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FEATURED ADVOCACY ACTIVITY



Utah FirstNet Data Sharing Workshop to reap benefits from recent PSA all-hands meeting

Last week, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) Public Safety Advocacy (PSA) team traveled to Boulder, Colo. for an all-hands meeting to discuss future planning and activities for the FirstNet Authority's 2020 engagement strategy. The team enjoyed the opportunity to continue to enhance its engagement efforts with public safety across the country.

Coming fresh from these meetings, the team will head to Salt Lake City to meet with public safety stakeholders across the state on March 12 at the Utah FirstNet Data Sharing Workshop. The workshop is an opportunity for the PSA team to apply some of the outcomes from the Boulder all-hands meetings to Utah's current emergency communications landscape.

The workshop will open with welcoming remarks given by **Gordy Coles**, Interoperability Director for the Utah Communication Authority (UCA). Gordy will preview the day's agenda, which will be focused on the value of data sharing in an increasingly digital age. **Paul Patrick**, FirstNet Authority Board Member, will kick off the PSA team's participation by discussing the pivotal role the FirstNet network plays to enhance data-sharing capabilities between public safety agencies.

Tracey Murdock, FirstNet Authority Senior Public Safety Advisor for Utah, will provide updates on the FirstNet

Roadmap, PSA state engagement, and FirstNet use in Utah. AT&T will also be available to highlight FirstNet's data sharing apps and share the latest deployment status in Utah, and across the U.S.

Additionally, FirstNet Authority's Midwest Field Operations Director, **Jacque Miller-Waring**, will moderate a FirstNet user panel on data sharing. Local FirstNet subscribers **Chief Jeff Basset**, South Davis Metro Fire; **Lieutenant Dwayne Anjewierden**, Unified Police Department; and **Mark Herrera**, EMS Education Specialist, Utah Department of Health, will discuss their experiences using FirstNet's data sharing capabilities.

The FirstNet Authority's PSA team is looking forward to participating in this event and to working closely with Utah's public safety stakeholders on data sharing opportunities for first responders through the FirstNet network.

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS



In-Person Events

Northern Maryland User Forum

Mar. 10, Forest Hill, MD

IAFC March Executive Committee and Board Meeting

Mar. 10-13, Chantilly, VA

Williams County Fire Chiefs Association FirstNet Update

Mar. 11, Georgetown, TX

FirstNet in Utah Data Sharing Workshop

Mar. 12, Salt Lake City, UT

FirstNet Educational Forum

Mar. 12, Portland, OR

FirstNet Authority Board Meeting

Watch at www.firstnet.gov

FIRSTNET IN ACTION



FirstNet Answers the Call for Tactical Dispatchers in Ohio

The Hamilton County Communications Center in Ohio is responsible for dispatch services for public safety agencies across the county. Access to FirstNet's robust and reliable platform is helping tactical dispatchers at the Communications Center.

[Learn more about how FirstNet is supporting the Hamilton County Communications Center.](#)



'Public Safety First' Podcast: Tribal public safety in coastal regions

FirstNet Authority National Tribal Government Liaison Adam Geisler sits down with Crystal Hottowe of the Makah Tribe in northwest Washington to talk about what it means to respond to emergencies in a marine environment, the looming threat of tsunamis, and broadband on tribal lands.

Listen to the latest episode to learn about tribal public safety operations in coastal regions.

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

New AT&T cell tower in Rancho Tehama supports public safety

Corning Observer, CA, March 5

New Machias cell tower will host first responder network

Machias News, ME, March 4

Knoxville Fire and Rescue Upgrading Communications to Stay Connected

KNIA-KRLS, IA, March 4

Neck District cell tower awaits final approval

Dorchester Star, MD, February 28

National Coverage

FirstNet Covers 2.61M Square Miles, Counts 1.2M Connections

Mission Critical Communications, February 25

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It's Severe Weather Safety and #FloodSafety Month! Throughout March, we'll be sharing different ways @FirstNet can help #firstresponders prepare for and respond to severe weather like #floods, #wildfires, and #tornadoes. #SevereWxPrep #WeServeYou firstnet.gov/network/10-ways



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