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FEATURED ADVOCACY ACTIVITY

FirstNet Authority holds deployable asset webinar with New York State Public Safety

Earlier this month, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) co-hosted a webinar with the State of New York's Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communication (OIEC) on the FirstNet Deployable Network Asset Program. Over 60 participants tuned into the virtual presentation to learn about FirstNet deployable resources, the request process, and after-action reporting.

The online meeting began with OIEC Director **Michael Sprague** and Technical Subcommittee Chair **Matthew Delaney** welcoming attendees. The program opened with an update about FirstNet accomplishments in New York State, including Band 14 coverage, new network sites, back-up power sites, deployable access, and emergency communication portables.

The FirstNet Authority's Senior Public Safety Advisors **David Cook** and **Doug Harder** delivered a presentation called, "Getting the Most from the FirstNet Deployable Program." The presentation provided an update on the 76 deployable assets, and discussed [the request process](#) for effective use during disasters, critical incidents, or planned events.

David wrapped up the session addressing ways in which the FirstNet Authority can

partner with public safety agencies post-event and conduct after action reviews to discuss the broadband-related elements of pre-planning, logistics, operations, and technology. This feedback will serve as a great source of information to help the FirstNet Authority better understand public safety's critical communications needs and share lessons learned on the deployable programs including successes, overcoming challenges, and resource priorities.

To learn more about FirstNet's deployable assets and capabilities, check out the [FirstNet Response Fleet of Deployable Assets](#).



FIRSTNET IN ACTION

PSCR 2020: THE DIGITAL EXPERIENCE

FirstNet Authority at PSCR 2020: The Digital Experience

The FirstNet Authority is joining the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Public Safety Communications Research Division (PSCR) virtually at PSCR 2020: The Digital Experience. On Wednesday, July 29 at 12 pm ET, FirstNet Authority Board Chair Edward Horowitz will sit down with PSCR's Dereck Orr for a live fireside chat to discuss innovation and commercialization efforts. Three on-demand sessions will also be available, covering topics such as standards work, innovation in public safety technology, and the FirstNet Authority Roadmap.

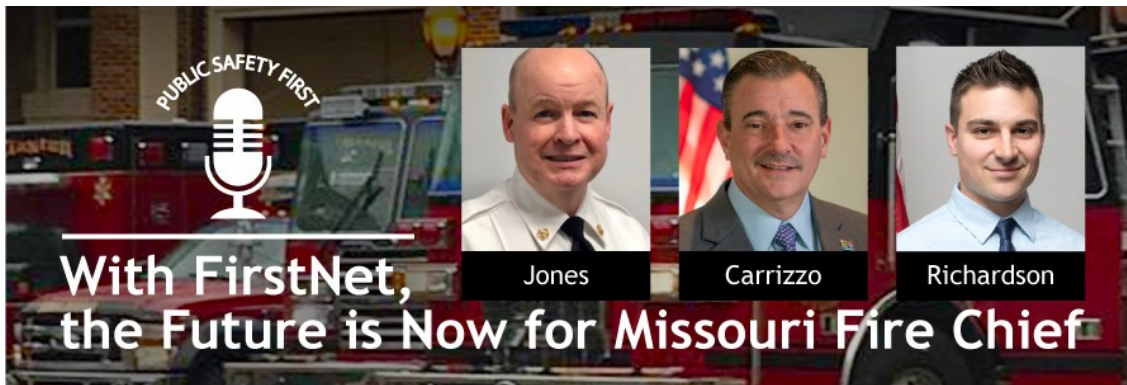
Find out how to tune in to the [PSCR webinar](#).



Experience FirstNet: How priority and preemption help public safety connect when they need it most

Priority and preemption allow first responders to remain connected to FirstNet, even in times of high network congestion, and the FirstNet Authority is continually testing and validating these features to ensure their functionality. Public safety agencies nationwide have experienced the difference priority and preemption make in every day operations and emergency incidents. Learn about Canton and Stark County, Ohio and Derry, New Hampshire's experiences.

Discover more about what [priority and preemption](#) means for first responders.



With FirstNet, the Future is Now for Missouri Fire Chief

The Saint Louis region is home to 88 municipalities across 523 square miles. For public safety officials in this area of Missouri, interoperability is key. To meet this need, the Clayton Fire Department is using FirstNet to connect to other first responders, access data on the scene of incidents, and enhance situational awareness and patient care.

