

**First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the
State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOC) – December 11, 2017**

FirstNet News

- The FirstNet [Board met last week](#) via teleconference to discuss updates from the various Committees and FirstNet business units and to consider next steps for the organization in 2018.

- Also last week, FirstNet President TJ Kennedy participated in a panel on use cases and best practices in government for Federal News Radio's 5th Annual "Profiles in Excellence" Federal Executive Forum at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

- FirstNet staff provided an update last week at the Eleventh Canadian Interoperability Technology Interest Group (CITIG) workshop in Ottawa, Canada.

- FirstNet staff attended the International Association of EMS Chiefs (IAEMSC) Leadership Summit over the weekend in Washington, DC. PSAC EC Member Chief Niles Ford joined FirstNet staff in providing an update during a full Sunday morning session.

- FirstNet provided an update last week to the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

- The monthly Federal Agency Points of Contact (APOC) conference call was also held last week, to provide updates on recent activities and upcoming milestones heading into 2018.

- This week, FirstNet will participate in a Public Safety Broadband Regional Forum in Phoenix, Arizona; a regional tribal meeting in Phoenix, Arizona; a Washington Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee meeting in Olympia; a Department of Defense Public Safety and Emergency Management Communications Working Group meeting in Alexandria, Virginia; a briefing with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission Police in Hyattsville; a briefing with Washington County authorities in Williamsport, Maryland; and the Winter 2017 PSAC In-Person Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.
- SAFECOM and the DHS Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) request your support. The SAFECOM Nationwide Survey (SNS) seeks to obtain actionable and critical data that drives our nation’s emergency communications policies, programs, and funding. SAFECOM seeks responses from emergency response provider organizations at all levels of government, as well as Tribal Nations. Please see the attached document for more information and visit the [SAFECOM Nationwide Survey Site](#). Your input is critical.
- Last week, FirstNet posted one new blog: [First Responder Network: “The Time is Now,” says Virginia Fire Chief](#).

Media Watch

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Police One 12/7: Case study: How FirstNet helped a Texas agency improve use of mobile video technologies

<https://www.policeone.com/policing-in-the-video-age/articles/467250006-Case-study-How-FirstNet-helped-a-Texas-agency-improve-use-of-mobile-video-technologies/>

The Brazos County Sheriff's Office saw a unique opportunity to maintain the community's security and safety by taking part in the FirstNet early-builder program to test network coverage and performance with Band 14 (B14) Long Term Evolution (LTE) technology.

Mobile World Live 12/6: AT&T CFO outlines FirstNet spending plan

<https://www.mobileworldlive.com/featured-content/top-three/att-chief-outlines-firstnet-spending-plan/>

AT&T CFO John Stephens revealed the operator plans to spend all \$6.5 billion it will receive from the US government to fund its FirstNet build, with the bulk of the outlay coming early in the five-year construction period.

TechTarget 12/5: Five ways IoT will change public safety professions

<http://internetofthingsagenda.techtarget.com/blog/IoT-Agenda/Five-ways-IoT-will-change-public-safety-professions>

The FirstNet initiative, where frequencies in the 700 MHz LTE band is being used to create a dedicated public safety network, is laying the appropriate groundwork for these IoT gains.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet's social media presence grew at its normal rate this week. Twitter gained 83 new followers, now at 8,350. Facebook has 2,124 followers. LinkedIn now has 3,375 followers. YouTube has 618 subscribers.

Do you have something you want to feature in the weekly update, such as a conference date, personnel announcement, or news article showcasing the work of your organization? Please send it to Outreach@firstnet.gov for possible inclusion in an upcoming update.



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