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FEATURED ADVOCACY ACTIVITY



CES 2020: FirstNet Authority highlights innovation for public safety

From January 7-11, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) participated in CES and [CES Government](#) (CESG). For the FirstNet Authority, the world's largest and most influential technology conference of the year was an opportunity to witness and discuss the newest tools and techniques designed to enhance emergency response and recovery for first responders.

Throughout the conference, the FirstNet Authority team engaged with innovators, technology-enthusiasts, and public safety thought leaders about FirstNet's deployment status, nationwide expansion of the network, and plans for 2020.

To kick off the FirstNet Authority's participation, Senior Product Director, **Dr. Jennifer Harder**, took part in the panel discussion "Network Infrastructure is Key to Smart Cities." Jen's remarks focused on public safety working as a major economic engine for the smart city ecosystem. The discussion emphasized the role smart infrastructure plays supporting first responders with response and recovery, which in turn helps communities rebuild faster.

Speaking at a CESG session, FirstNet Authority's Senior Public Safety Advisor **Bill Schrier** drew attention to the potential for new technologies in policing in "Technologies to Fight Crime, Terrorism and Protect the Homeland." Also at CESG, **Ed Parkinson** delivered the plenary keynote address, "Accelerating Innovation for Public Safety." Ed discussed FirstNet's growing influence on driving the public safety marketplace in new directions, including delivering new solutions that enhance on-demand coverage, and FirstNet's increasing momentum nationwide with over **one**

million connections. Ed also touched on plans for the network in 2020, including push-to-talk, standards for mission-critical location based services, video and data, and enhancing FirstNet's 5G-ready dedicated core.

Throughout the conference, the FirstNet Authority team worked with **Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR)** colleagues at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to engage attendees on PSCR programs, research, and funding opportunities for public safety.

We would like to applaud the Consumer Technology Association for hosting another successful CES and CESG. The FirstNet Authority was pleased to participate and share our progress on building a network that provides lifesaving technologies to our nation's first responders.

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS



In-Person Events

CNMI Workshops

Jan. 13-17, Saipan, CNMI

DC Interoperability Communications Committee Meeting

Jan. 14, Washington, DC

Los Angeles Fire Chiefs

Jan. 16, Los Angeles

Ohio Winter 2020 SIEC Meeting

Jan. 22, Columbus, OH

Cal Chiefs 2020 Fire Operations Technology Summit

Jan. 22, Redlands, CA



FIRSTNET IN ACTION



Using and Developing Apps on FirstNet: The next phase of public safety communications

A robust broadband ecosystem for public safety demands a proven pool of mobile apps based on the needs of the responder community. The FirstNet applications strategy is to enable the creation of public safety mobile applications while maintaining support for existing commercial applications.

Check out how public safety agencies are using apps in their everyday operations.



A Growing and Diverse Ecosystem of FirstNet Devices

In a world where technology trends are ever changing, the FirstNet Authority and our network contractor, AT&T, are working diligently to deliver a dedicated public safety broadband network. In addition to a reliable and secure connection, we are working with AT&T to build a diverse device ecosystem that will meet the needs of public safety.

See how the FirstNet Authority is ensuring devices are cost-efficient, built to last, and have the features first responders need.



The FirstNet Ecosystem: Spurring Innovation

As technology rapidly evolves, more and more tools are becoming available to first responders. Over the past year, the FirstNet Authority has supported several innovation contests that encourage entrepreneurs, researchers, and public safety professionals to develop solutions to assist emergency responders.

Discover how the FirstNet Authority is partnering with other agencies to promote innovation in public safety technologies.



City of Annapolis Comes Together to Provide Reliable Communications to Public Safety Agencies

Historic Annapolis, Maryland hosts nearly two million tourists annually, and public safety officials are responsible for protecting these visitors and local residents throughout the town and in the surrounding Chesapeake Bay. City leadership recognizes the necessity of reliable communications for these first responders and is rolling out FirstNet city-wide.

Read more about this initiative and how it is benefiting Annapolis' public safety community.



FirstNet Cell Site Launches in Yamhill County (Oregon) to Support Public Safety

First responders in Yamhill and Washington counties are getting a major boost in their wireless communications with the launch of a FirstNet cell site. The site – located in rural Yamhill County – is part of the FirstNet network expansion taking place in Oregon, which brings purpose-built coverage, capacity, and capability to first responders across the state.

[Find out how FirstNet is improving communication capabilities for first responders in Oregon.](#)



New FirstNet Cell Site Launches in Clinton County (Pennsylvania) to Support Public Safety

A new purpose-built FirstNet site is bringing first responders in Clinton County, Pennsylvania increased coverage and capacity.

[Learn how this site will connect Pennsylvania's first responders.](#)



PODCAST: Derry Police Department, NH – One Year on FirstNet

In this episode, Captain George Feole of the Derry Police Department in New Hampshire reflects on the agency's first year operating on FirstNet, highlighting the different ways the network has transformed operations and enhanced coverage for local police.

[Hear why priority and preemption are critical to the Derry Police Department](#) (and don't forget to **subscribe!**).

Regional Coverage

Colorado Springs expands public safety communications capabilities

Woodmen Edition, CO, Dec. 31

Digital Cities Winners Focus Tech on Issues, Services

Techwire, CA, Dec. 23

AT&T boosts network speeds for Alton

The Laconia Daily Sun, NH, Dec. 23

National Coverage

FirstNet-approved device list names 163 smartphones, tablets, laptops

StateScoop, Dec. 30

FirstNet One deployable blimp provides LTE coverage option for longer-term response efforts

Urgent Communications, Dec. 23



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.@SCCSSAR experienced firsthand how @FirstNet helps #firstresponders communicate, even in the most remote areas. The ability to remain connected keeps responders safer and helps #publicsafety better serve their communities. about.att.com/story/2019/fn_...
#RuralBroadband #SAR

"In remote areas of the county, communications have always been a challenge. And if we can't communicate, we can't see if our teams are safe or obtain the latest rescue status from those in the field. FirstNet is solving for this, giving us on-demand access to the connectivity we need when our community needs us the most."

Technical Rescue Coordinator Rusty Wackermann
Santa Clara County Sheriff Search and Rescue

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Great to represent @ibm #CodeandResponse at #CES2020 🇺🇸 and engage our ecosystem with @sharichiara! We're inspired by the impact of @CTAFoundation, @WorldBank and @FirstNetGov — and how we can make the 🌍 better, together! 🙌🌞
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Standing by, ready for America's Party in #vegas for #NYE2020 . Let's make it a safe one. @LasVegasFD @FirstNetGov



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