



# What Can Data Do?

## SPOC Update

We live in an age of rapidly advancing technology. The applications and devices that have evolved to help **public safety professionals** protect and serve our communities require a data network with **broad coverage, capacity and resiliency**.

The proposed Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) must be designed to support the use of **current technology and future technological advances**. The assets of the network must be hardened and resilient to withstand natural disasters. As your SPOC, I will continue to work with FirstNet to plan a dedicated public safety broadband network that will meet the needs of **Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, 911/PSAPs, Emergency Managers and all Public Safety Professionals** as we work together to protect and serve our communities.



## FirstNet Outlines Operational Readiness

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) recently outlined its **readiness** for a **public-private partnership** to deploy the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (Network), including a plan to ensure progress on key Network components in the **first 100 days** of the partnership.

FirstNet Chair Sue Swenson said, "The first 100 days will be critical to setting the foundation for success; we are prepared from both an operational and planning standpoint to deliver public safety the network they deserve."

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

## LA FirstNet Focus: NTIA - SLIGP 2.0



FirstNet stakeholder outreach and consultation in States and Territories is funded through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) by the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP). NTIA came to Louisiana on January 25th for an onsite grant monitoring visit and briefed the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) on the **potential** of a **SLIGP 2.0 grant opportunity**. The NTIA intends to continue supporting outreach activities through SLIGP 2.0 in states that Opt In and for FirstNet to deploy the Radio Access Network (RAN). **The decision of whether or not there will be a SLIGP 2.0 grant is yet to be determined.**

## FirstNet Focus: Public Private Partnership



The FirstNet RFP was set to be awarded in November but **presently it is under protest**. As the November award date approached notices were being sent to bidders that had been "excluded from the competitive range". Rivada Mercury has filed a formal protest of the bidding and it is being debated in the court system under the Department of Justice. FirstNet **expects an opinion from the Department of Justice in March.**



Webster Parish Fire Chiefs Meeting

## Coming Next:

**FirstNet Board Meeting**  
Reston, VA  
March 14-15, 2017

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