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FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT

Recognizing our nation's public safety community for their lifesaving work and service

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) works hand-in-hand with public safety from every discipline—law enforcement, fire services, EMS, emergency management, and 911/emergency communication services.

Read on to get resources about how the FirstNet Authority supports our partners in public safety.

9-1-1/Emergency Communications

Telecommunicators are unseen but always heard—they are the eyes and ears for first responders when emergency calls come in. Find out more about the FirstNet Authority's work to ensure that call takers and dispatchers have the reliable connectivity they need to collect and relay critical information quickly.

- Visit our **FirstNet for 9-1-1/Emergency Communications** page
- Read the latest **911 Take from John Hunt** about how Indiana is incorporating FirstNet into its 911 operations
- Check out our new **9-1-1/Emergency Communications fact sheet**
- Watch this video celebrating our **nation's 911 operators**
- Connect with the FirstNet Authority 911/Emergency Communications Subject Matter Expert (SME) **John Hunt**

Emergency Management
Emergency managers are called on to deliver critical and concise information under extraordinary circumstances—and that mission largely depends on effective and efficient communication. The FirstNet Authority is helping emergency managers leverage unique features and tools to communicate during events and incidents.

- Visit our **FirstNet for Emergency Management** page
- Read the latest **Emergency Management Take from Bruce Fitzgerald** about using FirstNet with extended primary users
- Check out our updated **Emergency Management fact sheet**
- Download a copy of the **Emergency Management Resource Guide**
- Connect with the FirstNet Authority Emergency Management SME **Bruce Fitzgerald**

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
EMS providers respond to life-threatening emergencies, serve as community healthcare providers, and help safeguard communities nationwide. FirstNet brings them priority access and improved coverage so they can provide the best pre-hospital care possible.

- Visit our **FirstNet for EMS page**
- Read the latest **Emergency Medical Services Take from Gary McCarraher** on maximizing FirstNet coverage with high power user equipment in urban and rural hard to reach spots
- Check out our updated **EMS fact sheet**
- Watch this video **celebrating EMS**
- Connect with the FirstNet Authority EMS SME **Jonathan Olson**

Fire Services
Firefighters rely on mobile broadband technologies to maintain situational awareness when responding to fires or other emergency situations. The FirstNet Authority helps the fire service use FirstNet to support their life-saving work on the frontlines every day.

- Visit our **FirstNet for Fire Services** page
- Read the latest **Fire Services Take from Gary McCarraher** looking at the five E's of community risk reduction and how FirstNet supports them
- Check out our updated **Fire Services fact sheet**
- Watch this video about the **honoring the fire service on International Firefighter's Day**
- Connect with the FirstNet Authority Fire SME **Gary McCarraher**

Law Enforcement
Technology provides law enforcement with advanced tools that make their jobs easier and more efficient. The FirstNet Authority works with law enforcement agencies across the country to ensure that FirstNet offers the right features and functionalities to support their mission-critical work.

- Visit our **FirstNet for Law Enforcement** page
- Read the latest **Law Enforcement Take from Harry Markley** talking with **Sheriff Peter Koutouiin** of the FirstNet Authority Board about his goals and vision for FirstNet
- Check out our updated **Law Enforcement fact sheet**
- Watch this video about **honoring law enforcement** during Police Week
- Connect with the FirstNet Authority Law Enforcement SME **Harry Markley**

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

In-Person Events

Florida State Law Enforcement Radio System Press Event in Tampa, Fla., May 18

Big 5G Event in Austin, Texas, May 16-18

IAFC Metro Fire Chief Conference in Memphis, Tenn., May, 15-19

Broadband Together 2022 in Richmond, Va., May 18-19

Maine Chiefs of Police Annual Conference South Portland, Maine, May 24

Webinars and Teleconferences
PSAC EC May Teleconference, May 23

PSAC Bi-Monthly Webinar, May 24

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

FIRSTNET IN ACTION

FirstNet Authority, NIST Launch Immersive Virtual Experience Center for Public Safety

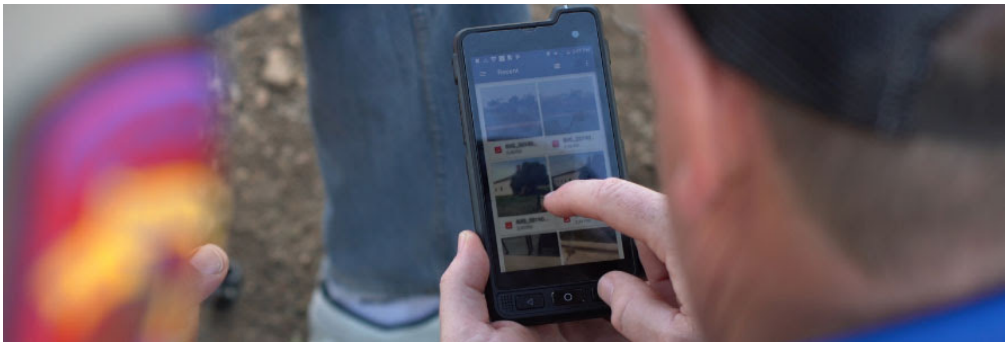
The **FirstNet Authority** and National Institute of Standards and Technology's **Public Safety Communications Research Division** are excited to announce the launch of the Public Safety Immersive Test Center. Located in Boulder, Colorado, this new center will provide an immersive virtual experience to spur research and development, education, and training on public safety technologies.

