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FEATURED ADVOCACY ACTIVITY



FirstNet Platform turns 2; FirstNet Push-to-Talk is Announced

Last week marked the third anniversary of the First Responder Network Authority's (FirstNet Authority) public-private partnership with AT&T to build, maintain and operate FirstNet. And two years ago, public safety's specialized communications platform was brought to life with the launch of the FirstNet dedicated network core. FirstNet and its ecosystem of innovative, mission-focused tools, technologies and features is helping public safety effectively respond to their critical missions – from service with always-on, 24 hours-a-day priority and preemption, Band 14 spectrum, FirstNet Ready devices, highly secure apps, dedicated network deployables and now the initial introduction of FirstNet Push-to-Talk and tools for future High Powered User Equipment (HPUE) solutions.

[Learn more about FirstNet Push-to-Talk in this announcement from AT&T.](#)



FIRSTNET IN ACTION



Three years of public-private partnership for public safety's network

Last week marked major milestones in the history of public safety's nationwide broadband network. It was three years ago that the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority), entered into a groundbreaking 25-year contract to build, deploy, and maintain FirstNet, America's nationwide public safety broadband network.

[Learn more about this milestones in the history of public safety's nationwide broadband network.](#)



FirstNet Authority Board, PSAC Executive Committee, Usher in New Era for the PSAC

At the March 2020 FirstNet Authority Board and Committee Meeting, updates were made to the Public Safety Advisory Committee's (PSAC) charter to improve the PSAC's operations in order to best support the FirstNet network and the first responder community.

[Learn more about the expansion of the PSAC Executive Committee and changes to PSAC Charter.](#)



Integrating FirstNet deployables during a cybersecurity attack

At the annual Winter Institute Workshop and Exercise, hosted by the Texas A&M University's Internet 2 Technology Evaluation Center (ITEC), public safety officials evaluate technologies in real-life scenarios to help shape future technologies and research. During the 2020 exercise, participants practiced integrating new technologies, including a FirstNet deployable, into disaster operations during a simulated cyberattack.

[Learn more about how FirstNet was used during the exercise.](#)

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

National Coverage

AT&T Announces 'Controlled Introduction' of MCPTT Service

MissionCritical Communications, March 31

FirstNet Expands PSAC Executive Committee, Forms Users Working Group

Mission Critical Communications, March 30

Coverage-extending HPUE products expected to be available soon, according to FirstNet Authority, AT&T officials

Urgent Communications, March 21

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 **FirstNet Board Chair Edward Horowitz**
@FirstNetChair

This week marks a major milestone! 3 years ago, we announced our partnership with AT&T to deploy @FirstNet. We continue to work together to bring #firstresponders a network built to meet their needs. Thank you to #publicsafety for making it a reality! [firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/...](https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/)



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#ICYM: The @FirstNetGov Board held its first quarterly virtual meeting of 2020 last week to discuss #publicsafety engagements, network and tech development, and financial updates. To view materials from the meeting, visit firstnet.gov/newsroom/event...



NEW #PODCAST: To celebrate the second anniversary of the #FirstNet Core, host @dbuchananFN sits down with two experts on the Core to discuss how it is built for #publicsafety and how it continues to evolve to meet the needs of first responders.



Episode 34: Inside the FirstNet Core
To celebrate the second anniversary of the FirstNet Core, Carlos L'Abbate, FirstNet Authority Senior Director of Product ...
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