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FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT



FirstNet brings critical connectivity to tribal lands in New Mexico

Bringing broadband to tribal responders has always been a priority for the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) and our network partner, AT&T.

The FirstNet Authority engages with tribal leaders to determine where they need FirstNet coverage most. Earlier this year, the FirstNet Authority Board visited the **Navajo Nation's community of Tohajiilee** in New Mexico to learn more about the area's current communications challenges. **New Mexico's tribal responders are using FirstNet**, including the network's deployable assets, to support operations throughout the pandemic, during wildfires, and at large-scale events.



Deploying FirstNet Band 14 services across the area will help bridge communication gaps that exist for tribal and rural responders in New Mexico. Pueblo of Laguna Fire and Rescue Department **Chief John Garcia** knows firsthand the importance of dependable broadband in remote areas. Garcia and his agency rely exclusively on wireless communications to bring residents of the six neighboring villages access to EMS and fire services.

When response calls require traveling through mountains or forests, blackouts can occur without notice. “Once service is gone, we have to wait for connectivity to hook up again. That’s a valuable five or ten minutes that we’re losing,” said Garcia. FirstNet deploying Band 14 services across New Mexico will help bridge communication gaps that still exist for Garcia and other rural responders in the state.

[Read about FirstNet extended coverage to tribal lands](#)



SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

In-Person Events

California State Fire Training Evaluator Techniques Sessions, San Bernadino, Calif., June 27-29

The World Games 2022, Birmingham, Ala., July 7-17

Webinars and Teleconferences

South Dakota Statewide Webinar, First Responder Network Authority, June 30

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



FIRSTNET IN ACTION



Cincinnati student challenge generates innovative technology solutions for public safety

The FirstNet Authority worked with AT&T to host a first responder student innovation challenge at the University of Cincinnati. The two-week event brought UC students together with local public safety agencies to explore how technology could be used to enhance first responders' ability to address critical situations.

Learn more about [the first responder student innovation challenge in Cincinnati](#).



The FirstNet Network expands in Charles County to advance public safety communications capabilities in Maryland

Charles County's first responders got a major boost in their wireless communications due to new, purpose-built cell sites located in Charles County – one in Nanjameoy and a second in Newburg on Crain Highway behind the Maryland Veterans Museum. FirstNet

Authority Board Member Karima Holmes, State Senator Arthur Ellis, and other local government officials spoke yesterday morning celebrating the build.

Holmes said, “FirstNet is a broadband network built exclusively for public safety, by public safety. We worked hand in hand with public safety across Maryland to bring coverage and capacity to ensure the network can meet their mission critical needs. These new cell sites are a result of those consultations. We are proud to deliver on our promise to public safety.”

Learn more about FirstNet [expanding in Charles County](#) by advancing capabilities.



Orleans Parish Communication District Hosts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to Celebrate Cut Over to AT&T ESInet™ and Carbyne APEX Call Handling System

The Orleans Parish Communications District celebrates the adoption of AT&T ESInet to support Next Generation 911 call handling systems. AT&T ESInet gives emergency call handlers greater location accuracy and added redundancy to ensure that 911 services remain operational during localized events. The new system along with acquiring a FirstNet Compact Rapid Deployable asset will provide reliable communications systems for Louisiana public safety.

Read more about [FirstNet helping extend 911 services](#) in Louisiana.



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 [Tennessee](#) and [Kentucky](#).



FIRSTNET MOMENTUM



Agencies
20,500+



Connections
3.3+ Million



FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

Leon County Sheriff's Office unveils FirstNet first responders communication network

WTXL Tallahassee, June 17

New FirstNet cell tower boosts communications for first responders

KNBN News Center 1, June 16

National Coverage

Orange County first responders showcase new hurricane emergency equipment

Yahoo News, June 19

AT&T doubling down on 5G Flying Cow, robot dogs

ZDNet, June 16

Building tomorrow's telecommunications network today

MIT Technology Review, June 15

Vendors Showcase 5G-Enabled Smart Warehouse Tech at Naval Base

Coronado Potomac Officers Club, June 14

Challenge: Innovative Incident Command Dashboards for Public Safety

Homeland Security News Wire, June 14



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- ✓ 3.3M+ connections
- ✓ 400+ FirstNet Ready devices
- ✓ ~95% Band 14 coverage completed
- ✓ 195+ apps for public safety



FirstNet is expanding in Charles County, Maryland. New purpose-built sites in in Nanjameoy and Newburg are bringing first responders the coverage they need to keep their communities safe.

Read how [@FirstNet](#) is making a difference for public safety: [firstnet.gov/newsroom/press...](#)



[#FrontlineVoices](#): William Chapman, [#Oregon](#)'s statewide interoperability coordinator, relied on [@FirstNet](#) to maintain operations and communications during the state's pandemic response and a record-breaking fire season last year.

Read his full story: [firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/...](#)



First responders have unique comms needs – that's why the [@FirstNet](#) Core is the first nationwide EPC infrastructure to be built for public safety. Learn how the Core provides superior reliability, mission-critical services, and advanced tools like Uplift-> [FirstNet.gov/Core](#)



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