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FEATURED PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT

Celebrating six years of network partnership

Six years ago, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) entered into a historic public-private partnership with AT&T to bring responders the first nationwide broadband network dedicated to public safety. In that time, the partnership has built FirstNet into a network that responders depend on to help save lives and stay safe themselves.

Today, FirstNet serves more than 24,000 public safety agencies across all states, territories, and Washington, D.C. These first responders are using FirstNet to access fundamental tools and services like priority and preemption, mission-critical push-to-talk, location-based services, and much more.

Since launching this partnership, FirstNet continues to gain momentum, expanding its impact nationwide through greater network coverage and capacity. FirstNet now provides

responders with **more than 2.91 million square miles of coverage** across the U.S. Additionally, by building out Band 14—the high-quality spectrum dedicated to first responders—AT&T has **surpassed 99% of their coverage target**. This means that FirstNet is helping to connect *all* public safety agencies, including rural, urban, and tribal responders, to the critical information they need whether responding to everyday operations or to emergencies.

Each day, we hear about the network making a difference for public safety operations and our communities, from **hurricane response** to major events like the **Super Bowl** to **enabling telemedicine** in our country's most isolated counties. And yet our work on behalf of public safety is not done. Through our public-private partnership with AT&T, the FirstNet Authority will continue to strengthen the network's capabilities to meet the evolving needs of the nation's first responders.

Check out **FirstNet.gov/History** to learn how we got here and what's to come.

Recruitment of FirstNet Board Members

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce issued a Notice of Recruitment to initiate the annual process to seek interest from individuals who would like to serve on the FirstNet Authority Board. To be considered for the appointment, expressions of interest must be electronically transmitted on or by April 27.

Express your interest in **serving on the FirstNet Authority Board**

SELECT UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

In-Person Events

Texas Public Safety Conference 2023, April 3 – 5, Galveston, Texas

National Hurricane Conference, April 3 – 6, New Orleans, Louisiana

National EMS Safety Summit, April 5 – 7, Denver, Colorado

IACP Policy Council Mid-Year Conference 2023, April 13 – 16, Grapevine, Texas

Virtual Meetings and Teleconferences

PSAC TWG Monthly Teleconference, April 4

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

FIRSTNET IN ACTION

Devices in dangerous environments: Improving the connected firefighter's experience

The FirstNet Authority has made substantial progress over the past five years to improve how the fire service uses voice communications, video, and data. Despite these advances, firefighters continue to search for a device they can use while wearing full protective gear and operating in environments that are immediately dangerous to life or health. So, we're asking—what should that technology look like?

Learn more about the FirstNet Authority's approach to **improving the technology fire services use when operating in dangerous environments**.

FirstNet Authority continues trend of clean financial audit

For the tenth consecutive year, the FirstNet Authority received an unmodified, or clean, audit opinion on its financial statements for fiscal year 2022. Zero material weaknesses, zero significant deficiencies, and zero management-level control deficiencies were identified.

Read more about the FirstNet Authority's **history of clean financial audits.**

FIRSTNET MOMENTUM

Agencies
24,000+

Connections
4.4 Million

FIRSTNET IN THE NEWS

Regional Coverage

Cherokee Nation, AT&T expand wireless connectivity to more Cherokee citizens
Anadisgoi, Cherokee Nation Official News, March 22

CN celebrates cell phone tower in Kenwood
Cherokee Phoenix, March 24

AT&T's Robotic Dogs Assist First Responders, the Military, Business, and More – With No Belly Rubs Needed
Dallas Innovates, March 28

National Coverage

AT&T Expands 5G, Fiber Nationwide
Inside Towers, March 23

AT&T to expand its coverage via its partnership with AST SpaceMobile on satellite communications
TalkAndroid, March 24

AT&T claims LTE coverage edge, FirstNet build more than 99% done
Urgent Communications, March 27

Rescue 42 Collaborates with AT&T to Deliver New Product: miniCRD for FirstNet
Fire Engineering, March 28

IWCE Speakers debate state of public-safety interoperability
Urgent Communications, March 28

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Wildfires are a growing concern, but technology can offer solutions. Fantastic panel moderated by @FirstNetGov this morning at #IWCE23

Thank you to all our panelists this morning: agenda.iwceexpo.com/session/wildfi...

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Last year, Pacific Northwest tribes conducted an earthquake exercise that involved 100+ federal, state, and tribal agencies. Learn how FirstNet supported comms at the exercise and how the FirstNet Authority is helping tribes operationalize broadband: https://www.tribalhub.com/magazine/Spring-2023/

The FirstNet Update comes to your inbox with a quick look at events and information you need to stay up to date with the First Responder Network Authority.