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FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT

World-renowned holiday lights festival shines with FirstNet behind the scenes

Every year during the holidays, the city of St. Augustine in Florida is transformed by millions of holiday lights that bedazzle the city's downtown in an event called Nights of Lights. As visitors marvel at the twinkling lights, St. Augustine officials use FirstNet to ensure the event runs smoothly and safely for everyone involved.

See the difference FirstNet's **behind the scenes actions** made.

Watch this video about FirstNet providing reliable emergency communications for St. Augustine's responders

FIRSTNET IN ACTION

PSAC Profile: National Association of Counties

The National Association of Counties (NACo) represents over 2,300 counties and provides legislative, research, and technical services to help serve the needs of the public. As part of these efforts, NACo works with public safety organizations to establish local priorities and align resources to achieve public safety goals. Through its participation on the Public Safety Advisory Committee, NACo gives local county leaders a voice in ensuring the FirstNet network addresses their emergency communication needs.

Learn how **NACo participates** as a member of the FirstNet Authority's Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Building on year of progress, FirstNet Authority looks to public safety to drive future growth

In 2022, the FirstNet Authority reached two major milestones: the 10-year anniversary of the legislation that created FirstNet and the five-year anniversary of the FirstNet Authority's public-private partnership with AT&T. In the coming years, the FirstNet Authority will continue to oversee the buildout, operation, and maintenance of the network, and make further investments to expand and evolve FirstNet to ensure it continuously meets the needs of public safety nationwide.

Learn about the **FirstNet Authority's major accomplishments** of the year and see what the future of FirstNet looks like.

When fiber fails, FirstNet connects Iowa's 9-1-1 calls

When Iowa needed a backup communications network for its public safety answering points, the state turned to FirstNet. Blake DeRouchey, 9-1-1 program manager for the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, shared how Iowa uses FirstNet as a failover so 9-1-1 calls stay connected.

Read how **FirstNet is helping solve communication issues** for first responders in Iowa.

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 **Shade Gap, Pennsylvania**, **West Virginia**, and **Delaware**.

FIRSTNET MOMENTUM

Agencies
23,000+

Connections
4 Million

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

New cellular tower built in Fulton
Fulton Sun, December 21

Board approves new cell tower
Daily Corinthian, December 23

National Coverage

Emergency-response technology with a 5G upgrade is having an impact in places like hurricane-battered Florida
Market Insider, December 14

Sierra Wireless Modules & Routers Now Support FirstNet Connectivity
The Fast Mode, December 16

PSCR partners with FirstNet Authority for June public-safety communications event
Urgent Communications, January 4

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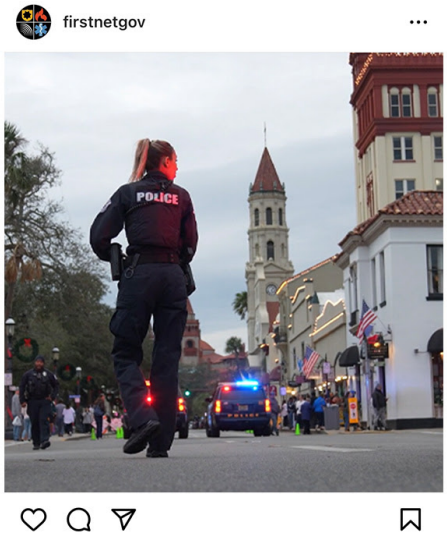

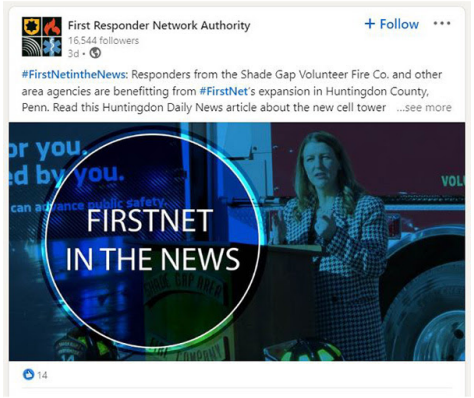

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