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FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT

PSAC members innovating, expanding use of FirstNet

For 10 years, the FirstNet Authority's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) has strengthened our relationships with the public safety community. The FirstNet Authority relies on the committee's diverse membership and expertise to develop and expand the nationwide public safety broadband network.

Our PSAC profile blog series highlights member organizations and what benefits public safety broadband brings their missions. Recently, we featured three members who have been valued PSAC members since the committee's inception.

The **Nlets – the International Justice and Public Safety Network** is an international, not-for-profit corporation owned and managed by the 50 states and 5 U.S. territories. As the PSAC representative for Nlets, **Executive Director-CEO Frank Minice** understands the critical role broadband communications plays to ensure the secure and reliable delivery

of life-saving data to our nation's law enforcement officials and other first responders. Nlets advocates on behalf of FirstNet to provide the criminal justice community with the ability to share and access critical information over a secure and reliable platform.

Read **Nlets' profile**.

SAFECOM works to improve interoperable communications for emergency response providers across local, regional, tribal, state, territorial, and international borders, as well as with federal government entities. SAFECOM's PSAC representative is **Chief Gerald Reardon**, (Ret.) Fire Chief for the City of Cambridge (Massachusetts) Fire Department. By representing a broad base of the public safety community, Reardon provides input to the PSAC on best practices for coordinating emergency communications and the need to continue to advance technologies and processes for coordinated communications systems.

Read **SAFECOM's profile**.

The **National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)** represents American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal governments and promotes the broad interests of tribes and their citizens. NCAI has been an important member of the PSAC, providing input on the unique communications challenges tribal first responders face. To help address the lack of broadband access on tribal lands, NCAI advises the PSAC on communications challenges unique to tribal communities, ways to engage with tribal nations, and how to expand telecommunications access for first responders in Indian Country.

Read **NCAI's profile**.

The PSAC members continue to provide valuable operational and technical expertise in support of the FirstNet network and the FirstNet Authority's priorities. For questions regarding the PSAC, please contact **Kenzie Capece**. Stay updated on the PSAC and FirstNet's progress **on our website**.

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

In-Person Events

CNMI FirstNet 101 and update in the Northern Mariana Islands, July 11

World Games 2022 in Birmingham, Ala., July 7 – 11

Public Safety Broadband Technology Association (PSBTA) and AT&T Seminar, Albany, NY, July 13

FEMA Region 4 Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group Annual Training (R4 RECCWG), Atlanta, GA, July 12 – 13

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

FIRSTNET IN ACTION

Los Angeles Police Department expands officers' capabilities over FirstNet

With FirstNet, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers operate with the newest tools and technologies to help access critical information.

Learn more about **how the LAPD** is using FirstNet to serve and protect their communities.

FirstNet Authority Board member looks at the future of FirstNet

Sheriff Peter Koutoujian who leads the Middlesex Sheriff's Office in Massachusetts was appointed in October by the Secretary of Commerce to serve on the FirstNet Authority Board. The FirstNet Authority recently sat down with the sheriff to discuss his approach to law enforcement, his views on FirstNet's value, and what he hopes to accomplish on the Board.

Read more about **Sheriff Koutouijan's discussion** with the FirstNet Authority.

FirstNet is connecting more first responders across Alabama, Massachusetts, Minnesota, and New York

FirstNet continues to expand across the nation, bringing greater coverage, capacity, and capabilities to first responders. 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 **Alabama**, **Massachusetts**, **Minnesota**, and **New York**.

FIRSTNET MOMENTUM

Agencies
20,500+

Connections
3.3+ Million

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

First responders in Charles get communications boost
Southern Maryland News Online, June 30

Emergency broadband service expands to New Mexico's Native American tribes
Las Cruces Sun News, July 1

National Coverage

FE Selected to Develop LMR Strategic Plan for Washington State Patrol
Mission Critical Communications, June 27

FirstNet Authority Launches Immersive Virtual Lab for Public Safety Research and Training
State Tech, June 27

NYC was ahead of its time in public safety communications
Forbes, July 6

LAPD's new FirstNet system aims to keep officers in the field, reduce paperwork
ABC-7, July 6

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Bringing broadband to Tribal responders is a top priority for @FirstNetGov. Discover how new @FirstNet cell infrastructure is providing life-saving connections for Tribes in rural, remote areas of New Mexico and the rest of #IndianCountry: FirstNet.gov/NMtribal

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#FirstNetInTheNews: Read how @FirstNet's reliable, secure network is providing the @LeonSheriff and other #Florida public safety agencies with the technology they need to effectively communicate during emergencies and natural disasters (via @abc27).

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Leon County Sheriff's Office unveils FirstNet first responders communication n...
The Leon County Sheriff's Office gathered with FirstNet to demonstrate their new technology Friday.

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During wildfire season, @FirstNet serves as an important communications tool for firefighters on the frontline. Check out our blog for key lessons and takeaways to remember when using #publicsafety broadband to combat wildfires. firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/... #WildfireFirefighterDay

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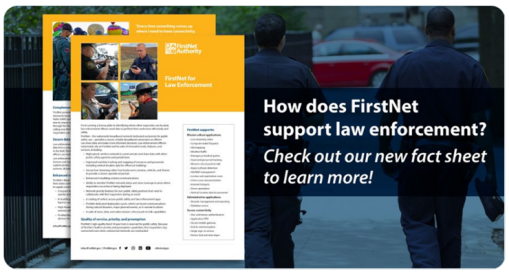
Check out our new fact sheet to see how law enforcement agencies are using @FirstNet's unique capabilities to improve operations and incident outcomes. firstnet.gov/system/tdf/Fir...



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