THE FIRSTNET AUTHORITY UPDATE | AUGUST 22, 2022

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FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT

FirstNet Authority Board approves FY23 budget for agency operations, network investments

The **FirstNet Authority Board** met on August 17 in Los Angeles California, for its annual Finance Committee Board meeting. The Board approved the FirstNet Authority's $358 budget for fiscal year 2023 (FY23). The **FY23 budget** funds FirstNet Authority operations and network investments in FY23, with most of the funding allocated to upgrades of FirstNet.

The FirstNet Authority Board and leadership team also reviewed the organization's major accomplishments from FY22 and our key priorities for FY23.

The FirstNet Authority's key priorities for FY23 include:

- **Contract oversight** of AT&T's deployment and operation of the FirstNet network

- **Stakeholder Engagement**: Collaboration with public safety, industry, and other government entities to inform FirstNet operations and enhancements
- **Organization Health**: Ensuring the most effective and efficient use of the FirstNet Authority's capabilities and resources
- **Future Planning and Investments**: Evolving the FirstNet network capabilities and services in alignment with the Roadmap

Engaging with public safety agencies
In advance of the meeting, the FirstNet Authority Board toured SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California, which was the site of the **Super Bowl in February 2022**. FirstNet provided pre-planning event support to maximize public safety communication capabilities at this major event.

In conjunction with the tour, the FirstNet Authority Board welcomed **Commander Randy Goddard** of the Los Angeles Police Department to share his experience with FirstNet during the preplanning and onsite efforts at the Super Bowl.

"Going back to 9/11, [we've learned] how critical it is to communicate with public safety entities and our partners. FirstNet has given us that ability," explained Commander Goddard. "We have 1,700 mobile digital computers installed in our fleet, all run by FirstNet."

For more information on the FirstNet Authority, visit **FirstNet.gov**.

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

In-Person Events

White House Communications Agency Executive Communications Summit, Washington, D.C., August 23-24

IAFC Fire-Rescue International, San Antonio, Texas, August 24-26

National Association of State Technology Directors (NASTD) 2022 Annual Conference and Technology Showcase, Seattle, Wash., August 28-31

Virtual Meetings and Teleconferences

Utah Communications Authority, Utah Statewide Webinar, August 24

PSAC Executive Committee Monthly Teleconference, August 29

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

FIRSTNET IN ACTION

New factsheet: FirstNet Authority oversight

Want to learn more about the FirstNet Authority's oversight role? Check out our **newest factsheet**. It outlines the public-private partnership with AT&T, how we ensure that AT&T satisfies its obligations under the contract for the FirstNet network, and the task orders and deliverables involved.

Summer 2022 newsletters are here

The FirstNet Authority published our summer 2022 discipline newsletters. Hear from our subject matter experts about how we are working alongside public safety to expand capabilities for responders across the country.

- Read how **FirstNet kept Michigan responders communicating in the aftermath of a tornado** with EMS Advisor, Jon Olson.
- Learn how **drones keep firefighters safe** with Fire Services Advisor, Gary McCarraher.
- Catch up on **highlights from APCO 2022** with 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Advisor, John Hunt.
- See how the **Dallas Police Department in Georgia switched from land mobile radios to FirstNet** with Law Enforcement Advisor, Harry Markley.
- Discover how **the first ever national exercise led by tribal nations used FirstNet** to test communication capabilities with Emergency Management Advisor, Bruce Fitzgerald.

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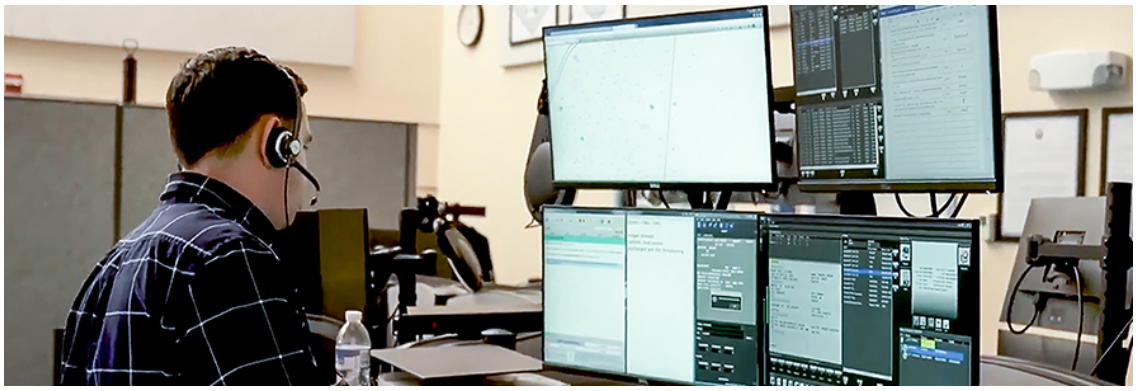

The future of 911 in Indiana: Tactical dispatch, remote operations, and backup

During an emergency, 9-1-1 is the public's first point of contact—which presents unique challenges for telecommunicators. Andrea Baughn, Indiana's deputy statewide interoperability coordinator and 9-1-1 liaison, shared how her state is supporting emergency communication centers and how FirstNet can support the unique challenges of 9-1-1.

Read more on the new initiative called **Project Gold Line**.

FirstNet Network advances public safety communication capabilities

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 **Wisconsin**.

FIRSTNET MOMENTUM

Agencies
21,800+

Connections
3.7+ Million

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

Stonington launches FirstNet cell sits for first responders
WABI-5, August 09, 2022

Northwoods gets additional cell towers
WJFW-12, August 17, 2022

Montana Morning News
KBZK CBS, August 17, 2022

National Coverage

AR, VR and emergency response: FirstNet Authority's immersive public safety lab
RCR Wireless, August 09, 2022

Remote Work Opens New Possibilities for 9-1-1
P. 46, Mission Critical Communications, August 10, 2022

New VR training center in Colorado available to any department for free
Police1, August 10, 2022

Boca Raton Fire Department employs uniden cell booster for failsafe emergency response Commercial Integrator, August 11, 2022

FirstNet PTT technical progress highlighted by AT&T at APCO 2022
Urgent Communications, August 13, 2022

FirstNet Authority Approves $190M for Network Enhancements
Police Law Enforcement Solutions, August 17, 2022

FirstNet Authority Approves Fiscal Year 2023 Budget
MissionCritical Communications, August 17, 2022

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.@IPSC_Indiana is looking to the future of 9-1-1 with tactical dispatch, remote operations, and backup communications systems for the state's 100+ emergency communication centers. Learn more in our new blog: firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/...

Integrated Public Safety Commission

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The FirstNet Authority team is looking forward to #FRI2022! Keep an eye out for our team of fire service experts who will be in San Antonio to connect with their public safety colleagues and discuss the latest technologies, products, and services available through @FirstNet.

IAFC and 4 others

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The future of testing public safety tech is here. See how first responders are experimenting with innovative technology at the new Public Safety Immersive Test Center from @FirstNetGov and @NIST.

Plan your visit to the center, located in Colorado: rrmediagroup.com/Features/Featu...

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More agencies are adopting @FirstNet—in the last quarter, 1,300 agencies have joined. Check out FirstNet.gov/FirstNetinActi... to see how agencies nationwide are using @FirstNet to enhance operations.

Growth in FirstNet Agencies

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.