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FEATURED ADVOCACY ACTIVITY



AT&T Showcase Features FirstNet at Washington State Capitol

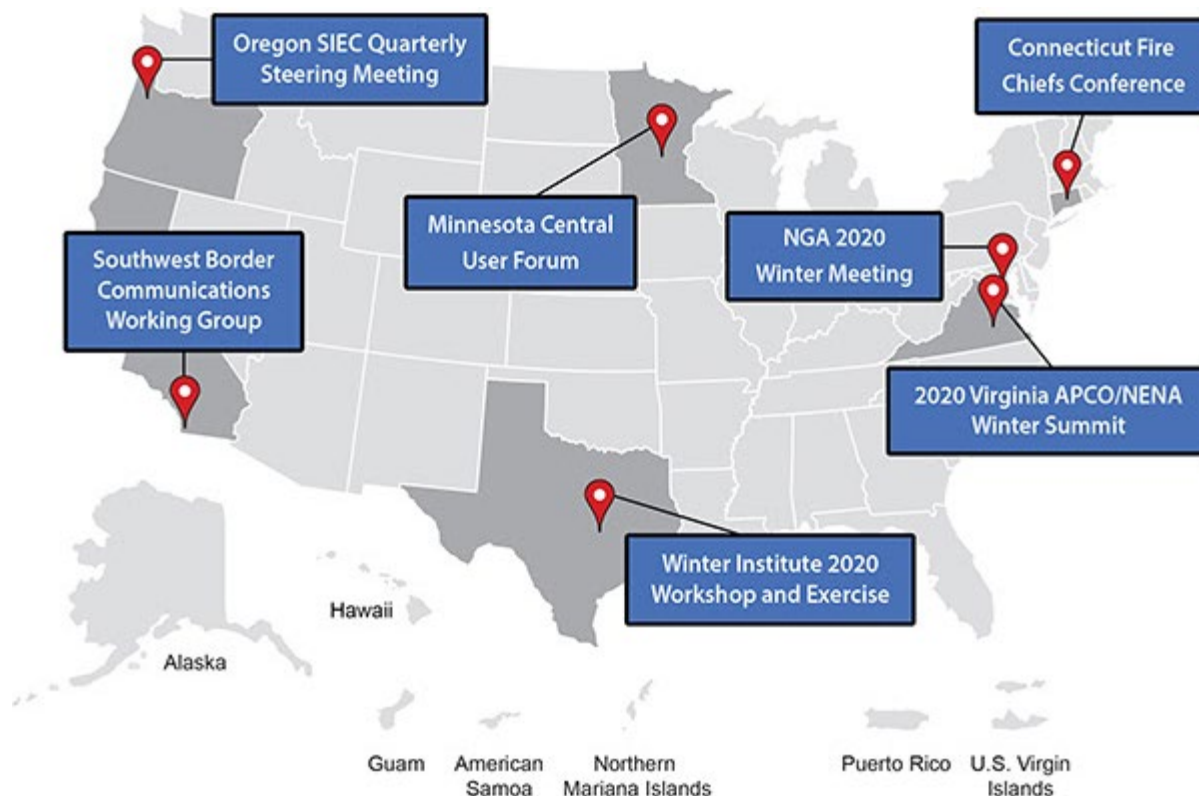
On January 22, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) joined AT&T's FirstNet team in Olympia, Washington for the **Network Disaster Recovery (NDR) Showcase**. State legislators and public safety officials from around the state gathered on the Capitol grounds to learn about FirstNet deployable assets and how they help keep first responders connected when disasters strike.

The day-long program featured FirstNet Authority Senior Advisor **Bill Schrier** discussing the impact FirstNet has nationwide with over one million connections across more than 10,000 public safety agencies. **Mark Glenn**, Chief Information Officer for the Washington Military Department, followed with remarks explaining collaborative efforts with partners like FirstNet during disaster response and recovery efforts.

Participants then toured the NDR Showcase and a demonstration of FirstNet's deployable network assets and supporting equipment, including: a FirstNet Satellite COLT (Cell on Light Truck), a HAZMAT Response Truck, a Mobile Retail Truck, a FirstNet Flying COW™ (Cell on Wings) display, and a Disaster Recovery Technology Trailer. Through this demonstration, participants were able to see firsthand how FirstNet-AT&T ensures the quick recovery of communications for first responders during emergency response. The NDR deployed over 500 times last year for planned and unplanned events, including the deployment of resources across Washington State to assist response efforts during the Juniper Tree, Keller, and Red Canyon wildfires.

