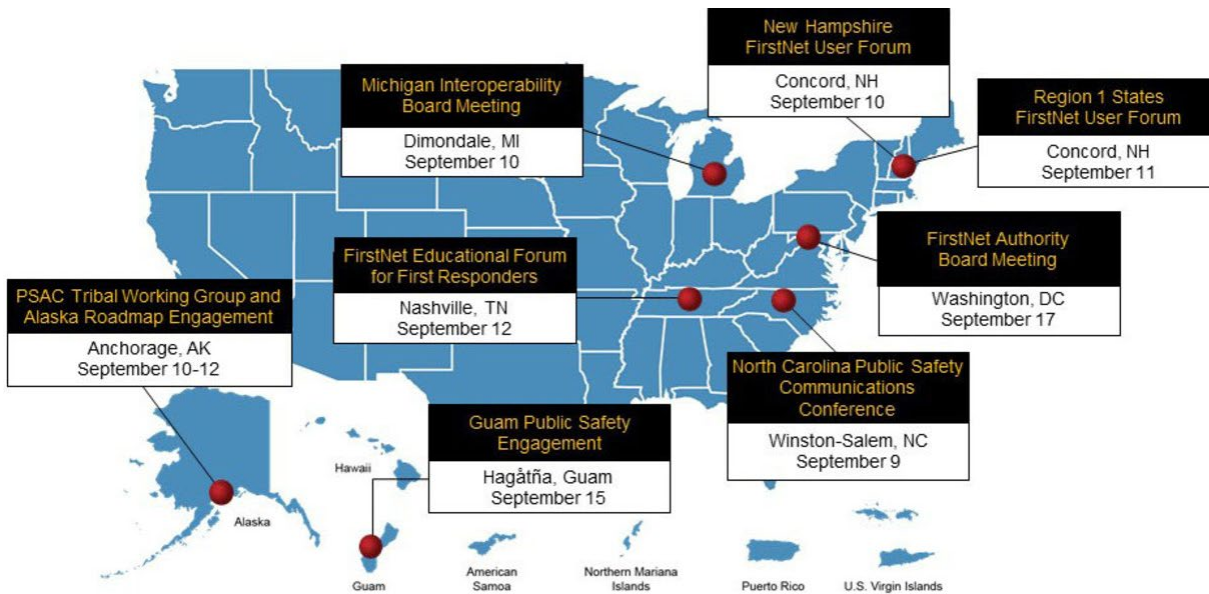
The day will conclude with Colonel (Ret.) **Danny Stebbins** from the Connecticut State Police sharing communication lessons learned when responding to the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown.

On both days, FirstNet Authority Executive Director of Public Safety Advocacy **Dave Buchanan** plans an in depth Roadmap presentation that will highlight the top priorities for the six technology domains – the FirstNet Core, Coverage and Capacity, Situational Awareness, Voice Communications, Secure Information Exchange, and User Experience. The PSA advocacy team will follow up with a series of sessions focused on network functionalities that enhance the FirstNet experience, including: operational push-to-talk, deployables, and other on-demand and location services.

The FirstNet Authority is grateful for the opportunity to continue its work with the State of New Hampshire and the other Region 1 states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Select Upcoming Public Safety Advocacy Engagements

Michigan Interoperability Board Meeting
Dimondale, MI
September 10

New Hampshire FirstNet User Forum
Concord, NH
September 10

Region 1 States FirstNet User Forum
Concord, NH
September 11

FirstNet Educational Forum for First Responders
Nashville, TN
September 12

FirstNet Authority Board Meeting
Washington, DC
September 17

PSAC Tribal Working Group and Alaska Roadmap Engagement
Anchorage, AK
September 10-12

Guam Public Safety Engagement
Hagåtña, Guam
September 15

North Carolina Public Safety Communications Conference
Winston-Salem, NC
September 9

Hawaii
Alaska
Guam
American Samoa
Northern Mariana Islands
Puerto Rico
U.S. Virgin Islands

