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FEATURED ADVOCACY ACTIVITY

First Responder Network Authority engages with Emergency Management leadership at IAEM Annual Conference and Expo

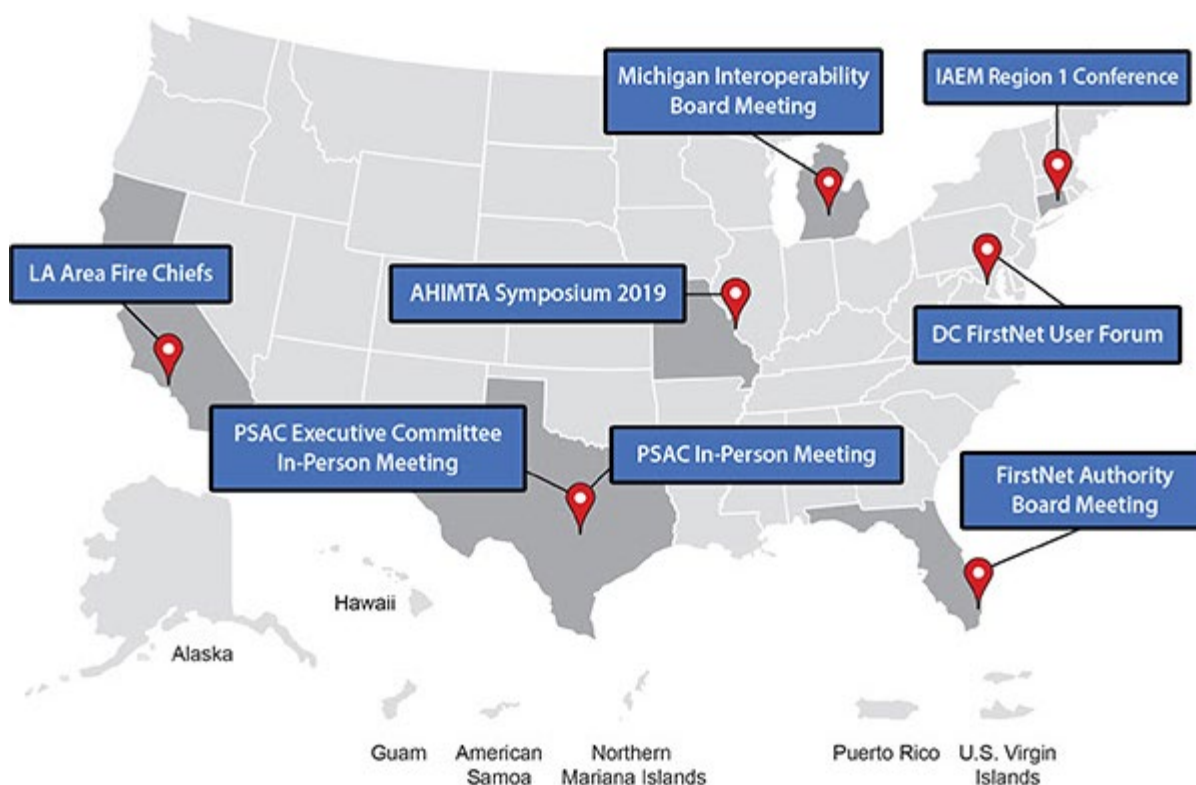
With Georgia on its mind, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) team traveled to Savannah to participate in the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) 67th Annual Conference and EMEX exposition. The six day conference – from November 15th to 20th – attracted nearly 2,000 stakeholders from the emergency management (EM) community, including local, state, federal, and tribal emergency managers, homeland security officials, first responder coordinators, risk managers, and other thought leaders in the field.

Throughout the week, emergency managers gathered to discuss many of the demands and realities they face during incident response, including preparedness, resiliency, recovery, and available technologies that support their mission. These sessions were beneficial to the FirstNet Authority team to learn more about EM's most pressing communications and operational needs. This input will inform the evolution of the network to help emergency managers prepare for risks and deliver essential emergency services during disasters.

