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FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT

FirstNet Authority, NIST announce innovation summit for public safety communications leaders

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announced that registration is open for 5x5: The Public Safety Innovation Summit, to be held June 28-30, 2023, in San Diego, California. 5x5 is a reimagined summit for public safety, academia, government, and industry leaders to discuss the current state of public safety communications technology and to explore new advancements in research and development.

Find out how 5x5 is a **continuation of the strong partnership** between NIST's Public Safety Communications Research Division (PSCR) and the FirstNet Authority, and help spread the word about 5x5 by sharing on **Twitter**, **LinkedIn**, **Instagram**, and **Facebook**.

Register for the Summit at FirstNet.gov/5x5

The FirstNet Authority is hiring: Emergency Management Specialist (Public Safety)

The FirstNet Authority is seeking an individual to join the Market Engagement Office to collaborate with stakeholders to enhance public safety's FirstNet experience. This role is responsible for identifying stakeholders, with a focus on the Emergency Communications Center community and FEMA Region 7 states, to build relationships and develop and execute an engagement plan.

Apply by March 23 to join the FirstNet Authority team.

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

In-Person Events

Minnesota Sheriff's Association PSAP 9-1-1 Conference, March 20 – 23, Alexandria, Minn.

South Texas All Hazards Conference, March 22 – 23, McAllen, Texas

IWCE Conference and Expo 2023, March 29 – March 30, Las Vegas, Nev.

IAFC Wildland-Urban Interface Conference 2023, March 28 – 30, Reno, Nev.

Virtual Meetings and Teleconferences

PSAC EC Monthly Teleconference, March 27

PSAC Bi-Monthly Webinar, March 28

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

FIRSTNET IN ACTION

Joe Wassel named FirstNet Authority Executive Director (CEO); DoD exec oversaw public safety comms, cyber operations

The FirstNet Authority announced that Joseph M. Wassel has been named Executive Director (CEO) of the FirstNet Authority. He joins the FirstNet Authority after serving in senior executive positions at the Department of Defense, where he oversaw global technology and communications systems during his 34-year career.

Learn more about Wassel and his past leadership roles during his 34-year career.

Getting ahead of the game: Pre-planning for Super Bowl LVII

The Super Bowl — America's largest sporting event — requires significant pre-planning to ensure the safety of players, staff, and spectators. Coordinating public safety communications for Super Bowl LVII involved more than a dozen different cities and jurisdictions and posed unique challenges, including overlap with another major sporting event the same week. Through the FirstNet Authority's Network Experience Engagement Program, public safety officials in Arizona received pre-planning assistance for the Super Bowl, helping responders be ready on game day.

Hear how the FirstNet Authority **played an integral role in the success** of Super Bowl LVII and read more about the **complex and coordinated effort** involved in planning this event.

Inside the Earth: FirstNet supports cave rescue exercise in Virginia

The Virginia Communications Cache supports public safety communications during emergencies or large planned events, ensuring first responders have quick access to equipment, including radios, repeaters, antennas, and backup power. In December 2022, the state's five cache teams conducted an exercise simulating a rescue in a cave. With FirstNet, the teams were able to set up wireless capabilities for computers and cellphones in the caverns, allowing responders to make phone calls, use apps, and coordinate resources thousands of feet underground.

Discover how the Virginia Communications Cache **took FirstNet underground**.

FIRSTNET MOMENTUM

Agencies
24,000+

Connections
4.4 Million

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

Stan Shepherd of AT&T Talks About FirstNet
Augusta CEO, March 7

AT&T boosts network speeds for Central New York
Oneida Dispatch, March 12

FirstNet Expo in the Shadow of the Georgia State Capitol

GA Followers, March 6

New 5G site activated in Leonardtown and other St. Mary briefs
Southern Maryland News Online, March 6

Goshen Township trustees OK new phone, internet contract
Salem News, March 16

Next-gen network a boon to Buckley's mission
The Denver Gazette, March 13

St. Johns Police Department honored by SJ High School
White Mountain Independent, March 13

Portsmouth Police Pick Their New Comfort Dog
Seacoast Current, March 10

National Coverage

FirstNet Authority Taps Joe Wassel as Executive Director
Government Technology, March 10

Wassell describes FirstNet Authority CEO post as 'dream job'
Urgent Communications, March 16

Joe Wassel named as new FirstNet Authority CEO
Urgent Communications, March 10

Military Veteran Named Fourth Permanent FirstNet CEO
TR Daily, March 10

Officer Quick Chat: FirstNet Built with AT&T
Officer.com, March 14

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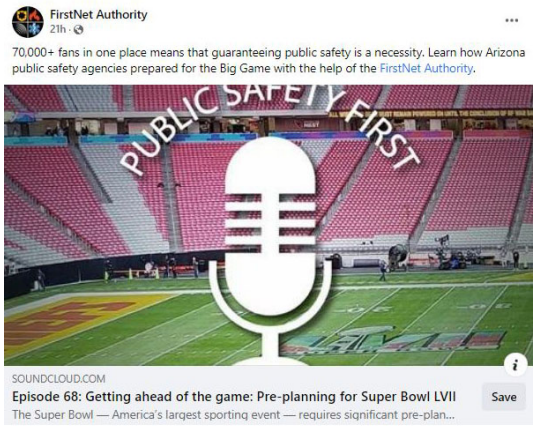

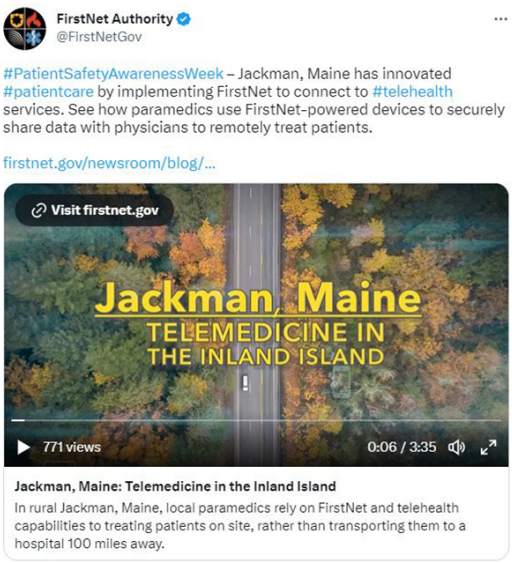

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