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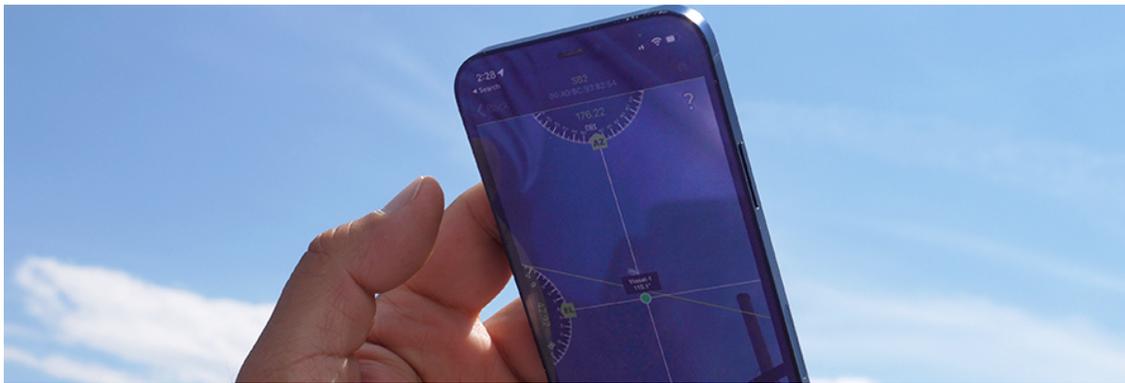
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## FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT



### Device-focused research with public safety yields key insights

The FirstNet Authority is dedicated to enhancing the FirstNet network and advancing public safety communications for first responders nationwide.

Implementing public safety's priorities requires a deep understanding of how first responders interact with the FirstNet network through devices and applications, as well as their needs and expectations of the network. To better understand these aspects of user experience, the FirstNet Authority conducted in-person and virtual engagements with the public safety community throughout 2021 to learn about:

- What broadband devices first responders are using and why they chose them

- How responders would prefer to interact with the FirstNet network during daily and emergent operations
- What a next-generation public safety device should include to further enable their mission

Through these discussions, the FirstNet Authority sought to bring public safety's voice into our Roadmap planning processes and better understand how to put the power of FirstNet in the hands of public safety.

[Read more about our device-focused research](#)



## SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

### *In-Person Events*

PSAC In Person Meeting, November 15-16, Tysons, Va.

**FirstNet Authority Combined Committee and Board Meeting**, November 16, Tysons Corner, Va.

**IAEM Annual Conference**, November 11-17, Savannah, Ga.

**Alabama Association of Rescue Squads Conference**, November 16-20, Orange Beach, Al.

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



## FIRSTNET IN ACTION



### **A Release 18 Moves Forward at 3GPP Plenary**

The third-quarterly Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) Plenary e-meetings of 2022 concluded in September. Participants focused on 3GPP Release 18, which will become the inaugural release for 5G Advanced that includes new innovations toward the 5G vision. The plenary meetings made solid progress on the study items and work items that form the basis to advance Release 18 features.

Learn more about [Release 18](#) and what the features mean for public safety.



## Oxford Police leverages compact rapid deployable to boost emergency comms in Alabama

The Oxford Police Department is the first public safety agency in Alabama to obtain a FirstNet compact rapid deployable (CRD), a miniature cell tower that generates cellular and wi-fi coverage quickly, efficiently, and wherever it's needed. This advanced technology acts as a solution for challenges that first responders face when trying to stay connected during emergencies, in more rural areas, or during large events where networks can get overwhelmed.

Listen to [this episode of the Public Safety First podcast](#) to hear how technology like the CRD is making the Oxford Police Department more self-sufficient.



## 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 [Oklahoma](#) and [Arizona](#).

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## FIRSTNET MOMENTUM



Agencies  
**23,000+**



Connections  
**4 Million**

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## FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

### *Regional Coverage*

#### **Robot first responders saving lives in natural disasters**

KCPQ-TV, November 7

#### **Cranford schools makes strides to improve emergency communication**

Patch.com, November 7

### *National Coverage*

#### **Introducing new technology for first responders during disaster recovery efforts**

FOX Weather, November 2

#### **FirstNet and AT&T provide the network to power first responders**

BGR, November 2

#### **This FirstNet tech might save your life soon**

Pocketnow, November 3

#### **Commerce Secretary Appoints Gordon to FirstNet Authority Board**

MissionCritical Communications, November 8

#### **FirstNet touts enhanced Oklahoma first responder connectivity**

Homeland Preparedness News, November 8

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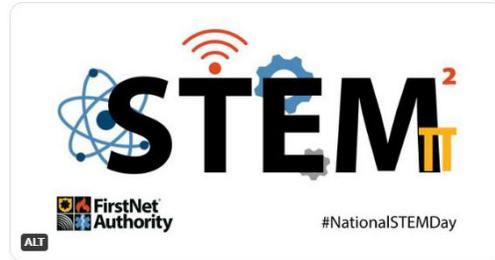
**Rich Carrizzo**  
@SPFPDFireChief

A great day w @FirstNet for a media show in NY. Proud to be representing @FirstNetGov and explaining some incredible tech that form the US's 5 y/o network for the nation's #FirstResponders, it continues to fix huge problems. Oh, and one of these dogs comforts heroes nationwide.



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Let's cell-abrate – it's #NationalSTEMDay! Don't short circuit, we have just what you need. This episode of the Public Safety First podcast explores how three #WomeninSTEM are innovating for first responders. Grab your earbuds and add this to your queue! [soundcloud.com/user-472553784...](https://soundcloud.com/user-472553784...)



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Hear from our experts on innovative ways to integrate FirstNet into emergency comms:

- ➔ Boost indoor FirstNet coverage at HQ
- ➔ Combine FirstNet push-to-talk with LMR to enhance/extend comms
- ➔ Take coverage everywhere your mission takes you

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**Extended range with FirstNet PTT**



**Flexible coverage in tough spots**



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#NativeAmericanHeritageMonth – The FirstNet Authority works closely with tribal leaders to improve emergency communications for responders serving and protecting tribal nations. Read more about our work in #IndianCountry at [FirstNet.gov/tribal](https://FirstNet.gov/tribal).



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