
THE FIRSTNET AUTHORITY UPDATE | NOVEMBER 30, 2020



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FEATURED ENGAGEMENT

FirstNet Authority holds first of two informational webinars about Roadmap Update

The FirstNet Authority held the first of two webinars on the recently revised [FirstNet Authority Roadmap](#). FirstNet Authority leadership and staff outlined the data-driven approach used to update the Roadmap and its priorities. The online forum gathered over 250 public safety stakeholders representing law enforcement, fire services, EMS, emergency management, and 911 services – many of whom played a vital role in providing valuable input to keep the Roadmap current and specific to their operational needs.

Executive Leadership Welcome. Chief Executive Officer **Ed Parkinson** and Acting Chief Market Engagement Officer **David Buchanan** from the FirstNet Authority welcomed the audience, thanking them for recent and continuing contributions to the Roadmap. Ed emphasized that the FirstNet Authority relies on Roadmap input from responders to guide our efforts to enhance FirstNet and to deliver a differentiated experience for first responders.

“Public safety’s voice is in every phase of the FirstNet Roadmap.” – Edward Parkinson

FirstNet Authority Board Chair **Robert “Tip” Osterthaler** followed with remarks emphasizing that public safety’s Roadmap feedback will influence FirstNet Authority activities, programs, and investments. Tip remarked that the FirstNet Authority relies on this feedback to keep FirstNet current and align the network with public safety’s needs.

“We are only as good as the input that public safety gives us. Please continue to provide us with your inputs – we can’t have a Roadmap without you.” – Chairman Osterthaler

The Roadmap Update Explained. The FirstNet Authority team facilitated the hour-long program around three main elements to explain the 2020 Roadmap Update: an overview of the Roadmap’s content and structure, research methodology, and what the FirstNet Authority has in store for the Roadmap’s future.

Senior director of the Roadmap Development Division, **Brian Hobson** provided an overview of the four main sections found in the 2020 Roadmap Update. He detailed the Roadmap’s structure, including the first two investments and findings, overviews for the six domains, and a new research addendum.

Executive Advisor, **Chuck Shaughnessy** led a discussion outlining the FirstNet Authority’s four-pillar research effort to update the Roadmap. The team relied on data collection from public safety, executive-level interviews, in-depth

publication review, and polling. Chuck explained how this provided the Roadmap with insights to help identify and pursue technology innovation, policies, and programs that benefit public safety.

Director for Network Solutions, **Dr. Jennifer Harder** and Senior Manager for Stakeholder Collaboration, **Michael Varney** discussed future plans for Roadmap engagements. In addition to general data collection, in the coming year, the FirstNet Authority team will employ more focused data collection methods, such as surveys, one-on-one discussions, and focus groups, to gain a broader perspective from the responder community. These methods will be used to address topics and issues that are critical to public safety, such as in-building coverage challenges, location-based services features, and specific elements related to Identity, Credential, and Access Management.

If you were unable to attend this session, the FirstNet Authority will host a second Roadmap Update webinar tomorrow December 1. To join us, [register on our website](#) to take part in helping to shape FirstNet into your public safety network

FIRSTNET IN ACTION



In rural Pennsylvania, FirstNet plays important role in pandemic

Brian Schoonmaker was named Chief of Police in Hazleton, Pennsylvania in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis. With FirstNet, Chief Schoonmaker jumped right into [developing policies](#) to keep the community and police officers safe during this unprecedented event.



PSAC Profile: National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians

The [National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians](#) (NAEMT) is a national association representing all EMS practitioners, including paramedics, EMTs, and other emergency response personnel. As a member of the FirstNet Authority's Public Safety Advisory Committee, NAEMT provides input on issues that are essential to emergency medical technicians.



FirstNet Network expands across Michigan to advance public safety communications

First Responders in **Michigan** are getting a major boost in their wireless communications with the addition of new, purpose-built FirstNet cell sites. This new infrastructure is a part of the FirstNet network expansion that is bringing increased coverage, capacity, and capabilities for public safety.

Remembering Ray Flynn

The FirstNet Authority is saddened to learn of the passing of **Assistant Sheriff Raymond Flynn** (Ret.) of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. We extend our thoughts and prayers to Ray's family and friends.



FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

Despite Opposition, Idaho Department Of Lands Continues To Move Forward With Cell Tower

Boise State Public Radio, November 17

AT&T adds new tower in Gallia

Gallipolis Daily Tribune, November 16

Salvation Army, AT&T providing to-go Thanksgiving meals for emergency medical personnel at Camp Riley

Brainerd Dispatch, November 26

National Coverage

Veteran Firefighter Pushing 'Ongoing Education' on FirstNet

Firehouse, November 16

Breaking Down the FirstNet Authority Road Map

MissionCritical Communications, November 17

FirstNet Connects Tribal Nations During COVID-19

Telecom Ramblings, November 20

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FAA Drone Zone @FAADroneZone

Drones can play a crucial role in public safety response, such as search and rescue. Learn more about how to start at program at bit.ly/2ULx2UR. #DroneWeek

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 Discover how a #drone equipped with a cell site (known as a Flying Cell on Wings) provided much-needed coverage for the @SCCoSheriff Search and Rescue team as they conducted an exercise in remote areas of @SCCParks: firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/... #DroneWeek #FirstNetinAction #California



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Calling all #911Professionals! Join us Thurs., Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m. ET for a webinar on The Emergency Comms Center & @FirstNet. Learn about interconnection options and how agencies are using the network for remote operations. surveyMonkey.com/r/ECC2020webin...

#apcoetf #911dispatcher



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On Wednesday, Dec 9th, the #FirstNetAuthority Board will hold its final meeting of 2020. Save the date to join us and see how the FirstNet Authority Board is helping ensure #WeServeYou!

Meet our board members: firstnet.gov/about/board/me...

SAVE THE DATE

FirstNet Authority
 Board and Committee Meeting
 December 9, 2020



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Check out this great overview of #RuralHealth initiatives happening across the nation, and check out FirstNet.gov/EMS for the latest news, events, and resources on how @FirstNet is advancing #patientcare in rural and remote areas. #PowerofRural #RuralBroadband

Rural Development @usdaRD · Nov 20
 It's Week in Review time, and if you've been following along, you know what this week was all about. But if you missed anything, take a look back at all of our rural health highlights from the past few days:
 ⚡ "National Rural Health Day 2020"
twitter.com/i/moments/1329...

The FirstNet Authority 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.

