



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVOCACY UPDATE | NOVEMBER 4, 2019



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FEATURED ADVOCACY ACTIVITY

FirstNet Authority team connects with police chiefs at 2019 IACP conference

The 2019 **International Association of Chiefs of Police** (IACP) Annual Conference and Exposition in Chicago last week attracted more than 18,000 attendees from around the world. The conference, which is held concurrently with the Major Cities Chiefs (MCC) and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), gave the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) an opportunity to engage with law enforcement leaders on a range of topics, including the latest technological trends, developments and strategies to help shape 21st century policing.

From October 26th to 29th the FirstNet Authority team updated IACP committees about and discussed future plans for the FirstNet network and public safety engagement. In a meeting with the IACP Communication and Technology Committee, FirstNet Authority Executive Director of External Affairs **Ed Parkinson** and FirstNet Authority Senior Law Enforcement Advisor **Harry Markley** engaged police chiefs and law enforcement to learn more about operational needs for the FirstNet network. This feedback will help guide and enhance FirstNet's engagement in the coming months.

Additionally, the FirstNet Authority hosted two panels about incorporating technology into operations and debunking myths surrounding the FirstNet network.

Bill Schrier, FirstNet Authority Senior Public Safety Advisor, led a widely attended session called, "Use of Smart Phones and Tablets by Patrol Officers". Over 700 participants were in attendance to hear from FirstNet subscribers

from law enforcement agencies in Arizona, California, Hawaii, New York, and Oregon. Patrol officers discussed how FirstNet buildout is helping improve coverage and capacity for mobile devices needs through the use of: push-to-talk over LTE, Band 14 enabled/supported smart devices, FirstNet hotspots, mobile data and video streaming, and commonly used public safety applications that augment emergency response and patrol duties.

FirstNet Authority Senior Director of Products **Dr. Jennifer Harder** hosted “Myth busters: Get Answers to Your Questions about the FirstNet Network,” during which she discussed common misconceptions and widely asked questions about the FirstNet network. The interactive session was a hands-on opportunity for audience members to ask specific questions about their operational and functional needs and receive pointed advice from a FirstNet expert on their most pressing emergency communication challenges and needs.

The FirstNet Authority team would like to thank the IACP conference organizers and leadership for hosting this important event. We look forward to future collaboration with police chiefs and law enforcement to help shape and grow the FirstNet network.

FirstNet Authority Survey

The FirstNet Authority has commissioned an independent marketing research firm to conduct a survey to gather public safety feedback on our programs and activities. Ignited USA sent the survey last week – it should only take 10-15 minutes to complete. Your answers will help us further understand and assist public safety individuals and organizations with their needs. Thank you for your participation and feedback.

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS



In-Person Events

SAFECOM/NCSWIC Joint Meeting

Nov. 5, Miami, FL

AAA 2019 Conference

Nov. 4-6, Nashville, TN

New York State SIEC Board Meeting

Nov. 6, Albany, NY

Ski Mountain Trauma Conference

Nov. 7-8, Sun Valley, ID

APCO Mid-Atlantic

Nov. 11-13, Falmouth, MA

National Conference on EMS

Nov. 11-16, Atlantic City, NJ

FirstNet Educational Forum for First Responders

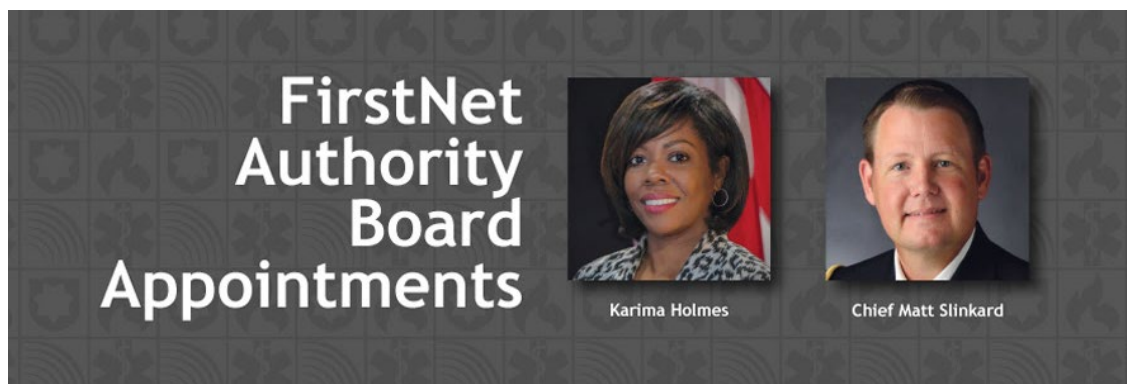
Nov. 12, Milwaukee, WI

Webinars and Teleconferences

Tribal Working Group Monthly Teleconference

November 12

FIRSTNET IN ACTION



U.S. Department of Commerce Announces Two Appointments to First Responder Network Authority Board

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced the appointment of two leaders in public safety and law enforcement to serve on the Board of the First Responder Network Authority.

[Learn about the newest members of the FirstNet Authority Board.](#)



EDA, NIST, and the FirstNet Authority Announce \$1 Million Interagency Disaster Challenge

Three U.S. Department of Commerce agencies have launched a first-of-its-kind interagency challenge focused on accelerating innovations for disaster response and resilience technology.

