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FEATURED ADVOCACY ACTIVITY

FirstNet Authority holds Indiana LMR-LTE Interconnection Webinar

On June 24th, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) hosted a webinar with the State of Indiana to discuss the Indiana Land Mobile Radio (LMR)-Long Term Evolution (LTE) Integration Project and FirstNet's Push-to-Talk program. FirstNet Authority Senior Public Safety Advisor **John Hunt** moderated the event that attracted close to 200 participants from 38 states and territories.

In their welcoming remarks, FirstNet Authority Chief Executive Officer Edward Parkinson and Executive Director of Public Safety Advocacy David Buchanan recognized the Indiana Integrated Public Safety Commission (IPSC) for being at the forefront of delivering LMR-LTE integration to improve public safety operations for first responders.

Kelly Dignin, Indiana IPSC Executive Director, discussed the IPSC's experience of connecting the state's LMR system with FirstNet to enhance coverage, provide redundancy to the statewide radio system, and expand capabilities for the state's first responders. She also noted the significant cost savings with the success of this project. Using schools and firegrounds as examples, Kelly detailed scenarios that demonstrated how integrated LMR-LTE systems connected to WiFi can extend coverage areas and enhance safety for Indiana's first responders.

Amy Haukeness, FirstNet Authority Senior Public Safety Product Advisor, updated the audience about the progress of the FirstNet Push-to-Talk (PTT) product. Initially

emphasized that FirstNet PTT is designed to augment and not to replace existing LMR systems. As FirstNet PTT continues to evolve and mature, the FirstNet Authority will stay in close contact with early adopters to learn from their experience.

After taking questions from the audience, John wrapped up the session by thanking the IPSC for sharing their integration experience. FirstNet Authority thanks all those who helped plan and attend the virtual event.

For more information on the Indiana IPSC, please go to www.ipsc.in.gov

For more information on the First Responder Network Authority, please go to www.firstnet.gov

For more information on FirstNet products and services, please go to www.firstnet.com



FIRSTNET IN ACTION



100 days as CEO: Ed Parkinson on the FirstNet Authority's past, present, and future

Edward Parkinson was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the FirstNet Authority on March 12, 2020. One hundred days into the job, he reflects back on the creation of the FirstNet Authority and how far the organization has come, including recent investments that will prepare the network for the future.

[Listen to the podcast.](#)



US Dept. of Commerce Awards \$1 Million for R2 Network Challenge for Innovation in Disaster Response, Resiliency Tech

The FirstNet Authority joined U.S. Department of Commerce's EDA and NIST in announcing the awardee of the Accelerate R2 Network Challenge. The R2 Network Challenge is an interagency program that connects stakeholders in the response and resilience (R2) industries, accelerating the speed at which startups and other organizations can bring innovations to the public safety market, create new businesses and jobs, and support community resilience.

Learn more about the [R2 Network challenge](#).



Meet the Public Safety Advocacy Team in the Central Region

The FirstNet Authority's Public Safety Advocacy team proactively reaches out to public safety to discuss FirstNet and elicit feedback and insight regarding their communication needs for public safety broadband and innovative technologies. In the Central region, the team includes two National Government Liaisons that represent 573 federally recognized tribes across the country and public safety advisors covering a geographically diverse region of 14 states.

Get to know the team in our latest [blog](#).



The First Responder Network Authority Technology Domain: User Experience

Last year, the FirstNet Authority developed the FirstNet Roadmap with input from public safety, industry, government, and its partner AT&T to guide the growth and evolution of FirstNet over the next five years. Using feedback from more than 600 engagements, the FirstNet Authority gained a better understanding of public safety's operational needs and technology uses for mobile broadband communications. This input helped us to identify public safety's most important network capabilities and served as the basis for the Roadmap's six technology domains, including the User Experience domain.

Learn more about the [User Experience](#) domain.



FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

'It has a great impact', new cell tower is online in rural Huntingdon Co.

WTAJ-TV, PA, June 26

FirstNet tower in operation

The Daily News, PA, July 2

AT&T invests more than \$10 million over 3-year period to keep Greenville connected

WNCT 9, NC, June 30

National Coverage

AT&T Adds New FirstNet Sites to Enhance Northeast Coverage

MissionCritical Communications, June 30

FirstNet Network expands across Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland

Telecompaper, June 26

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After a #hurricane, #firstresponders assess the damage to determine where resources are needed. Watch how @MiamiDadeFire uses @FirstNet to relay this info back to the emergency operations center, so city leaders can efficiently deploy resources. #HurricanePrep #HurricaneSeason



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The @TAMU_ITEC works to enhance communications with a special focus on #publicsafety comms. On this episode of the Public Safety First #podcast, hear from ITEC's Walt Magnussen as he discusses these programs and how #FirstNet plays a role.



Episode 37: Evolving Public Safety Tech at the Texas A&M Winter Institute - FirstNetGov
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With the launch of 8 new @FirstNet cell sites, #firstresponders across #Maryland are getting enhanced coverage and capacity, connecting them to the tools they need wherever they are. Discover the additional benefits of this new #infrastructure -> firstnet.gov/newsroom/press...



The FirstNet Network Expands Across Maryland

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