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FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT



On the road with the First Responder Network Authority

The First Responder Network Authority, or FirstNet Authority, is hitting the road to join some great conferences in the coming weeks. Come meet our staff to hear the latest developments in our efforts to drive innovation and ensure the FirstNet network continues to meet public safety's needs.

APCO International's Annual Conference and Expo

At [APCO International's Annual Conference and Expo 2022](#), FirstNet Authority leadership and experts will participate in a 12-session track dedicated to FirstNet. Panel highlights include how the network supports public safety agencies with **dedicated apps** and **broadband devices**, ways agencies integrate **drones into operations**, **advanced technology for Emergency Communications Centers (ECCs)**, and how to take advantage of the FirstNet Authority's **operational assistance programs**.

This year's event includes a special session dedicated to the [FirstNet Authority's 10-year](#)

anniversary, “America’s Public Safety Network at 10 Years: A FirstNet Retrospective.” FirstNet leadership and network users will discuss FirstNet over the past decade and share how FirstNet grew from dream to reality for first responders.

Connect with the **FirstNet Authority at APCO 2022**.

International Association of Fire Chiefs’ (IAFC) Fire Rescue International (FRI)

At the **2022 IAFC-FRI Conference**, the FirstNet Authority will connect with public safety professionals to exchange ideas about emerging technologies, products, and services available to the fire service through FirstNet. The FirstNet Authority will attend over 20 committee meetings to collaborate on the latest innovations in the industry. These discussions will offer fire service and EMS leaders new insights into FirstNet and let them meet directly with our team.

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

During the **2022 IACP** Annual Conference and Exposition, the FirstNet Authority will lead panel discussions about the role technology plays to improve officer safety and the importance of using technology responsibly. Our team will be onsite throughout the conference for law enforcement leaders to learn more about the FirstNet Authority programs and the FirstNet network.

The FirstNet Authority looks forward to seeing many of our friends and colleagues at APCO, IAFC-FRI, and IACP.



SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

In-Person Events

APCO Annual Conference, Anaheim, Calif., August 8-10

North Carolina Association of EMS Administrators Summer Conference, Asheville, N.C., August 10-12

FirstNet Authority Combined Committee and Board Meeting, Los Angeles, Calif., August 17

National Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Conference, Galveston, Texas, August 18-20

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



FIRSTNET IN ACTION



Meet the Expert: EMS Advisor Jon Olson sees FirstNet as key to innovative solutions in emergency care

Before joining the FirstNet Authority as the EMS subject matter expert, Jon Olson spent 31 years working in EMS in Raleigh, North Carolina. We recently [sat down with Jon](#) to discuss his perspective on how the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network has evolved from concept to solution and how FirstNet will help advance EMS operations into the future.

Read more of [EMS Expert Jon Olson's](#) interview on innovation in emergency care and with FirstNet.



Transforming the future of emergency communications: The FirstNet Authority at APCO 2022

For the third year, APCO has dedicated an entire track of their annual conference to FirstNet, themed "transforming the future of emergency communications." The 2022 conference track has 12 sessions with diverse speakers who are experts on or users of FirstNet.

Read more on the [FirstNet Authority at APCO 2022](#).



Need pre-planning assistance or post incident/event review? Learn about our programs for FirstNet subscribers

The FirstNet Authority offers targeted engagements through our Network Experience Engagement Program. These engagements help public safety agencies operationalize FirstNet.

Visit our new web page about the [operational assistance](#) to get access to these resources.



Open house at the Public Safety Immersive Test Center and FirstNet Lab

Last Thursday, first responders and media visited our Public Safety Immersive Test Center in Colorado to experience VR/AR firsthand and learn how it will aid in developing public safety tech.

Take a look at [the new innovation center by FirstNet and PSCR](#) and how immersive virtual reality is bringing [first responder training into the future](#).

Share pictures from the event on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#).





Agencies
21,800+



Connections
3.7+ Million



FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

Watchdog creates radiation monitoring system

Concord Monitor, July 27

Immersive virtual reality brings first responder training into the future

ABC-7 Denver, August 3

National Coverage

Boca Raton Fire Department's new Uniden cell booster ensure failsafe emergency response AVNation, July 26

6 ways tech can help protect our children from mass shootings

District Administration, July 27

CommNet's Sacred Wind Acquisition would unite two tribal focused providers

Telecompetitor, July 27

A Look at FirstNet and PSCR's New Innovation Center

Mission Critical Magazine, August 2

AT&T, FirstNet Bolster Communications in Flood Ravaged Kentucky

Inside Tower, August 4



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#NEWS: @FirstNetGov is expanding services across the 27,000-mile Navajo Nation in order to aid public safety and first responders on the reservation.



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FirstNet and Navajo Nation Expand Coverage to First Responders
The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) expansion is reaching much needed coverage areas for Navajo Nation First Responders.

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Today is **#WorldRangerDay!** Thank you to all the rangers who protect our national and state parks. Rangers often work in rough, remote terrain with limited connectivity – @FirstNet is helping to bring communications to these areas.



“The capabilities that FirstNet brings to public safety can bridge the life-saving gap created by challenges in communications, such as geography, terrain, and jurisdictional boundaries.”

SHANE PETTY, CHIEF RANGER M.S.C.J.
Emergency Services Coordinator
Tennessee State Parks

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From presidential debates and NFL games to local races and festivals, @FirstNet helps responders prepare for events of all sizes. Check out stories from responders who used FirstNet to stay connected --> visit [FirstNet.gov/FirstNetInAction](https://www.firstnet.gov/FirstNetInAction) and select “Planned Events.”



FirstNet in Action

See how public safety integrates the FirstNet network into operations

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9-1-1 telecommunicators are turning to @FirstNet for remote call-taking, backup systems for CAD/call handling, cloud-based CAD solutions, and mobile communication with responders in the field. Learn about the many ways #FirstNet serves the 9-1-1 community: [firstnet.gov/system/tdf/Fir...](https://www.firstnet.gov/system/tdf/Fir...)



Find out how FirstNet is improving 911 communications

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