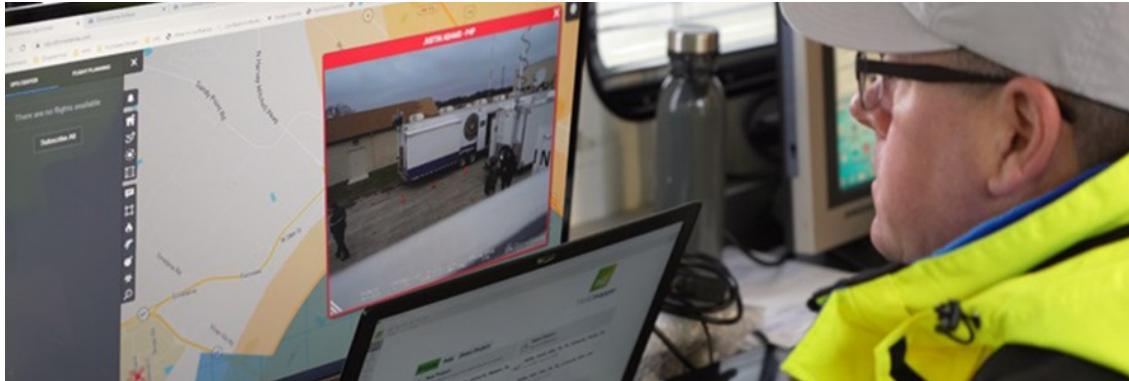
Hear how FirstNet is working for Fire Chiefs like Chief John Paul Jones and Chief Richard Carrizzo in our latest [podcast](#).



Meet the Public Safety Advocacy Team in the West Region

The FirstNet Authority's Public Safety Advocacy team works hand-in-hand with public safety to make sure their needs are represented in the FirstNet network buildout and evolution. In the West region, seven public safety advisors cover seven states and territories and multiple public safety disciplines. Together, they bring a wealth of expertise to their roles as public safety advocates.

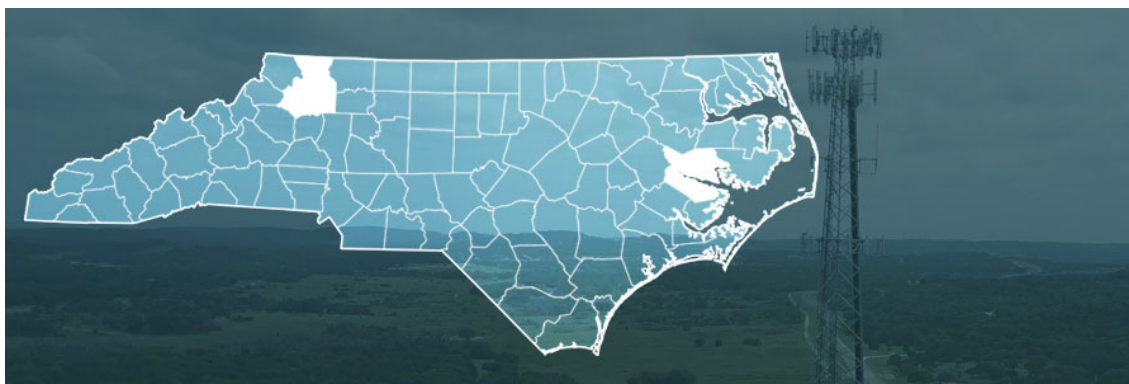
Lean more about the [team](#).



Facing Hurricanes with FirstNet on Your Side

Hurricane season is underway, and the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has forecasted a busy Atlantic hurricane season. As first responders are preparing to respond, they are turning to FirstNet for a secure, reliable network that will keep them connected through the storms and their aftermaths.

See how agencies are using FirstNet in this [blog](#) from the U.S Department of Commerce.



The FirstNet Network Expands Across North Carolina to Advance Public Safety Communications Capabilities

North Carolina first responders got a major boost in their wireless communications with the addition of 5 new, purpose-built FirstNet cell sites and other network enhancements. This new infrastructure is a part of the FirstNet network expansion taking place across the state, bringing increased coverage, capacity, and capabilities for public safety.

Learn more about the latest [sites](#).



FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

FirstNet: A broadband network for first responders

WVLT-8, TN, July 15

Faster Wireless Service For St. Pete First Responders: AT&T

The Patch – St. Pete, FL, July 15

FirstNet expands, advances public safety capabilities statewide

Cumberland Times-News, MD, July 11

National Coverage

FirstNet Highlights Continued Coverage Expansion

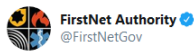
MissionCritical Communications, July 15

FirstNet and AT&T Bring Crisis Management Support to New England

Inside Towers, July 16



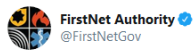
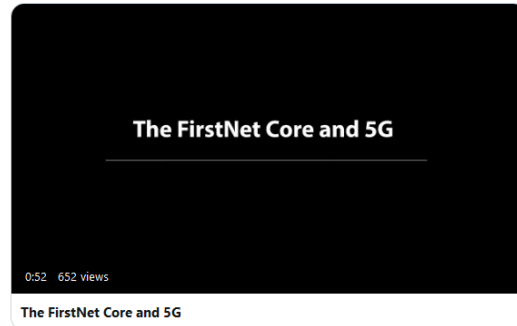
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#5G is coming, and the #FirstNetAuthority is investing in @FirstNet to ensure the Core is ready for the next generation of wireless comms. 5G will allow for greater resiliency, redundancy, and security, as well as greater capacity for tech like #IoT: youtube.com/watch?v=1aIU4v...



WATCH: See how telecommunicators at the @AlexandriaVAGov Dept. Of Emergency and Customer Communications are using @FirstNet to securely answer calls while working remotely and staying safe during the pandemic.

Learn why they rely on #FirstNet: firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/...



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