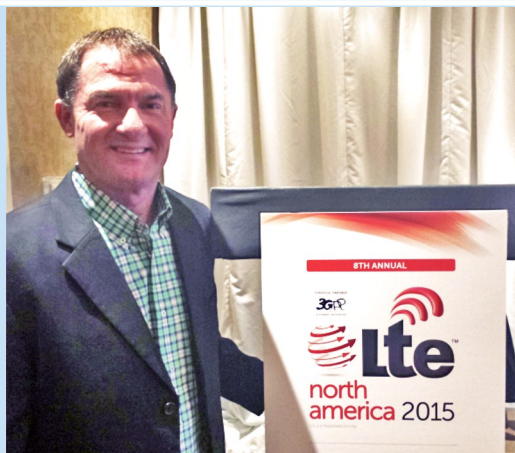


# What Can Data Do?

## SPOC Update

I recently had an opportunity to speak at the 8th Annual LTE North America/5G World North America Summit where I highlighted **communication challenges** our first responders faced during Hurricane Katrina, in addition to what communications assets are needed in the future to **better prepare** us for emergency and disaster events. **Working together** we have greatly **improved** the quality of **coverage** and network **capacity** on our existing statewide 700 MHz network since Hurricane Katrina, and I ask for your **continued partnership** as we move through the next phase of mission critical **data communications** by working with FirstNet planners to design the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network that **meets our needs** and **expectations**, building a safer environment for our first responders.



## Did you know?

### FirstNet Welcomes All Partnerships:

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) is interested in all proposals for **partnerships** with the private sector, including any that would involve TV and radio broadcasters that could help provide resources in **rural areas** where public safety and wireless carriers might not have assets. FirstNet Chief Executive Officer Mike Poth was recently asked if there would be **opportunities** for TV and radio broadcasters to partner with FirstNet. He replied that FirstNet wants to encourage a variety of proposals for constructing the network, including from players such as **carriers, TV stations, and "disruptive bidders."** "We're asking industry to tell us what's the best approach," he said. "We've asked **industry** to **partner** with FirstNet to solve this problem, but we're not trying to tell them how to do it, which is sometimes unusual in the federal government," he also said. Mr. Poth noted that FirstNet has posted the names of **companies** that are interested in **partnering** with other entities.

## What's NEW with LOUISIANA FirstNet

### Data collection wrap-up.

FirstNet has received **data** submissions from 54 states and territories, which includes responses from more than 11,600 public safety entities covering more than 1.6 million **personnel**. FirstNet also received data from seven federal agencies. We are **working** closely with FirstNet to review and validate the Louisiana data submission. The data collected is being used to **inform** the nationwide FirstNet RFP.

FirstNet reminded us that some data elements may continue to be **collected** and will have continuing value throughout the process - such as maintaining POCs, and personnel **numbers** for all public safety entities in our state.

As with any network, continued buildout of coverage and capacity will be ongoing. The system being **planned** today will be built for our first responders and be **augmented** for years to come to ensure it meets their **future** needs.

## What's NEW with FirstNet

FirstNet President TJ Kennedy welcomes any **state leaders** traveling to the metro DC area to the FirstNet offices and will host in person meetings whenever feasible. FirstNet continues to hire area, regional, and discipline specific liaisons to fulfill the FirstNet mission.

**FirstNet has made a crucial clarification regarding the inventory and use of public assets for the NPSBN buildout:** An inventory of assets that may be available for use to buildout the NPSBN is **NOT ALLOWED** to be conducted using SLIGP (FirstNet) grant funds. If a public agency or political subdivision would like to make their **assets** available for use in the NPSBN buildout, they should list themselves as a potential teaming partner with FirstNet. Potential **partners/bidders** will have access to this official teaming partner list and the agency and the potential partner would engage each other directly. For more information about teaming and listing your agency as a potential teaming partner, link here: <http://firstnet.louisiana.gov/doing-business/>



## Coming NEXT!

FirstNet Board Meeting, Houston, Texas:  
December 8 and 9, 2015

PSAC Meeting, Houston, Texas  
December 9 and December 10, 2015

Agenda and webcast: [FirstNet website](http://firstnet.louisiana.gov)