

June 18, 2018— First Responder Network Authority News

- The First Responder Network Authority Board will hold its [quarterly meeting](#) via teleconference/WebEx this week on Wednesday, June 20. The Board and leadership will review the continued pace of progress since the last meeting in March – including continued FirstNet adoption, recent use cases, and public safety engagements and advocacy efforts.
- AT&T [announced](#) the launch of subscriber paid offerings for FirstNet. Verified first responders can now sign themselves up for FirstNet service in AT&T's retail stores or online.
- The First Responder Network Authority posted two new blogs last week: [From hurricanes to tropical storms, Emergency Managers are at the center of community preparedness](#), and [FirstNet Has Arrived: What EMS Professionals Need to Know about Public Safety's Broadband Network](#).

On the Road

- First Responder Network Authority Board member Rich Stanek and several staff members provided FirstNet updates to various committees last week at the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) 2018 Conference & Exposition in New Orleans, Louisiana. The group also participated in a roundtable discussion of FirstNet cosponsored by NSA and the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials - International (APCO). Staff also attended the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) 2018 Summer Conference, held in conjunction with NSA.
- First Responder Network Authority Senior Advisor Bill Schrier provided the keynote address on the Internet of Life Saving Things (IoLST) last week at Sydney Comms Connect 2018 in Sydney, Australia.
- The First Responder Network Authority tribal team spoke with the Southern California Tribal Emergency Managers Association last week in Banning.

Upcoming Events

- This week, the First Responder Network Authority will participate in the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) 2018 Conference & Expo in Nashville, Tennessee; New Hampshire North Country FirstNet meetings in Berlin and Bethlehem; a briefing with the New Orleans Police Department in Louisiana; the California EMS Medical Directors Association Annual Meeting in Sacramento; a

meeting of the Connecticut Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee in Middletown; a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 4 Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group meeting in Atlanta, Georgia; and a meeting of the Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan in Farmington, Connecticut.

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Engadget 6/12: AT&T opens its public safety network to volunteer first responders

<https://www.engadget.com/2018/06/12/att-firstnet-plans-for-individuals/>

AT&T's approach to a public safety network has been available for a while, but only for emergency crews that supply phones and plans. That's not much good if you're a volunteer firefighter or otherwise have to bring your own device. However, you won't be out of the loop for long. AT&T has launched FirstNet plans for first responders who have to use personal accounts, whether they're volunteers or careerists. You'll need to be verified and use a FirstNet-friendly device like the Galaxy S9 or V35 ThinQ, but you'll use the same dedicated emergency network as other crews.

Android Authority 6/12: These are the AT&T phones that will help first responders save lives

<https://www.androidauthority.com/att-firstnet-first-responders-phones-875335/>

Up until now, only emergency crew[s] that supply phones and plans could take advantage of AT&T's approach to a public safety network. That changes today as the carrier, in partnership with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority), announced that any first responder can now take advantage of the network.



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