Learn more about the **Public Safety Immersive Test Center** and what it is doing for public safety.

From the Command Center: A Conversation with Captain John Vallarelli, New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department

Enhancing communications for public safety has been at the heart Captain John Vallarelli's career. As he rose through the ranks of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department in New York, he oversaw many aspects of the agency's communications systems, and he was instrumental in supporting interoperability for officers using the regional radio system and FirstNet.

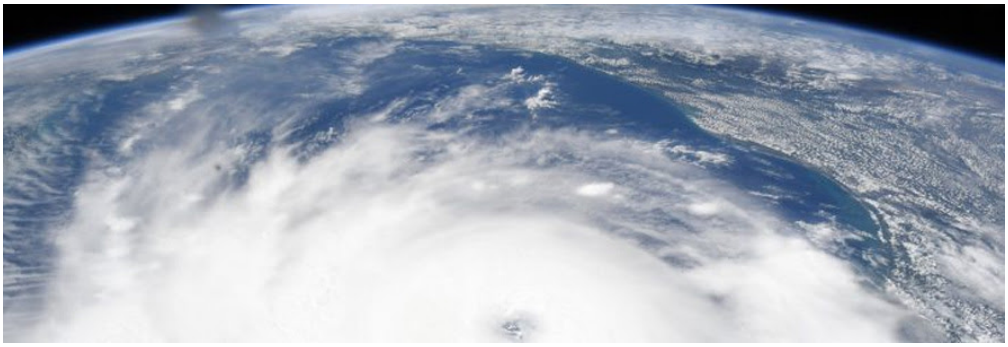
Learn more about **Captain John Vallarelli's journey and career** in public safety.



Testing FirstNet's mission-critical tech in the real world

How do FirstNet's Z-Axis and Push-To-Talk work in real-life scenarios? The FirstNet Authority partnered with the Major County Sheriffs of America to conduct a technology trial of these capabilities. By putting the technology into the hands of officers on the job, we can evaluate its real-world usability, discover any adjustments needed, and plan for future upgrades.

Learn more about **FirstNet's Z-Axis and Push-to-Talk features**.



Driving Innovation for Disaster Planning, Response, and Recovery

Long before the rain starts falling or the wind starts blowing, first responders are focused on planning for hurricanes. Innovative features and functions on FirstNet and programs available through the FirstNet Authority help public safety agencies as they prepare for, respond to, and recover from these disasters.

Learn more about how FirstNet supports **hurricane disaster planning, response, and recovery** for first responders.

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 Hampshire**, **Kansas**, and **Georgia**.

FIRSTNET MOMENTUM

Agencies
20,500+

Connections
3.3+ Million

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

New cell tower in Harmony will enhance area's 4G LTE coverage
Statesville Record & Landmark, May 11

FirstNet cell towers being built in Essex, Clinton counties
Sun Community News, May 10

Search and rescue teams to gather in Baker County
Baker City Herald, April 28

National Coverage

A research facility in Colorado uses XR technologies to train first responders
Inside.com, May 10

AT&T Wins $15M Contract to Help Modernize Army National Guard
Washington Exec, April 28

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#WildfirePrepDay: @FirstNet offers unique tools and services designed specifically for the #fire service, including #wildfire response. In this blog, firefighters can learn 5 ways to use #FirstNet to enhance wildfire operations: FirstNet.gov/WildfireTop5

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With 5G on #FirstNet, first responders will experience lower latency, faster data throughput, and the ability to connect more devices. Check out FirstNet.gov/Core to see how we're working to upgrade the @FirstNet Core to support 5G – and future technologies.

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On #InternationalFirefightersDay, we honor and recognize the immense sacrifices firefighters make to keep their communities safe. We thank these heroes who give everything to protect others.

Learn how FirstNet is supporting our nation's firefighters: FirstNet.gov/fire

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During #NationalPoliceWeek, we honor the members of law enforcement who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Join us in thanking the brave men and women who serve and protect our communities every day. #PoliceWeek

Learn how #FirstNet supports law enforcement: FirstNet.gov/police

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.