THE FIRSTNET AUTHORITY UPDATE | SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

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FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT

September is **National Preparedness Month**—a time to raise awareness about the need to be ready for emergencies. The FirstNet Authority's **assistance support programs** help public safety agencies operationalize FirstNet, so they are ready for whatever comes next.

These programs are a free service offered to FirstNet users to help public safety agencies integrate broadband into their next event, training session, or incident response plan.

The FirstNet Authority offers support through the following engagements:

- **Pre-planning support**: Schedule a session at **preplanning@firstnet.gov**
- **An exercise inject catalog**: Request a copy at **FirstNetExercises@FirstNet.gov**
- **Post-incident or event reviews**: Schedule a review at **PIER@firstnet.gov**

Get assistance from the FirstNet Authority

Nominations for the Chief Harlin R. McEwen Public Safety Broadband Communications Award are now open

The **Chief Harlin R. McEwen Public Safety Broadband Communications Award** is the FirstNet Authority's sole, prestigious award. Established in 2017, the award recognizes the spirit of service, commitment, and dedication that is a proud tradition among public safety.

To nominate an individual, download the **nomination form** and email it to: **info@firstnet.gov**. Submissions requested by Friday, October 14, 2022.

The FirstNet Authority is hiring: Chief Executive Officer

The FirstNet Authority has engaged a recruitment firm to help attract a highly qualified, diverse group of executive-level candidates for the position of CEO. The CEO is responsible for shaping the technology and reinvestment strategy for FirstNet, the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network, and overseeing all operations of the FirstNet Authority.

Read more about **applying for the Chief Executive Officer**.

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

In-Person Events

Vision 2022: FirstNet Users Summit (PSBTA), September 19-21, Las Vegas, Nev.

89th Annual Conference and Exhibition of the Virginia Sheriff's Association, September 20-22, Virginia Beach, Va.

Massachusetts Hazardous Materials Conference, September 22, Plymouth, Mass.

Idaho Association of Counties, September 26-28, Boise, Idaho

Virtual Meetings and Teleconferences

PSAC EC Monthly Teleconference, September 26

PSAC Bi-Monthly Webinar, September 27

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

FIRSTNET IN ACTION

Strengthening our nation's preparedness with a public safety broadband network

During September, we remember the tragedy of the 9/11 attacks and recognize National Preparedness Month. These events serve as poignant reminders that emergencies can happen at any time, and it is critical for first responders to be prepared. The FirstNet Authority is working to strengthen emergency preparedness through ensuring the men and women of public safety can communicate when and where disaster strikes.

Read more about the measures FirstNet takes to **prepare first responders** for disasters.

FirstNet Authority Board member advocates for mindfulness in public safety

Chief Sylvia Moir is a police executive with more than three decades of local police practice and over a decade of experience as a chief of police. She was appointed to the FirstNet Authority Board by the Secretary of Commerce in October 2021. Chief Moir shared her perspectives on FirstNet, her service on the board, and the role of mindfulness in policing.

Read our **interview with Chief Moir**.

Drones keep firefighters safe during fertilizer plant blaze

Fire departments around the country are investing in drone technology to keep firefighters safe. Division Chief Dan Cremeans of the Durham Fire Department in North Carolina explained how their drone program helped keep firefighters safe as they battled a fire at a fertilizer plant containing hundreds of tons of highly flammable chemicals.

Learn more how drones helped **firefighters in North Carolina** stay safe.

FirstNet expands 5G and in-building connectivity for first responders

FirstNet is furthering critical communications for first responders by expanding 5G, boosting dedicated in-building connectivity, and enhancing 9-1-1 resiliency across Tennessee with FirstNet as a wireless backup.

Read more about **FirstNet's expansion and in-building connectivity**.

FIRSTNET MOMENTUM

Agencies
21,800+

Connections
3.7+ Million

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

New radios link school security with law officials in case of an emergency
KIII-TV 3 News, September 7

National Coverage

FirstNet Authority initiates CEO search, spectrum-license renewal process
Urgent Communications, September 2

Catalyst Receives SBIR Contract to Explore Broadband PTT Interoperability
Mission Critical Communications, September 6

Private LTE fills in coverage gaps in emergency situations
News Live Washington, September 13

The talking computers of childhood dreams, but for grown-up cops
Police1, September 13

Lockheed Martin, AT&T tout military helicopter data transfer performance
Homeland Preparedness News, September 13

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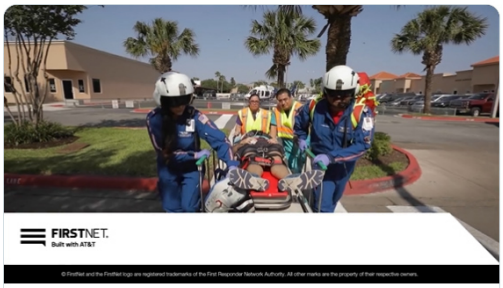
During a life-threatening emergency, the golden hour is critical. For example, on-scene pre-providers must let a hospital know how much blood will be needed. Here's how FirstNet helps make every second count.



Health and Wellness – Trauma Care – Daniel Tuttle.mp4

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Check out our Emergency Management Resource Guide and learn how to make the most of the services @FirstNet is providing public safety. Compiled by a team of emergency management experts, the resources included in this guide help keep our communities safe: FirstNet.gov/EMGuide

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To prepare for the 2020 presidential debate in Cleveland, Ohio, the @CuyahogaOEM called the FirstNet Authority for pre-planning support. The agency credited pre-planning with executing a safe and successful event. Learn more: firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/...

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Our country was forever changed 21 years ago. We will #NeverForget those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks, and we are forever grateful for the first responders who risked everything to protect others. Thank you for your bravery, dedication, and courage. #September11

Never Forget: Reflecting on September 11
Our mission is to give American first responders a reliable nationwide broadband network. The lives lost and the lives forever changed on September 11 2001 are our reasons why. We will never forget.

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.