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## FirstNet Partners with AT&T to Build Wireless Broadband Network for America's First Responders

The First Responder Network Authority announced the selection of AT&T to build the FirstNet network, a nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to America's first responders. The effort is a significant investment in the communications infrastructure that public safety desperately needs for day-to-day operations, disaster response and recovery, and securing large events.

The ability to communicate seamlessly across jurisdictions is critical for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS). The FirstNet network will be a high-speed network built specifically for the millions of public safety users in all 50 states and five U.S. territories (including rural communities and tribal lands), as well as the District of Columbia. It will modernize first responders' communications and deliver specialized features that are not available to them on wireless networks today.

The broad terms of this 25-year agreement between FirstNet and AT&T are:

- FirstNet will provide 20 MHz of high-value, telecommunications spectrum and success-based payments of \$6.5 billion over the next five years to support the Network buildout – FirstNet's funding was raised from previous FCC spectrum auctions;
- AT&T will spend about \$40 billion over the life of the contract to build, deploy, operate and maintain the network, with a focus on ensuring robust coverage for public safety;
- Additionally, AT&T will connect FirstNet users to the company's telecommunications network assets, valued at more than \$180 billion.

"This public-private partnership is a major step forward for the public safety community as we begin building the broadband network they fought for and deserve," said FirstNet Chair Sue Swenson.

Learn more about the partnership at these two sites: <http://www.firstnet.gov/news/firstnet-partners-att-build-wireless-broadband-network-americas-first-responders> and <http://www.firstnet.gov/mediakit>

## Operational Readiness Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network Partnership

FirstNet is now in an implementation mode and stands ready to move forward on the Network.

"We now have the people, the processes, and the infrastructure in place to ensure a successful public-private partnership to deploy the Network," said FirstNet CEO Mike Poth. "As an advocate and steward for public safety, it will be our job to ensure the Network meets their needs and objectives. FirstNet stands ready for this awesome responsibility."

FirstNet officials highlighted the organization's operational readiness which includes: Network Operations Team; Customer Service Team; Forward Looking Budget; Innovation and Test Lab; and an Independent Procurement Authority.

Follow this link to learn more about the plan: <http://www.firstnet.gov/news/firstnet-outlines-operational-readiness-first-100-days-nationwide-public-safety-broadband>

### Coming Next:

**FirstNet Board Meeting**  
Location To Be Determined  
June 28-29, 2017

**SIEC General Meeting**  
Baton Rouge, LA  
April 26, 2017

### Key Steps – National Deployment

