



## First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOC) – August 8, 2016

### FirstNet News

- FirstNet has now completed 34 State Governance Body Consultation Meetings with a meeting last week in Arkansas. Topics discussed at the meeting included State Plan considerations, quality of service, priority and preemption, network restoration, and the financial responsibilities involved with an opt-out decision.
- FirstNet also held three Quality of Service, Priority and Preemption (QPP) Consultation Task Team (CTT) meetings last week with Region II in Connecticut, Region III in Maryland, and Region X in Washington State. Central themes included the need for standardized processes and procedures to aid in decision making during events, comparing the needs of local and state emergency responders with commercial and federal users, network states, along with coverage and capacity in rural areas.
- FirstNet exhibited last week at the National Association of EMS Educators' Annual Symposium in Fort Worth, Texas, which featured EMT and paramedic trainers from across the nation. Board member Kevin McGinnis and FirstNet staff spoke at several sessions and staffed the FirstNet booth.
- Updated SPOC Talking Points are attached for your use in answering questions and discussing current topics around the FirstNet network. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.
- This week, FirstNet is participating in the National Conference of State Legislatures, Homeland Security Committee in Chicago, Illinois; the Rhode Island 2016 Preparedness conference in Warwick; Region IV Sub-Regional QPP CTTs in Atlanta, Georgia and in Fayetteville, North Carolina; the Minnesota Central Region NG9-1-1 Bi-Annual meeting in Alexandria; the Wisconsin Governance Body meeting; and the Oregon Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee (SIEC) meeting in Salem.
- Last week, FirstNet posted two blog entries: [PSAC Completes ICAM and Local Control Task Team](#) and [Public Safety Needs True Priority](#), the latest in the series "10 Ways FirstNet Will Help Public Safety Save Lives and Secure Communities" that is available at: <http://www.firstnet.gov/about/why>. All blog posts can also be accessed at: [www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog](http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog).
- Looking ahead to next week:

- FirstNet will be meeting with officials from the two tribes in Florida, as well as participating in a regional Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Tribal Broadband, Telecom, & Broadcast Training and Consultation Workshop in Washington State.
- FirstNet Board members and staff will present updates to the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Board of Directors and multiple committee and association meetings at Fire Rescue International in San Antonio, Texas. In addition, Mike Worrell will host a session on “The Future of Firefighting.” Attendees will also be able to stop by booth #13103 during expo hours on August 19-20 to interact with FirstNet, the Texas FirstNet team, and members of the PSAC. For more information, please visit: <http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/events/iafc-annual-conference-expo-2016>
- FirstNet will be in Orlando, Florida, for the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) 2016 Annual Conference. CEO Mike Poth will give the keynote August 16 at the Distinguished Achievers Breakfast and FirstNet President TJ Kennedy will host a town hall. In addition, FirstNet will host sessions on FirstNet and 9-1-1 and readying your state for the opt-in/opt-out decision. For more information, please visit: <http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/events/apco-2016-annual-conference>
- FirstNet has developed a new video about State Plans based on feedback from our consultation and outreach efforts, to outline the key steps and considerations for the States. We hope you find [this short video](#) effective in explaining not only the State Plan development process, but also how the public safety community can participate in and impact those discussions. Please feel free to share this video with your associations and first responder colleagues.

## Media Watch

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## Mission Critical Communications 8/1: FirstNet Outlines Plans for Metro Leadership Engagements

<http://www.mccmag.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/14523>

During a FirstNet SPOCs webinar, FirstNet leadership detailed metro leadership engagements. FirstNet Director of Consultation David Buchanan said the engagements will help educate and inform local public-safety executives and leaders, who in many states are key influencers to the governors. FirstNet will target public-safety officials and first responders serving any metro area interested in a consultation, said a FirstNet spokesman.

## **IoT Evolution World 8/1: Protect & Serve: Supporting Law Enforcement with Real Time IoT**

<http://www.iotevolutionworld.com/iot/articles/423719-protect-serve-supporting-law-enforcement-with-real-time.htm>

The US Federal Government continues to build out FirstNet in support of broader initiatives to ensure every town, city, county and state across the country are safe. Created under the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, the FirstNet is an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Their purpose is to establish, operate, and maintain an interoperable public safety broadband network. To fulfill these objectives, Congress allotted \$7 billion and 20 MHz of valuable radio spectrum to build the network.

### *Web and Social Media*

FirstNet social media continues to grow at its normal rate. Facebook has 331 followers, Twitter gained almost 30 new followers and is now at 3,966 followers, while LinkedIn has 1,632 followers. YouTube now has 308 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 Yancy Edwards at [yancy.edwards.ctr@firstnet.gov](mailto:yancy.edwards.ctr@firstnet.gov) for possible inclusion in an upcoming update.