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FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT

Immersive Test Center brings first responders advanced training, opportunities to overcome challenges

The Public Safety Immersive Test Center (PSITC) in Boulder, Colorado, is an innovative test facility, created in partnership between the FirstNet Authority and the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Public Safety Communications Research Division. Virtual and alternate reality technologies will help first responders train, and tracking systems will provide ground truth for location-based services.

Read more about how first responders are using the **PSITC to simulate realistic training environments**.

See how the PSITC enhances on-the-ground operations

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

In-Person Events

CRD Exercise with Virginia Public Safety, March 7, Gladstone, Virginia

Western States Sheriffs' Association Conference, March 5-10, Reno, Nevada

IACP Division Mid-Year Conference, March 22-24, Arlington, Virginia

Virtual Meetings and Teleconferences

PSAC TWG Monthly Teleconference, March 7

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

FIRSTNET IN ACTION

Portable connectivity: CRDs meet public safety needs in the field, on the road, and along the fire line

When disasters strike, public safety officials need access to a reliable communications network to facilitate and coordinate resources in a moment's notice. During a wildfire that started near the National Center for Atmospheric Research facility, the City of Boulder, Colorado experienced firsthand how FirstNet Compact Rapid Deployable (CRD) assets quickly resolved connections issues by reestablishing communication within 15 minutes.

Read more about how FirstNet CRDs are **keeping first responders connected**.

FIRSTNET MOMENTUM

Agencies
24,000+

Connections
4.4 Million

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

AT&T boosts network speed for Western New York
Niagara Frontier Publications, February 17

Cell towers to be allowed in open space
Chino Hills Champion, February 18

How a new cell tower in Jasper will impact Steuben County connectivity, first responders
The Evening Tribune, February 17

New cell tower to boost signal, blend in at high school
Half Moon Bay Review, February 22

National Coverage

FirstNet Authority Chair Board Benjamin gets White House post, will leave Authority in April
Urgent Communications, February 27

First Responder 911 Foundation Launches a Governor's Challenge: A Nationwide Initiative to Benefit Every American
Business Wire, February 27

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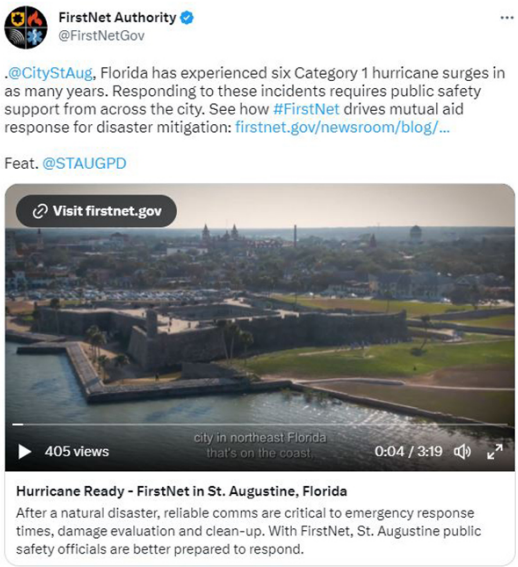

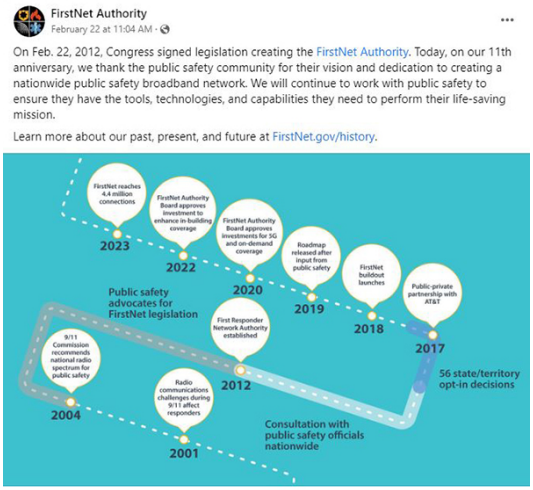

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Our team is on the ground at Mobile World Congress to learn how innovations in 5G, 6G, IoT, robotics may advance life-saving emergency response. Meet up with our team to chat about #FirstNet and the future of public safety communications. #MWC2023

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