[Find out more about this \\$1 million grant challenge.](#)



A New Approach to Public Safety Engagement Focused on Roadmap Priorities

The FirstNet Authority has always relied on input and feedback from public safety. With the release of the Roadmap, the FirstNet Authority is continuing this engagement with stakeholders in a new, targeted manner. David Buchanan, FirstNet Authority Executive Director of Public Safety, describes this new approach and how it will help inform the evolution and improvement of the network.

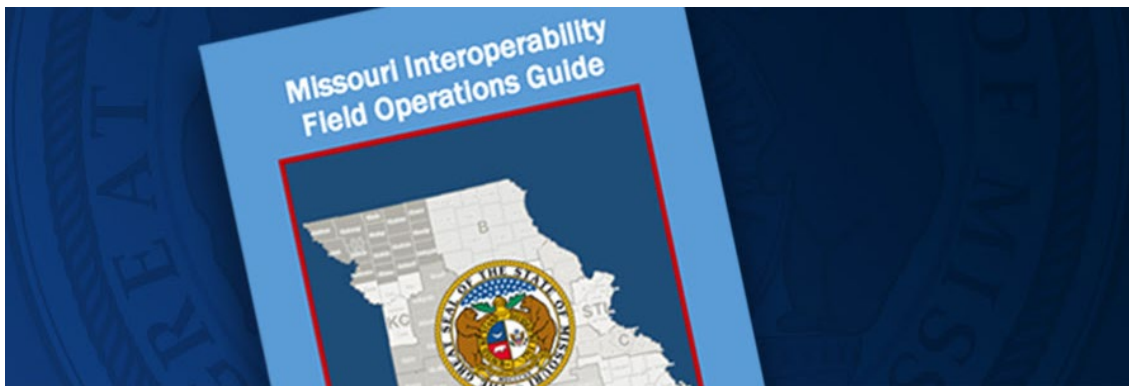
[Read how the FirstNet Authority will be engaging with stakeholders in 2020.](#)



FirstNet Helps Save Lives during Gas Outage in Rhode Island

In January 2019, a gas outage in Newport County, RI left over 7,100 residents without heat in frigid temperatures. Mike Varney, FirstNet Authority Director of Field Operations for the Northeast Region, details how ruggedized FirstNet Devices, WiFi hotspots, and GIS mapping software helped the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency and local public safety agencies ensure residents were safe.

[Learn more about how real-time access to data helped make public safety's response more efficient.](#)



FirstNet added to Missouri Field Operations Guide to support communications interoperability

As mobile broadband communications become increasingly embedded in public safety operations, states are updating policy and process documents to account for this new way of communicating. Recently, the Missouri Department of Public Safety updated the Missouri Field Operations Guide, a statewide reference tool that outlines established and trusted interoperable communications solutions for first responders, to include FirstNet.

[Find out how the Missouri Department of Public Safety incorporated FirstNet into the state's resource guide.](#)



PODCAST: How Drones Enhance First Responders' Situational Awareness

In the latest installment of the FirstNet Authority Roadmap podcast series, Senior Public Safety Advisor David Cook is joined by CEO and co-founder of SkyFire Consulting Matt Sloane to discuss how drones are enhancing situational awareness for first responders.

Download the podcast and find out how public safety agencies are using drones. (And don't forget to **subscribe!**)



FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

Motorola Solutions' Next Generation APX NEXT Smart Radio Brings New Intelligence and Technology to Public Safety

Valdosta Daily Time, GA, October 24

A creative way to fight the opioid crisis

Repost from South Bend Tribune on Daily Journal, IN, October 23

AT&T celebrates opening of 190-foot-tall cell tower at Hoover Met Complex

280 Living, AL, October 21

National Coverage

AT&T's Stacy Schwartz: Seattle Fire Dept Adopts FirstNet Platform for First Responder Comms

GovConWire, October 22

Commerce Department announces two appointments to FirstNet Board

Homeland Preparedness News, October 21



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Can You Develop A Winning Prototype? | Austin Handle, police officer and D.C. [#TechToProtect](#) winner, wants to get his self-made application, Apollo AI (or Apollo), into the hands of emergency responders.

Read how he won \$8,500 for his Contest 6 solution:



Tech to Protect Challenge Winner: How One Police Officer Built His Own AI Appli...
Before Austin Handle entered the Tech to Protect Challenge, he had a major goal in mind—to get his self-made application, Apollo AI (or Apollo), into the hands ...
[techtprotectchallenge.org](#)

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[#FirstNet](#) in the News: [@MesaFireDept](#) Deputy Chief Brian Yox shares how [@FirstNet](#) capabilities like priority and preemption combated congestion at large events like [#ThePeoplesOpen](#). Listen to the interview via [@kjzzphoenix](#): [kjzz.org/content/120163...](#)
[#FirstNetinAction](#)



New FirstNet System Allows First Responder Communication
The FirstNet system was put in place by Congress after 9/11 to provide a way for first responders to communicate with each other, especially during emergencies, ...
[kjzz.org](#)



Priority and preemption are key. Find out how @FirstNet supports law enforcement. #IACP2019 [firstnet.gov/public-safety/...](http://firstnet.gov/public-safety/)



At panel on delivering mission critical services at #MWCLA2019- "FirstNet was born out of 9/11 and we met with public safety to understand needs. Now we are delivering a dedicated private network: growing adoption, more than 100 devices and apps specifically for them" @EdPFirstNet



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