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FEATURED ADVOCACY ACTIVITY



Wireless Broadband User Forums Held Across Minnesota

Last week, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) and the state of Minnesota hosted a series of FirstNet User forums. Public safety stakeholders gathered in St. Cloud (Feb. 4), Walker (Feb. 5) and North Mankato (Feb. 7) to learn more about the FirstNet network statewide build-out and available services, provide feedback regarding broadband challenges, and discuss how FirstNet can help overcome these challenges.

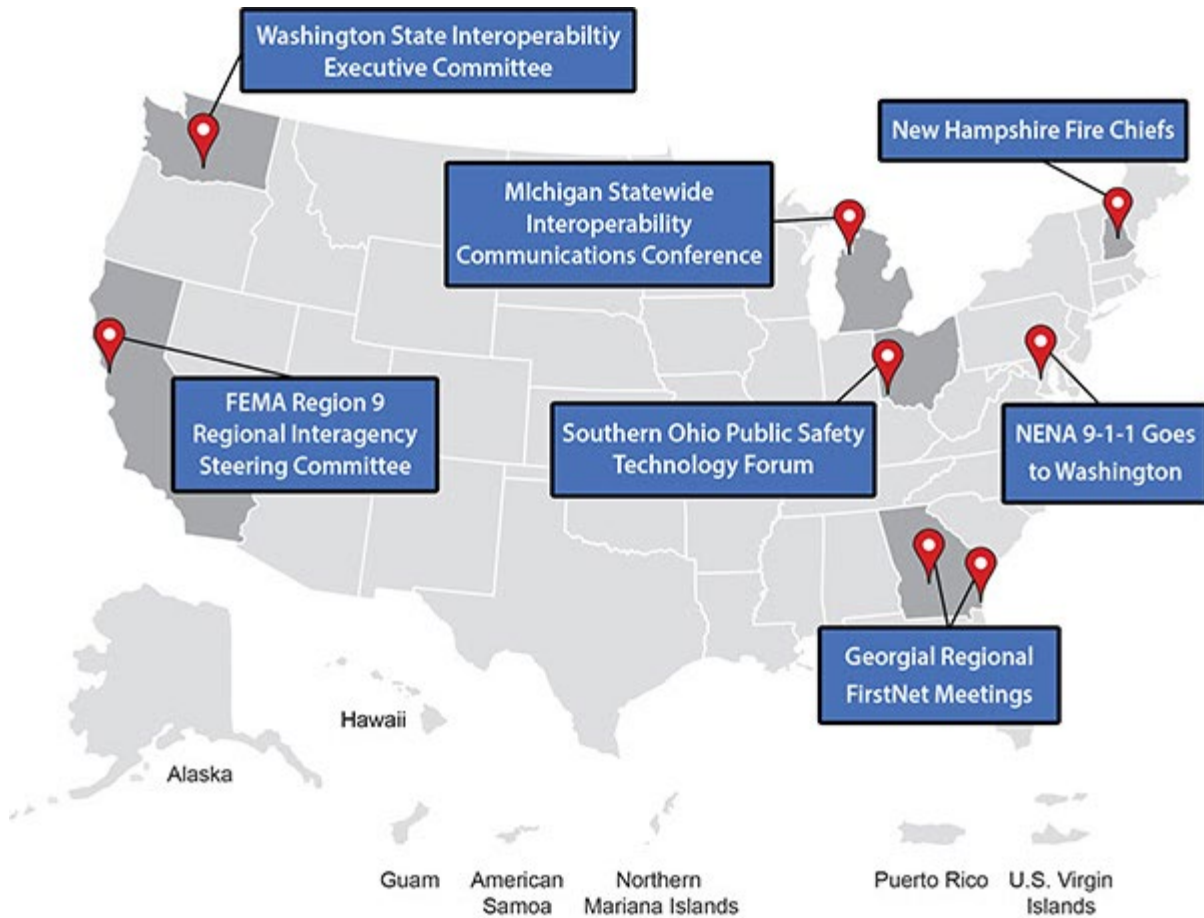
FirstNet Authority experts **Lesia Dickson** and **Tim Pierce** addressed the day-long events, updating the audience about upcoming network plans and the **FirstNet Authority Roadmap and its six technology domains**. The FirstNet Authority team reiterated the importance of receiving valuable stakeholder feedback to help advance the FirstNet experience and influence future investments. Discussion highlighted best practices when planning for and requesting a FirstNet deployable asset, including the triage request process and combining assets with mutual aid.