The FirstNet Authority team was pleased to be invited to participate in this event showcasing how valuable the FirstNet network is to public safety.

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS



In-Person Events

Winter Institute 2020 Workshop and Exercise

Jan. 27-31, College Station, TX

Connecticut Fire Chiefs Conference

Jan. 28, Glastonbury, CT

Southwest Border Communications Working Group

Jan. 28-29, San Diego, CA

Oregon SIEC Quarterly Steering Meeting

Jan. 31, Salem, OR

2020 Virginia APCO/NENA Winter Summit

Feb. 4, Chesterfield, VA

Minnesota Central User Forum

Feb. 5, St. Cloud, MN

NGA 2020 Winter Meeting

Feb. 7, Washington, D.C.

Webinars and Teleconferences

PSAC Webinar Series: January 2020

Jan. 28

PSAC Tribal Working Group Teleconference

Feb. 4

FIRSTNET IN ACTION



FirstNet ‘immeasurable’ at Oklahoma balloon festival

In August, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation hosted the third annual FireLake Fireflight Balloon Festival in Shawnee, Oklahoma, this year attracting an estimated 20,000 attendees. Large events like the balloon festival require months of advance preparation to ensure the community’s safety and security. As part of these efforts, festival planners had to prepare for potential impacts on public safety communications, including commercial network congestion.

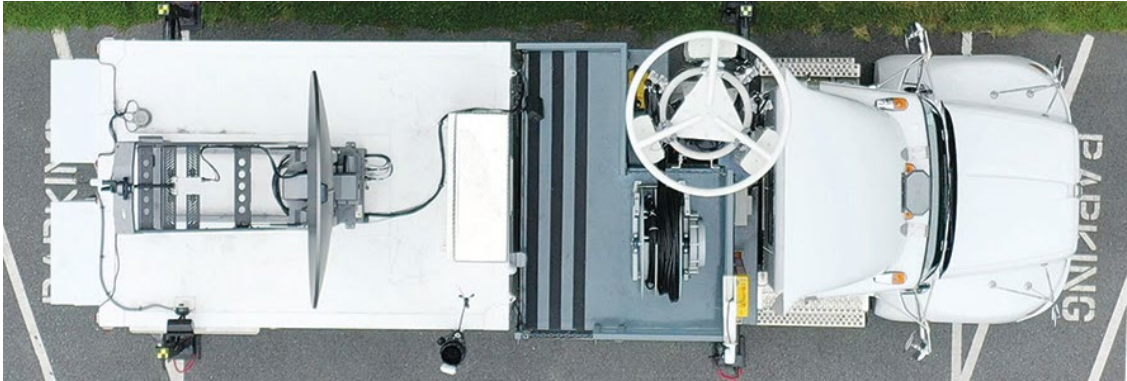
[Read about how the Citizen Potawatomi Nation used FirstNet to connect nearly 60 first responders.](#)



Public Safety Features Officially Part of Next 3GPP Standard Release

In December 2019, the Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) held its final quarterly meeting of the year in Sitges, Spain. Dean Prochaska, FirstNet Authority Director of Standards, summarizes the discussion and what the standards body is working toward next.

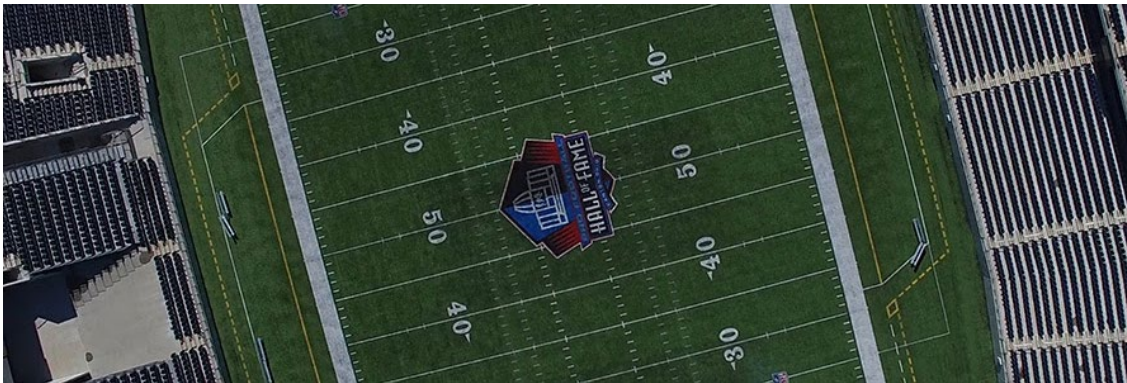
[Learn more about the public safety features that will be included in the next standard release.](#)



