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## FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT

### FirstNet's public safety-first approach to 5G and evolving their network

In 2021, the First Responder Network Authority delivered its first investments in public safety's network to help drive a differentiated, dedicated, and enduring network to support first responders.

In 2022, the First Responder Network Authority will continue to advance public safety communications through close engagement with first responders and expansions in 5G and mission-critical solutions.

Learn more about how public safety input is helping to evolve FirstNet in [this reflection from FirstNet Authority CEO Ed Parkinson](#).



## SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

### *In-Person Events*

Texas Electric Cooperatives Directors Conference, Jan. 11-12

[National Association of EMS Physicians Conference](#), Jan. 12-15

Middle County, New Jersey, Demo Day, Jan. 19

For interest in attendance for any of our events or webinars, please email [Outreach@firstnet.gov](mailto:Outreach@firstnet.gov).



## FIRSTNET IN ACTION



### **Behind the Scenes at a Mass Vaccination Site in New Hampshire**

As vaccines became available, the New Hampshire Department of Safety set up a large vaccination clinic in Loudon. “Go-kits” with cameras, battery packs, routers with FirstNet SIM cards, and other internet-based devices were used to oversee and coordinate the operation, and the ability to stream video footage to unified command was critical to decision-making.

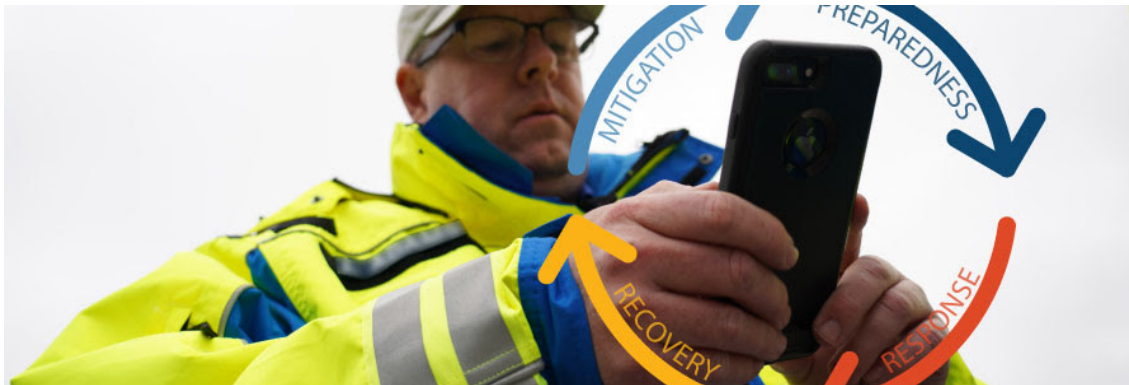
Take a look behind the scenes and [see how FirstNet helped coordinate operations](#) at this New Hampshire vaccination site.



## Expanding Rural Broadband Coverage Through FirstNet

FirstNet is revolutionizing the delivery of public safety services for all users. Learn how FirstNet is expanding broadband coverage into rural areas that have been traditionally underserved or unserved.

Read more from the International City/County Management Association's Mark L. Ryckman about how the [FirstNet is bringing critical connectivity](#) to rural and remote areas.



## FirstNet innovates disaster recovery for emergency management

Every year, disasters put millions of Americans in danger and cost billions of dollars in property damage. After the threat of harm has passed, FirstNet plays an important role in the recovery phase. While a community is assessing damage, repairing and rebuilding infrastructure, and restoring critical functions, FirstNet keeps responders connected and communicating, speeding up some steps of the recovery process. Cherokee County Emergency Management Agency in Alabama used FirstNet to speed up reporting after disasters.

Discover how **emergency managers are using FirstNet** to recover after major disasters. We have started our series about FirstNet and the phases of emergency management with **preparedness**, **response**, and **recovery**. To be the first to learn about FirstNet for mitigation, sign up at [FirstNet.gov/newsletters](https://www.firstnet.gov/newsletters).



## **Faster and better care in rural West Virginia with FirstNet**

When Mason County, West Virginia needed broadband for their public safety agencies, they considered many options and ultimately decided to go with FirstNet because of coverage. Now all EMS agencies in this rural county use FirstNet for their communications, making a difference for providers and patients alike, especially when ambulance rides can be 45 minutes to the nearest advanced care hospital.

Find out how [broadband is enabling faster, more advanced care](#) for rural EMS providers.



## **The FirstNet Network Advances Public Safety Communication 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 [Minnesota](#).

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## FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

### *Regional Coverage*

['This creates a separate network for public safety': New FirstNet tower sites being added in Randall County](#)

KFDA-News Channel 10, January 4

["We can't broadcast through a mountain": Digital dead zones getting in the way of Colorado's first responders](#)

The Colorado Sun, December 23

[FirstNet to give Army first responders a boost in wireless communications](#)

Fort Carson Mountaineer, December 10

[Governor tours MU's Public Safety Training Institute](#)

Wellsboro Gazette, December 10

### *National Coverage*

[FirstNet's public-safety-first approach to 5G and evolving the first-responder network](#)

Urgent Communications, December 23

[New Angle Inlet Gets FirstNet Tower](#)

Inside towers, December 20

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## BE SOCIAL WITH FIRSTNET

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First responders need unique apps to access data and information in the field. Check out [FirstNet.gov/apps](https://www.firstnet.gov/apps) to see how the @FirstNet App Catalog is providing public safety with tested, reliable apps designed to enhance situational awareness and improve decision-making.

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As the brain and nervous system of @FirstNet, the Core is critical to the unique features of the network. See how the Core is supporting first responder operations and how we're working to evolve it as technology advances: [firstnet.gov/tags/key-techn...](https://www.firstnet.gov/tags/key-techn...)

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First responders in @TetonCounty, Wyoming, face unique challenges year-round – from fires and floods in summer and fall to blizzards in the winter and spring. Hear how @FirstNet is helping @tetonwyo\_em prepare for and respond to these disasters: [soundcloud.com/user-472553784...](https://soundcloud.com/user-472553784...)

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The FirstNet Authority team works closely with all public safety disciplines and levels of government to solicit feedback on the uses of #FirstNet. Check out [FirstNet.gov/Federal](https://www.firstnet.gov/Federal) to see how we collaborate with other federal agencies to advance public safety broadband.

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.