FirstNet Authority's **Amy Haukness** also facilitated discussions on the User Experience and Voice Communications Roadmap Domains. Participants shared feedback and experiences using data during day-to-day and emergency operations. The forum wrapped up with the AT&T FirstNet team displaying network products and services, including the Uplift Request Tool and the FirstNet Assist App.

The FirstNet Authority thanks the State of Minnesota's Department of Public Safety Emergency Communication Networks for hosting the user forums, and looks forward to continued collaboration.



SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS



In-Person Events

Southern Ohio Public Safety Technology Forum

Feb. 11, Cincinnati, OH

Michigan Statewide Interoperability Communications Conference

Feb. 11-14, Traverse City, MI

NENA 9-1-1 Goes to Washington

Feb. 11-14, Washington, DC

New Hampshire Fire Chiefs

Feb. 13, Guilford, NH

FEMA Region 9 Regional Interagency Steering Committee

Feb. 19, Oakland, CA

Georgia Regional FirstNet Meetings

Feb. 19, Glynn County, GA
Feb. 20, Crisp County, GA

Washington State Interoperability Executive Committee

Feb. 20, Olympia, WA

Webinars and Teleconferences

PSAC Executive Committee February Teleconference

Feb. 24

FIRSTNET IN ACTION



No Turbulence for FirstNet at Rhode Island airport exercise and drill

During a large-scale incident at an airport, commercial networks can quickly become overloaded and cripple traditional analog radio systems for emergency response efforts. To prepare for this situational challenge, first responders tested the FirstNet network during a routine emergency management exercise at TF Green International Airport in Warwick, Rhode Island.

[Find out what Rhode Island public safety had to say about FirstNet.](#)



Disaster Recovery and Damage Assessment with FirstNet in Southern Ohio

On Memorial Day 2019, nearly 55 tornadoes touched down in eight states across the country. Ohio saw some of the

worst damage, including an EF3 tornado that tore through Beaver Creek Township. Kyle Richardson, FirstNet Authority Senior Public Safety Advisor, describes the damage caused by this tornado and how the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department used FirstNet to assist with damage assessment efforts.

[See how FirstNet kept responders safe as they worked on disaster mitigation and recovery efforts.](#)



FirstNet's Dedicated Public Safety Broadband Network is Driving Innovation for Law Enforcement

Over the past decade, police chiefs nationwide have begun to increase their departments' use of mobile broadband technology. A reliable mobile broadband network helps agencies capture and share information, coordinate with other agencies, and take advantage of new technologies to protect and serve their communities. David Cook, FirstNet Authority Senior Public Safety Advisor, reviews how police departments in New York are benefiting from FirstNet, the nationwide public safety broadband network.

[Learn more about how FirstNet meets the unique needs of police departments in New York.](#)



FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

New Cell Tower Brings Coverage to Red Cliff

WDIO, MN, Feb. 2

First responders on the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa reservation now have access to increased cellular coverage and FirstNet with a new cell tower. Theron Rutyna, IT Director for the Red Cliff Band and FirstNet Authority Public Safety Advisory Committee Tribal Working Group member was instrumental working with FirstNet, Built with AT&T through the planning and construction of this tower.

Lindale ISD introduces new technology for improved communication on bus routes

East Texas Matters, TX, Jan. 29

New routers connect fire department to FirstNet

Milton Courier, Jan. 27

National Coverage

Harris County: Greg Jurrens explains how FirstNet can address LMR backhaul challenges

Urgent Communications, Jan. 31

AT&T to finish 80% of FirstNet buildout in coming months, exec says

Urgent Communications, Jan. 31

AT&T Adds Coverage in Miami for Super Bowl's First Responders

Mission Critical Communications, Jan. 23

GAO: FirstNet Buildout on Track, Contract Oversight Should Be More Transparent

Mission Critical Communications, January 28

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Tomorrow is the Big Game! Learn how @FirstNet will be supporting #publicsafety on one of the biggest days in sports. #SBLIV [📺](#) #FirstNetinAction [about.att.com/story/2020/sup...](#)

- > High-quality Band 14 spectrum deployed across the area
- > Metro cells installed at local and federal public safety agency centers
- > 3 FirstNet Satellite Cell on Light Trucks (SatCOLTs) outside stadium
- > First responders equipped by AT&T with FirstNet Ready™ devices



Setting up networks, pushing emergency comms, response drones, and testing new stuff...this year's Winter Institute exercise was a challenge but a rewarding experience. Thanks to all who came out to test their equipment and their skills.



Thanks to @FirstNet @FirstNetGov @bobsloan_nj for recognizing CPDs Finest Lt Wilde, Off D'Agastino, Det Temple as First Responders of the Game at today's @SetonHallMBB. Well Deserved. @PruCenter @SHUAthletics



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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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