FirstNet Deployables are Unique Offering for Emergency Managers

When disaster strikes or large crowds gather, public safety officials need a broadband network they can rely on to remain connected. FirstNet's fleet of deployables is an important resource for emergency managers for planned and unplanned events to ensure that connection is available. FirstNet Authority Senior Public Safety Advisor Timothy Pierce describes the deployables that are available to FirstNet subscribers and how those resources can make a difference for first responders.

[Discover how FirstNet deployables can help emergency managers during any incident.](#)



FirstNet is Part of the Game Plan for Canton during Pro Football Hall of Fame events

Nicknamed the "Hall of Fame City," each year Canton plays host to the Enshrinement Festival and, like other large events, it involves months of advance planning to ensure that first responders across multiple disciplines can communicate seamlessly and without disruption.

[Find out how public safety in Canton relied on FirstNet to keep festival-goers safe during a severe thunderstorm.](#)



Accelerating Innovation for Public Safety

Edward Parkinson delivered remarks at CES Government 2020 on the expanding public safety broadband marketplace and the FirstNet Authority's plans for FirstNet in 2020, including: FirstNet's role promoting innovation in the marketplace and advancing initiatives to identify industry trends and promote global public safety broadband opportunities.

[Read what he had to say about how FirstNet is spurring innovation for first responders.](#)



PODCAST: FirstNet closing communications gaps in rural Virginia

FirstNet Authority Senior Public Safety Advisor Lori Stone is joined by Tabitha Smithers, an emergency aviation flight nurse and Goochland County Fire and EMS volunteer paramedic, to discuss how FirstNet alleviates communications hurdles in her rural region of Virginia.

[Hear how FirstNet helps connect rural responders to better serve their communities](#) (and don't forget to **subscribe!**).

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

[AT&T says more than \\$85M invested to boost network coverage during Super Bowl Florida Politics](#), Jan. 21

[Shreveport's IT guru Keith Hanson is paying off for the city](#)
Shreveport, LA, Jan. 11

[Brazos County Sheriff's Office continues to see success with FirstNet communications](#)

KBTX-TV 3, TX, Jan. 9

National Coverage

Texas A&M University Expands Research to 5G in Public Safety

Mission Critical Communications, Jan. 14

AT&T to Deploy 5G, FirstNet Services at Nellis Air Force Base

Zacks.com, Jan. 15

Annapolis reports FirstNet benefits

Homeland Preparedness News, Jan. 13

Cities need specialists to keep pace with emerging tech, experts say

StateScoop, Jan. 13

3 necessary components of successful smart cities

Tech Republic, Jan. 9

AT&T's Porter outlines hardening, deployable efforts to keep FirstNet users connected

Urgent Communications, Jan. 9

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Measure twice and cut once. Practice makes perfect. Happy to be in MO with the @FirstNetGov North Central team to fine-tune our public safety engagement strategy for first responders in MI, OH, IN, IL, WI, MN, IA, NE, KS, and MO. Looking forward to a successful 2020!



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Last year, #haptic providers and development teams investigated how haptic interfaces may assist first responders as part of an open innovation prize challenge sponsored by the @nist Public Safety Communications Research division. Learn more --> nist.gov/ctl/pscr/fundi...



Haptic Interfaces for Public Safety Prize Challenge

Overview and recap of the Haptic Interfaces for Public Safety Prize Challenge, sponsored by the NIST Public Safety Communications Research division



#FirstNet in the News: An early adopter of @FirstNet, @BrazosCoSheriff is using the network to file reports, conduct roll calls/briefings, and stay connected in the field, turning deputies' vehicles into "remote offices" (via @KBTXNews). kbtx.com/content/news/B... #FirstNetinAction



Brazos County Sheriff's Office continues to see success with FirstNet communication... The Brazos County Sheriff's Office was the first Texas law enforcement agency to partner with FirstNet. kbtx.com



Meeting on Winter Institute final planning with DPS, Harris Cty, Army Guard & FirstNet. Be sure to register for at itec.tamu.edu



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