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FEATURED ADVOCACY ACTIVITY

FirstNet Webinar highlights network benefits and expanded coverage throughout Nebraska

The Nebraska Broadband Working Group and the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) gathered public safety professionals from across the state for the Nebraska Spring 2020 FirstNet Update Webinar, discussing FirstNet capabilities and LTE coverage throughout Nebraska.

Sue Krogman, Nebraska's Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and FirstNet Single Point of Contact, opened the 90-minute meeting by welcoming almost 100 participants from emergency management, Emergency Communications Centers (ECCs)/Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), fire services, law enforcement, government, and the private sector. **Bill Lundy**, Co-Chair of the Nebraska Public Safety Broadband Working Group, and **Brian Daake**, Co-Chair of the Nebraska Public Safety Broadband Working Group, also helped facilitate the conversation and answer questions throughout the event.

Lesia Dickson, FirstNet Authority Area Director-North, kicked off the Public Safety Advocacy (PSA) team's participation with a presentation on the purpose-built FirstNet network and the transformation of public safety communications across Nebraska. **Kyle Richardson**, FirstNet Authority Senior Public Safety Advisor, followed with an overview of the benefits and capabilities FirstNet has to offer Nebraska's public safety personnel, including FirstNet Central's Network Status Map, FirstNet's Deployable Network Asset program, and the FirstNet Application and Device Ecosystem. The AT&T/FirstNet team provided an update on the evolution of the network throughout Nebraska, and discussed plans for the next 12 months.

Rounding out the afternoon, the audience heard from two FirstNet users who shared recent experiences on the network. During a presentation by **Jason Whalen** and **Seth Lunbery** from the Buffalo County, Nebraska HAZMAT team, participants heard how FirstNet enhanced situational awareness by providing a seamless connection when communicating via video, voice, and text; connecting to essential online resources to rapidly identify chemicals; and accessing plumbing models and satellite mapping.

Doug Campbell, Deputy Director of Emergency Communications for Alexandria, Virginia, described how the FirstNet network made it possible to support remote 9-1-1 and dispatch services long term. With FirstNet providing hotspots and smartphones, the network enabled 9-1-1 dispatchers to take calls and handle Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) operations from remote locations to accommodate operations, emergency response, and maintain readiness

throughout the city.

The FirstNet Authority thanks the Nebraska Broadband Working Group for partnering with us to connect with Nebraska's public safety community. Our PSA team looks forward to continuing to give Nebraska's public safety stakeholders a voice in FirstNet's future as the network expands for first responders across the state.



PSAC Profile: National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) provides resources and advocacy for volunteer firefighters, EMS, and rescue personnel across the nation. As a member of the FirstNet Authority's Public Safety Advisory Committee, the NVFC brings the voice of volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services to the deployment and operation of the FirstNet network.

Read the full blog [here](#).



Creating FirstNet: A Conversation with Oregon Congressman Greg Walden

With experience as a radio operator in a rural region, Oregon Representative Greg Walden understands the importance of communication, especially for first responders. Motivated by the challenges he has seen for public safety, he authored and helped pass the legislation that created FirstNet.

Listen to the latest episode of the Public Safety First podcast [here](#).

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

National Coverage

PSCR: Dereck Orr previews virtual version of annual stakeholder meeting beginning July 27 Urgent Communications, June 9

Regional

FirstNet expands footprint to Pacific Territories

AT&T sponsored post in Marianas Variety, MP, June 4

New FirstNet Cell Site Launches in Monterey to Support Public Safety

AT&T press release on Telecom TV, June 10

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SOUND ON: Captain George Feole of the @TownOfDerry #NewHampshire Police Dept. details how his agency is using @FirstNet in daily operations and how the network keeps officers connected 100% of the time. #FirstNetinAction



Episode 30: Derry Police Department, NH – One Year on FirstNet - FirstNetGov
soundcloud.com



#FirstNetintheNews: The City of Gainesville, #Florida, is preparing for #hurricane season with @FirstNet. Learn how the network is helping #firstresponders communicate and public works support recovery efforts (via @WCJB20) -->



Gainesville prepares to use FirstNet during hurricane season
A new emergency response system will be used in Gainesville in preparation for the hurricane season.
wcjb.com



During and after major disasters, #firstresponders need the support of orgs like gov services, public works, + utilities. This blog from @FirstNetGov explains how extended primary agencies can take advantage of #FirstNet to help support first responders: firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/...



The Public Safety Advocacy Update comes to your inbox with a quick look at events and information you need to stay up to date with the First Responder Network Authority.

