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## FIRSTNET IN ACTION



### **FirstNet Authority Statement on FOP, AT&T Alliance to Educate Officers about the FirstNet Network**

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) released a statement in support of the National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and AT&T's alliance to educate members on FirstNet, the nationwide public safety broadband network.

[Read the statement here.](#)

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## **FirstNet & Public Works: Restoring Lifeline Services in an Efficient Manner**

For Philip Mann, Public Works Director for the City of Gainesville in Florida, access to FirstNet helps them work more effectively when clearing the way for other responders. Gainesville's public works use FirstNet on their cell phones and tablets to deploy resources and people, track work orders, and communicate with staff in the field.

**Learn how these tools help them get work done more efficiently, and work in partnership with other responders.**

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## **Three Ways FirstNet Enhances Patient Care for EMS**

As EMS providers expand their use of technology, FirstNet gives them a wireless broadband platform to connect in the field. FirstNet Authority Senior EMS Advisor Brent Williams highlights three EMS agencies using FirstNet to communicate in rural areas, send vital patient information to hospitals, and access the resources to enhance patient care.

**Learn more about how FirstNet is helping transform communications for EMS.**

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## FirstNet Authority CEO Highlight's FirstNet's Efforts at Connect(X)

During his remarks at the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) Connect(X) All Access Conference on May 19, 2020, FirstNet Authority CEO Ed Parkinson shared the many ways FirstNet is supporting first responders through natural disasters including fires, earthquakes, and hurricanes. He also noted how the FirstNet Authority is continuing its work to engage with public safety to ensure FirstNet is supporting their life-saving mission.

**Watch Ed Parkinson's full remarks.** Please note you will have to register and click "Auditorium" to view.



## FirstNet Helps Tennessee Public Safety Respond to Tornado Damage

In March 2020, several tornadoes tore across middle Tennessee. In Putnam County, 80 miles outside of Nashville, an EF-4 tornado caused major damage to structures and a public safety radio tower. With communications severely limited, state and local first responders turned to FirstNet for coverage from deployables and push-to-talk on smartphones.

**Learn how FirstNet is helping public safety agencies prepare for disasters like the Tennessee tornado.**

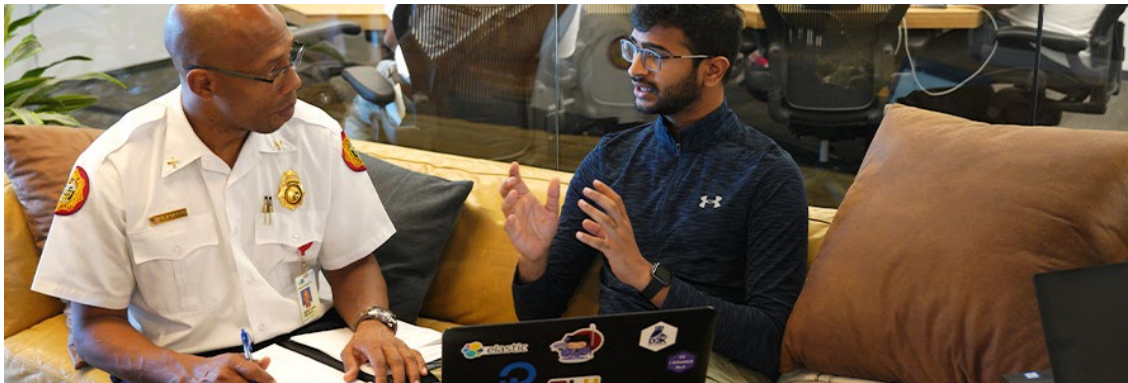




## **Responders battling Arkansas tornado recommend FirstNet**

When a violent tornado hit northeast Arkansas in March, it caused major destruction to homes, businesses, and a shopping mall, mangling vehicles, damaging an airport, and derailling a train. Despite the wreckage, FirstNet kept first responders connected and communicating throughout the storm and its aftermath.

[Learn how FirstNet is helping public safety agencies prepare for disasters](#)



## **Tech to Protect Challenge Contestants Awarded \$810K**

On May 1, 2020, NIST's Public Safety Communications Research Division (PSCR) awarded \$810,000 to 25 Tech to Protect challenge participants. The Tech to Protect challenge is a nationwide coding challenge that is designed to foster communications technology solutions that will support public safety.

[Learn more about the challenge's impact and the contestants' experience.](#)

[View the list of the winners.](#)



## **FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS**

### *National Coverage*

#### **FirstNet Service Launches in 3 Pacific Territories**

Mission Critical Communications, May 20

#### **Partnership to yield FirstNet platform informational**

Homeland Preparedness News, May 20

# FirstNet Issues Statement on FOP, AT&T Alliance to Educate Officers about the FirstNet Network

Critical Communications Review, May 19

## Regional Coverage

### Gainesville prepares to use FirstNet during hurricane season

WCJB, May 28

## BE SOCIAL WITH FIRSTNET



For @CityofAnnapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley, #publicsafety is "paramount." Learn how @FirstNet is helping local #firstresponders keep #Annapolis safe: [firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/...](http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/...)



**FirstNet helps protect communities**  
Annapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley believes smart technologies are key to the future of public safety. See how FirstNet is helping local first responders keep Annapolis safe.



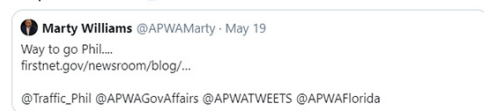
#FirstNetAuthority Sr. EMS Advisor Brent Williams spent over three decades in #publicsafety and #EMS. Now, he uses his vast experience to explain the advantages of @FirstNet to EMS leaders across the country. Meet Brent: [firstnet.gov/public-safety/...](http://firstnet.gov/public-safety/...) #EMSWeek



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First responders rely on verbal communications to gather info and organize their response to incidents. Discover how @FirstNetGov is working to ensure the #FirstNet network provides effective voice communications for #publicsafety: [firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/...](http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/...)



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