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FEATURED ENGAGEMENT



Pre-planning support to maximize FirstNet broadband capabilities

Whether organizing a sporting event, updating an emergency response plan, or responding to a weather-related disaster, first responders know that pre-event planning is crucial to ensuring a successful and safe outcome.

That's why the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) team offers advance planning and preparation support to FirstNet users. We work closely with public safety agencies to understand the event, identify first responders' needs and desired capabilities for that day, and work with our network partner, AT&T, to identify what broadband solutions and coverage are needed to successfully support the event. As the number of FirstNet subscribers continues to grow nationwide, more public safety agencies are working with our team of experts and taking advantage of this unique and free service.

FirstNet Authority pre-planning for the World's End Ultra Marathon

If you're interested in discussing how to best integrate FirstNet services and capabilities into an event or emergency response plan, contact Doug Harder at: Doug.Harder@firstnet.gov



Recruitment of FirstNet Board Members

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Department of Commerce, issued a **Notice of Recruitment** to initiate the annual process to seek interest from individuals who would like to serve on the FirstNet Authority Board of Directors. To be considered for the calendar year 2021 appointments, expressions of interest must be electronically transmitted on or before April 5, 2021.

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

Upcoming Webinars

FirstNet Washington D.C./Maryland/Virginia: Enhancing Situational Awareness with Real-Time Location Based Services Webinar

Delaware FirstNet Roadmap Webinar

FirstNet Deployables: What's New and What to Expect When Requesting an Asset Webinar

FirstNet Brings Internet to the Woods: Command and Control During Wildfires Webinar

March 24

March 24

March 25

April 8

FIRSTNET IN ACTION



FirstNet Supports Vaccine Distribution Efforts Across the U.S.

From coast to coast, FirstNet is helping those charged with coordination of the vaccine distribution across America to stop the spread of COVID-19. Through innovative solutions, public safety agencies, local and state governments, and healthcare organizations using FirstNet are helping to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine efficiently and effectively.

Check out this [press release on vaccine distribution](#) to see how FirstNet is supporting COVID response.



FirstNet Network Advances Public Safety Communications Capabilities

First responders across the country 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.

Read more about the benefits for first responders in [Idaho](#), [Montana](#), and [Tennessee](#).



FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

AT&T boosts network in time for busy basketball month

WTHR, March 11

AT&T installing 5G at Lucas Oil Stadium ahead of Final Four

Indianapolis Business Journal, March 10

FirstNet gives first responders public safety communications boost

Hunterdon Review, March 4

National Coverage

FirstNet® Supports Vaccine Distribution Efforts Across the U.S.
Telecom Ramblings, March 18

Iowa Public-Safety Network Selects FirstNet Service as PSAP Backup Connection
MissionCritical Communications, March 15

Private Safety Network App Receives FirstNet Verified Status
MissionCritical Communications, March 15

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Join us on Thursday, March 25 at 3:30 p.m. ET to learn about @FirstNet deployables. Find out what assets are available, how they're being used in the field, and how to request one. Register: firstnet.gov/newsroom/event...



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#FirstNet's broadband infrastructure is bringing mission-critical capabilities to tribes like the Oglala Sioux Tribe (@OSTOfficial1) in #SouthDakota. Learn how @FirstNet is helping bridge the rural-urban digital divide in tribal communities nationwide at Firstnet.gov/momentum.



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ATTN #FIREFIGHTERS: @NCState researchers, recipients of an award from @NISTPublicSafeT, are conducting a study to enhance the design of heads-up displays and need YOUR help. Learn more and find out how to help develop #TechforGood: nist.gov/news-events/ne...



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#PatientSafetyAwarenessWeek – Learn how @FirstNet, public safety's network, is helping #EMS professionals connect to the tools they need and deliver high-quality #patientcare while en route to the hospital. #PSAW2021 firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/...



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