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FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT

Annual report highlights public safety communications advances through innovation, insight

This year's **Annual Report to Congress** highlights the significant contributions the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) made to public safety communications technology throughout fiscal year (FY) 2022. The report, titled "Advancing Public Safety Communications Through Innovation and Insight," details the forward-thinking, state-of-the-art technology made available to the public safety community through FirstNet and ongoing efforts by the FirstNet Authority to enhance the nationwide public safety broadband network.

Here are some key points from our Annual Report to Congress for FY 2022

- The FirstNet Authority conducted 1,850 engagements with more than 49,000 first responders.

- In FY 2022, FirstNet adoption grew by more than 30 percent. The network counted 3.7 million network connections and nearly 22,000 public safety agency users.
- FirstNet new solutions, capabilities, and services included 100 new devices for FirstNet use, 50 new FirstNet Verified apps, and 50 new **deployable assets**.
- The FirstNet Authority's most recent investment **expands services for network coverage** via small-cell technologies. The investment aims to increase FirstNet coverage where public safety agencies operate indoors, such as police headquarters, fire stations, Emergency Communication Centers, and other critical sites and field locations.
- The FirstNet Authority partnered with the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Public Safety Communications Research Division to **launch the Public Safety Immersive Test Center** (PSITC) in Boulder, Colorado.

Read about the FirstNet Authority's commitment to public safety

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SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

In-Person Events

Cal OES Hazmat Trainers Seminar, February 21 – 22, Chico, Calif.

2023 Virginia Fire Rescue Conference, February 22 – 25, Virginia Beach, Va.

Massachusetts Fire Chiefs Annual Conference, February 28 – March 2, Worcester, Mass.

2023 New Jersey Public Safety Forum, March 3, Westampton, N.J.

FIRSTNET IN ACTION

CRDs 3GPP moves Release 18 freeze date to March 2024

The fourth-quarterly 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) Plenary e-meetings of 2022 concluded in December. Participants focused work on 3GPP Release 18's (R18) feature progress and schedule. During the meetings, the group decided to extend the R18 freeze date by three months to March 2024 to ensure the quality of the R18 3GPP specifications.

Read about the decision to **extend the R18 3GPP freeze date** by three months.

Compact rapid deployables help Oregon public safety prepare for earthquakes

Emergency management thrives on good communications. One FirstNet tool that aids communications is push-to-talk on hand-held mobile devices. Push-to-talk capabilities over FirstNet deliver better situational awareness for responders in the field and in the emergency operations center.

Learn more about how FirstNet's push-to-talk capabilities are **boosting communication**s.

FIRSTNET MOMENTUM

Agencies
24,000+

Connections
4.4 Million

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

Super Bowl stats: A record-setting data day in Arizona
AZ Big Media, February 14

AT&T Boosts Network Speeds for Steuben County
WENY News, February 13

New AT&T cell sites added in Jefferson, Lewis & St. Lawrence counties
Inform NY, February 14

Pair of new cell sites in area part of AT&T wireless broadband effort
Daily Sentinel, February 15

Council to discuss cell towers on open space land
Chino Hills Champion, February 11

National Coverage

AT&T/FirstNet Readies Super Bowl LVII Communications
Police Magazine, February 8

AT&T, FirstNet invest in connectivity, tech upgrades ahead of Super Bowl
EMS 1, February 12

FirstNet Authority selects CEO, awaits 'paperwork' to make formal announcement
Urgent Communications, February 15

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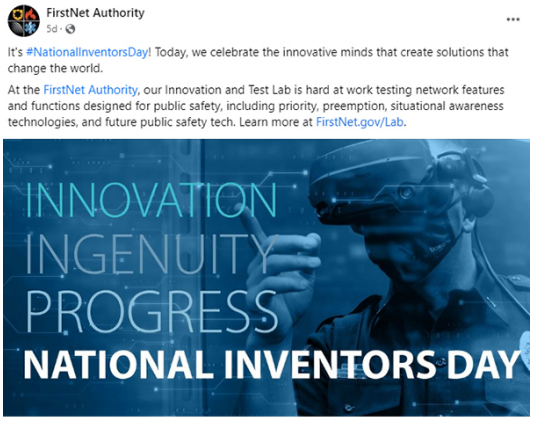

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