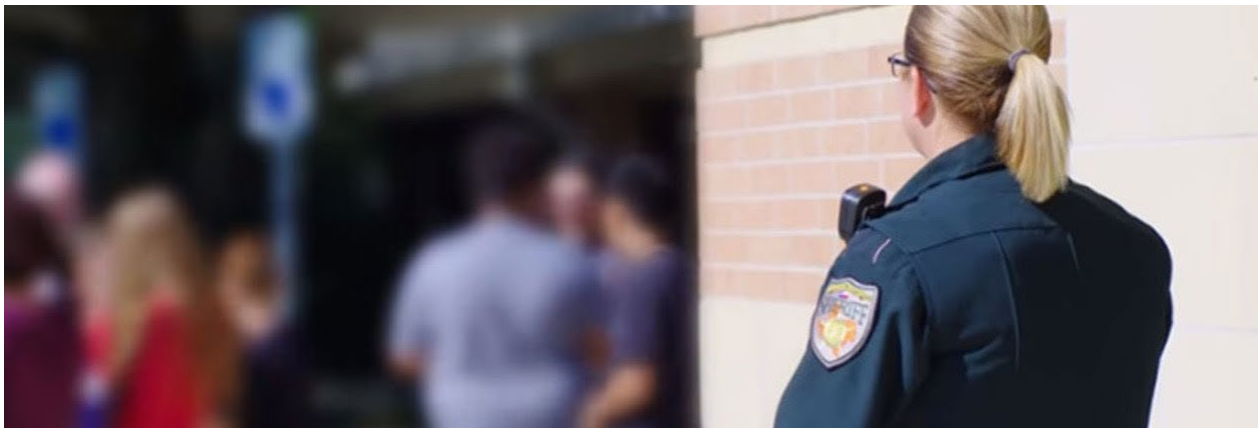**The Tech to Protect Challenge is coming to a city near you**

As first responders, you face unique communications challenges. How could a mobile app help you with your operations? The [Tech-to-Protect Challenge](#) needs YOUR public safety expertise. On Sept. 27-29, the Tech to Protect Challenge will host its first round of code-a-thons in five cities: Chicago; College Station, TX; Denver; Pittsburgh; and Washington, DC. You can support a code-a-thon near you by serving as a knowledge resource for participants. You can also submit your own solutions to the coding contests. Register for a code-a-thon here: www.techtoprotectchallenge.org/participate-in-person

Email info@techtoprotectchallenge.org or visit www.techtoprotectchallenge.org/emergency-responders to learn more about how you or your agency can get involved.

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FirstNet in Action

Texas City Independent School District (ISD) Experiences FirstNet Benefits First-Hand

FirstNet services are available to an extended community of entities that support public safety's emergency response, like schools, colleges, and healthcare facilities. One of those satisfied subscribers is the Texas City ISD in Texas City, Texas.

[Read how FirstNet helped the Texas City Independent School District communicate during two incidents](#)

New FirstNet Cell Site Launches in Talbot County to Support Public Safety

Talbot County's first responders are getting a major boost in their wireless communications with the addition of a new, purpose-built cell site. The site – located in Tilghman Island – is part of the FirstNet network expansion taking place in Maryland, which is bringing increased coverage, capacity, and capability to first responders across the state.

[Hear what Maryland Delegate Johnny Mautz and others had to say about the new site](#)

Podcast: All things Roadmap

In this episode, host Dave Buchanan sits down with FirstNet Authority Executive Director of Enterprise Strategy Jeremy Zollo to discuss the newly released FirstNet Authority Roadmap and what it means for public safety.

[Learn more about the Roadmap and what happens next](#) (and don't forget to [subscribe](#)!)

 FirstNet in the news

Regional Coverage

[New FirstNet Cell Site in Tilghman Island](#) (WMDT ABC 47, August 27) *News coverage on FirstNet begins at 17:34:41*

[Stark County public safety agencies adopt new communications platform that connects all first responders](#) (WOIO 19 News, Cleveland, OH, August 28)

['It will save lives,' Columbia First Responders receive new communication technology](#) (WLTX CBS 19, Columbia, SC, August 19)

[Parma Fire Department connects to nationwide first responder communications platform](#) (Cleveland.com, OH, August 19)

National Coverage

[FirstNet making an impact early in three communities, speakers say](#) (Urgent Communications, August 28)

[EMS: Kevin McGinnis describes broadband effect on rural-patient treatment, impact of new ET3 model](#) (Urgent Communications, August 28)

[National first responder network becoming reality after nearly 20 years](#) (Federal News Network, August 19)

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"We were amazed that we had broadband coverage during the @ProFootballHOF events this year. In the past we know when attendees started using their phones we couldn't. But this year we were able to use @FirstNet to communicate, including to the PD & FD." - @StarkSheriff Maier

Stark Sheriff

Edward Parkinson
@EdPFirstNet

Terrific to host our international partners in Boulder today. 19 nations, almost 60 representatives from governments across 4 continents. Public safety broadband is going global and the market is growing. Amazing to see the progress around the world. @FirstNetGov

Cutting the ribbon on @FirstNetGov new #cell tower on Tilghman Island with local Maryland officials & Acting Assistant Secretary @dianerinaldo