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FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT

FirstNet enhances in-building coverage, resiliency

The First Responder Network Authority, or FirstNet Authority, is boosting in-building coverage and resiliency on FirstNet, the nationwide public safety broadband network. Last month, the **FirstNet Authority Board approved an investment** to expand services for network coverage through small cell technology.

This investment aims to expand FirstNet's Band 14 coverage where public safety operates in buildings, such as police headquarters, fire stations, emergency communications centers, and other critical sites. The small cell technology can also be used in the field at staging locations or vaccine distribution centers or COVID testing sites (anywhere with a broadband connection).

The FirstNet Authority's engagement with public safety and the Public Safety Advisory Committee identified indoor coverage as one of first responders' most critical needs for FirstNet. This "Agency Deployed RAN" approach will be an effective way for public safety

to place FirstNet coverage where and when they need it, with access to all the features and functions of the network.

Previously, the FirstNet Board approved two investments to expand the FirstNet's **fleet of deployables** and upgrade the network core for **5G capabilities**.

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

In-Person Events

Inter-Tribal Emergency Management Coalition (ITEMC) Summit, Quapaw, Okla., June 14-16

Major County Sheriffs of America 2022 Summer Conference, White Sulphur, W.Va., June 12-16

National Congress of American Indians 2022 Mid-Year Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, June 12-16

FirstNet SatColt & CRD Demo, Albuquerque, N.M. June 22

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

FIRSTNET IN ACTION

From the Command Center: South Dakota interoperability coordinator Jeff Pierce examines the past, present, and future of public safety comms

Jeff Pierce has served for decades as South Dakota's statewide interoperability coordinator (SWIC) and engineering manager for the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications. On the brink of retirement, Pierce shares his vantage point looking at the past, present, and future of public safety communications. No matter where Pierce

looks, he sees interoperability as the key to effective public safety communications.

Learn how **Jeff Pierce spent a career advocating** for South Dakota interoperability.

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 **Arkansas**, **Oregon**, **Missouri**, and **Iowa**.

FIRSTNET MOMENTUM

Agencies
20,500+

Connections
3.3+ Million

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

FirstNet, Built with AT&T, Teams With First H.E.L.P. to Support Illinois First Responders With #ResponderReadiness Training
The Observer, June 2

FCC Commissioner and Barrasso Come to Casper to Hear About FirstNet

Radio 2K, May 31

National Coverage

NIST Launches Prize Challenge on Incident Command Dashboards
Mission Critical Communications, June 7

AT&T Participates in Department of Defense Demonstration of 5G-enabled Smart Warehouse Solutions at Naval Base Coronado
Pipeline Pub, June 7

These Drones Could Bring You 5G Networking After a Hurricane
CNET, June 2

AT&T Flying COW is Drone-Based 5G Cell Site
Telecompetitor, June 2

AST SpaceMobile gets OK from FCC to test sat-to-phone tech with AT&T in U.S.
Urgent Communications, June 1

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