The FirstNet Authority team also operated a FirstNet booth during the EMEX expo to discuss current capabilities and future plans for the nationwide network. With over 100 stakeholders visiting the booth, FirstNet Authority experts delivered **presentations**, answered questions about FirstNet's capabilities, and discussed upcoming plans for the **FirstNet Authority Roadmap**.

The FirstNet Authority team looks forward to the IAEM annual conference every year as an important opportunity to engage with emergency management on their communications needs. IAEM is **represented on the FirstNet Authority's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) by Joe Sastre**, a longtime leader in the public safety and emergency management community. Thank you to the IAEM team for hosting another successful and well-attended conference. We look forward to continuing to work together to ensure emergency management's voice is part of FirstNet's future.

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS



In-Person Events

FirstNet Authority Board Meeting

Dec. 5, Hollywood, FL

AHIMTA Symposium 2019

Dec. 6, St. Louis, MO

PSAC Executive Committee In-Person Meeting

Dec. 9, Austin, TX

PSAC In-Person Meeting

Dec. 10, Austin, TX

Michigan Interoperability Board Meeting

Dec. 10, Dimondale, MI

DC FirstNet User Forum

Dec. 12, Washington, DC

LA Area Fire Chiefs

Dec. 12, Los Angeles, CA

IAEM Region 1 Conference

Dec. 13-14, Storrs, CT

FIRSTNET IN ACTION



Winners Announced in Public Safety Haptics Challenge

The National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Public Safety Communications Research Division announced the winners of its **Haptic Interfaces for Public Safety Challenge**, a contest aimed to leverage haptic technologies to enhance first responder operations.

[Learn more about the challenge and the winners.](#)



Virginia Statewide Interoperability Coordinator on FirstNet, public safety tech, and the Roadmap

FirstNet Authority Senior Public Safety Advisor Lori Stone sits down with the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Statewide

Interoperability Coordinator Tom Crabbs to discuss FirstNet, how first responders are exploring and adapting cutting-edge technologies, and how the FirstNet Authority is helping public safety agencies nationwide advance operations.

Find out how public safety agencies in Virginia are leveraging FirstNet.

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

Machias signs purchase and sale for cell tower lot

Machias Valley News Observer, ME, Nov. 20

Tyndall Air Force Base to become one of first military bases in U.S. with 5G service

WXTL Tallahassee, FL, Nov. 21

National Coverage

Winners announced in NIST first responders challenge

Homeland Preparedness News, Nov. 25

Number of FirstNet-Certified Devices Tops 160

MissionCritical Communications, Nov. 21

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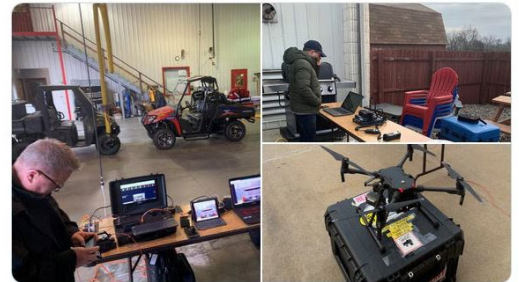
Rich Carrizzo
@SPFPDFireChief

Presentations happening right now. Be sure to be at the Roadmap portion later in the session to help @FirstNetGov make decisions to move your #publicsafety only network forward. @hopsing1387 @chiefvarney



Integrated Public Safety Commission
@IPSC_Indiana

Earlier today the Disaster Communications Workgroup, made up of state agency emergency response and communication personnel conducted Satellite demonstration. This leading-edge technology, incorporates #FirstNet for future satellite communication augmentations.





It's #NationalRuralHealthDay! Discover the many ways @FirstNet is enhancing patient care for our nation's #rural communities, including through #telehealth and community para-medicine programs: firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/... #PowerofRural



Traveled to KS for the Kansas FirstNet User Forum. Junction City Mayor Landes and Fire Chief Johnson kicked off the day. Junction City is an early adopter and public safety leader on FirstNet. Looking forward to first responder feedback this week @FirstNetGov @SSgtKRich



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