

April 23, 2018— First Responder Network Authority News

- First Responder Network Authority staff and AT&T field teams supported the security plan for the Boston Marathon, which leveraged the FirstNet Network and technologies.
- First Responder Network Authority staff also joined AT&T last week in the District of Columbia for a Network Disaster Recovery Exercise Tour and Search Dog Demonstration to learn about AT&T's disaster recovery assets, recent deployments, and recovery exercises.
- Also last week, First Responder Network Authority staff participated in a hack-a-thon hosted by AT&T in Fishers, Indiana, where coders focused on apps for first responders. Read more about the potential for these apps on our [blog](#).
- First Responder Network Authority staff gave a FirstNet update last week at the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) National Fire & Emergency Symposium in Washington, DC.
- First Responder Network Authority staff also had a booth last week at the Minnesota EMS Teaching & Learning Conference in Hinckley.
- The First Responder Network Authority tribal team participated in a panel on broadband investment considerations last week at the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- The First Responder Network Authority's Public Safety Advocacy Federal Team briefed the Information and Communications Technology Industry Study cohort last week at the Eisenhower School, National Defense University, at Fort McNair in Washington, DC.
- Read about the launch of the FirstNet core network in the latest AT&T FirstNet [newsletter](#) released last week. To subscribe to the newsletter, go to [FirstNet.com](#).
- This week, the First Responder Network Authority will participate in the Native American Financial Officers Association (NAFOA) 36th Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana; the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) International in Indianapolis, Indiana; the Florida Association of Public-Safety Communications Officers (APCO)/National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Training Conference in Lake Buena Vista; the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Region IV Conference in Nashville, Tennessee; the

National Rural EMS & Care Conference in Tucson, Arizona; DIG SOUTH 2018 in Charleston, South Carolina; the 49th Annual Idaho Fire Chief's Association Conference & Vendor Show in Sun Valley; the New Jersey Conference of Mayors Annual Conference in Atlantic City; and a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region V Regional Emergency Communications Coordination monthly teleconference.

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Consumer Technology Association 4/17: Rep. Susan W. Brooks on 5G and Women in STEM

<https://www.cta.tech/News/Blog/Articles/2018/April/Rep-Susan-Brooks-on-5G-and-Women-in-STEM.aspx>

5G's power to enhance critical public safety communications is critically important and cannot be over looked. It will enable and boost next-generation communication for first responders and the public safety community. For example, FirstNet, which is currently rolling out across the country, will have enhanced network capability with 5G.

Government Computer News 4/16: Advancing apps for FirstNet

<https://gcn.com/articles/2018/04/16/firstnet-apps.aspx>

To build up the number and variety of apps for responders to use with those devices on the public-safety network, FirstNet held its first hackathon at the end of last month in San Francisco. About 200 participants had 24 hours to form teams and create problem-solving solutions built on common and open standards. Teams could submit prototypes that grew out of the hackathon for inclusion in the FirstNet App Catalog, part of FirstNet's application ecosystem, which gives developers a way to innovate within a governance structure tailored to industry standards for certification.

Web and Social Media

The First Responder Network Authority's social media presence grew at its normal rate last week. Twitter gained 63 new followers, now at 9,962. Facebook has 2,997 followers. LinkedIn now has 4,046 followers. YouTube has 854 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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