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FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT



FirstNet Authority Board member champions diversity

Warren Mickens [joined the FirstNet Authority Board](#) in October 2021 when he was appointed to a three-year term by **Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo**. Mr. Mickens' extensive career leading technology and manufacturing companies has helped shape him and his work championing cultural diversity.

We sat down with Mr. Mickens for his perspectives on FirstNet and the FirstNet Authority mission—learn more about Warren Mickens' commitment to cultural diversity and his insights on the FirstNet network in the [full interview](#).

[Read Warren Mickens' full interview](#)

You can hear more from leaders like Mr. Mickens at the next FirstNet Authority Board meeting. On May 4, the FirstNet Authority Board will travel to Durham, New Hampshire to hold its second quarterly meeting of 2022 on the University of New Hampshire campus. The joint meeting of the Board and its four committees is open to the public [via webcast](#).

This meeting is an opportunity to learn more about how the FirstNet Authority has engaged with responders and explored public safety solutions. New England first responders will be

in attendance to meet Board members and share their current and future public safety communications strategies. The Board will also hear directly from New Hampshire public safety leaders and stakeholders about the future direction of the network.

Tune into the FirstNet Authority Board Meeting on May 4



SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

In-Person Events

New York State Communications Consortium, May 2-5, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

New England Summit, May 3, Durham, N.H.

FirstNet Authority Combined Board and Committee Meetings, May 4, Concord, N.H.

PSAC EC In-Person Meeting, May 11-12, Boulder, Colo.

IAFC Eastern Division Conference, May 12-14, Rehoboth, Del.

Webinars and Teleconferences

PSAC Tribal Working Group Teleconference, May 3

North Dakota Statewide Webinar, May 10

PSAC Virtual Business Meeting, May 11

For questions about events the FirstNet Authority is attending or hosting, please email Outreach@firstnet.gov.

Register for the New England FirstNet Summit

On May 3-4, 2022, the FirstNet Authority heads to Durham, **New Hampshire** to participate in the **New England FirstNet Summit**.

This special two-day event will begin on May 3 with the State of New Hampshire hosting FirstNet Authority and Board members at a public safety roundtable. New Hampshire **Governor Christopher Sununu** will deliver opening remarks to kick off the facilitated discussion led by the FirstNet Authority. The FirstNet Authority board is looking forward to hearing from public safety leaders in New Hampshire about their experiences using FirstNet.

Governor Sununu will be joined by the New Hampshire Department of Safety Commissioner **Robert Quinn** to take part in FirstNet technology demonstrations and discussions focused on innovative public safety solutions. The New Hampshire Department of Safety and AT&T will also offer a health and wellness training session available at no cost to first responders.

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FIRSTNET IN ACTION



FirstNet Supports Continuity of Operations in Maryland

Government officials in Cecil County, Maryland rely on FirstNet for communications during day-to-day and emergency response. The nationwide public safety broadband network ensures local government leaders are able to stay connected and maintain operations in both rural and urban areas of the county. Watch more on how [FirstNet supports operations](#) in Cecil County.



Completion of 3GPP Release 17 is Key Outcome of March Plenary Meeting

The first-quarterly Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) Plenary e-meetings of 2022 concluded in March. Participants completed work on 3GPP Release 17 that enhances aspects of the 5G system and marks the conclusion of the first phase of the 5G technology evolution. Delegates also made significant progress on Release 18 that will include new innovations delivering the 5G vision.

Read more about the [Third Generation Project Partnership's e-meetings](#) and the progress on Release 18.



The FirstNet Network Advances Public Safety Communication Capabilities

First responders nationwide benefit from FirstNet's expanded coverage, boosted capacity, and new capabilities. Rural and urban, indoor and outdoor, FirstNet solves communications challenges to help public safety serve their communities.

Read more about FirstNet's growth summary for [New Jersey](#) and [California](#).



FIRSTNET MOMENTUM



Agencies
20,500+



Connections
3.3+ Million



FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

FirstNet adoption tops 3.3 million connections and 20,500 agencies

Urgent Communications, April 22

AT&T Awarded \$15 Million Contract to Modernize Army National Guard Network

Inside Towers, April 27

National Coverage

Specialized training seeks to shatter the stigma of PTSD, first responders

ABC-5 News Cleveland, April 19

FirstNet Built with AT&T Now Covers Most of Georgia


GA Followers, April 21



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Emergency managers rely heavily on their ability to communicate. The FirstNet Authority's EM expert Bruce Fitzgerald explains how @FirstNet helps emergency managers better collaborate and share info and data: [firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/...](https://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/)



Hi, my name is Bruce Fitzgerald. I'm a former state Emergency Management director from Maine.

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Meet the Expert: Bruce Fitzgerald
FirstNet Authority Emergency Management expert Bruce Fitzgerald talks about his 15 years in public safety, FirstNet tools for emergency managers, and the importance of communications during disasters.

FirstNet, Built with AT&T @FirstNet

In rural Kansas, a call for backup can mean up to a 30-minute wait for Ford County Sheriff deputies. Watch and learn how FirstNet is helping them stay safe as they do their jobs. my.firstnet.com/8bf0075c



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Ford Co Sheriff's Office Connectivity When it Matters Most.mp4

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In the aftermath of a disaster, damage assessments performed by emergency management personnel and volunteers are critical to recovery. Hear how @Cherokee_ema is using @FirstNet to speed up this process and better serve residents of @CherokeeCoAL: soundcloud.com/user-472553784...



Public Safety First

Alabama Improving Damage Assessment with FirstNet

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