SPOC Message

Build-out of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) continues as first responder organizations and individuals sign up for service, new cell sites are announced and new services come on line. As we make progress, we will continue to outreach to local authorities and stakeholders to ensure you have the information you need to evaluate service providers, access contracting tools and where to go for additional information. If the Louisiana FirstNet team can help you in anyway, don’t hesitate to reach out via email to firstnet@la.gov or by calling (225) 925-7500.

This is an exciting time to enhance first responder communications through the first of its kind interoperable platform – a wireless broadband network dedicated to the State’s public safety community.

Anticipated Stakeholder Education + Outreach

What types of stakeholder outreach events does FirstNet anticipate requesting? How does FirstNet intend to be involved in these outreach events?

The following list outlines types of potential stakeholder outreach events FirstNet may request that States organize to continue planning for NPSBN implementation. For all stakeholder outreach events, FirstNet must be invited to participate and deliver the FirstNet solution content. FirstNet may request that its network partner, AT&T, also participate in the event.

► Local, Statewide or Regional Broadband Conference: State or Territory convenes local, State, Tribal, and/or Federal agency representatives to provide FirstNet an opportunity to educate potential users about the FirstNet solution (e.g., devices, services, applications), relay updates related to the network buildout, solicit feedback, and answer questions.

► Focus Groups: State or Territory convenes participants from a specific discipline (e.g., law enforcement) or user community (e.g., rural audience) to allow FirstNet to solicit input regarding a specific topic (e.g., applications, devices, network services, cybersecurity).

► Products and Solutions Workshops: State or Territory convenes participants to allow FirstNet to demonstrate use of particular software, application, or device and solicit feedback.

► Lessons Learned Workshop: State or Territory convenes participants from across disciplines and jurisdictions to share lessons learned on various topics related to NPSBN implementation (e.g., procurement, adoption, incident response).

FirstNet Facts Web Page

FirstNet highlights common questions with responses, on the new FirstNet Facts page. FirstNet updates this page regularly as State/Territory and public safety questions come in.

You are encouraged to take a look at www.firstnet.gov/facts and share your feedback with the FirstNet Team.

FirstNet + AT&T...

► 158 Units – This number represents “Agency” First Responder subscriptions.

► Extended primary business subscriptions will be available EOY 2017.

► Subscriptions for Individual devices (personally owned) will be available EOM January 2018.

REMEMBER: If You have NOT Yet Contacted Your FirstNet Rep...

► It is NOT necessary for you to contact ANY State agency to move forward. All approvals are in place.

► Selecting your representative depends upon your location. See the map on bottom of the next page to determine your point of contact.

You Will Then Want To:

► Review and test coverage.

► Review contract pricing.

► Compare other vendor’s/existing provider’s coverage and rates with FirstNet’s.

► Decide whether to subscribe to FirstNet/AT&T or select another vendor.

► Create and migrate your new account (if applicable).
National FirstNet News

RESTON, Va., Dec. 12, 2017 – FirstNet, the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN), now features ruthless preemption (preemption) services for first responder subscribers across the country. This highly anticipated, specialized offering is now available to first responders in States and Territories that have opted in to the First Responder Network Authority and AT&T plan and have subscribed to FirstNet service.

Preemption is a mission-critical feature that enables first responders on FirstNet to communicate and coordinate during emergencies, large events or other situations where commercial networks can become congested.

Preemption is immediately available in opt-in States at no additional charge to current and future FirstNet subscribers who are primary users. Primary users include fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, emergency managers, dispatch and Public Safety Answering Points. (firstnet.gov/news/firstnet-launches-ruthless-preemption-first-responders)

RESTON, Va., Dec. 29, 2017 – First responders across the nation now have a wireless broadband network to call their own. With all 50 states, two U.S. territories and Washington, D.C. joining FirstNet, public safety has a groundbreaking new choice for their communications that will help them save lives and protect their communities.

“This is a landmark day and monumental achievement for public safety – one that has been years in the making,” said First Responder Network Authority Board Chair Sue Swenson. “There are many who said this network would never happen, but public safety never gave up on their network. Because of their vision and hard fought efforts, I can proudly say that this life-saving network is now a reality across America; FirstNet is going to enhance the safety and security of our first responders and the people they serve.” (firstnet.gov/news/first-responder-network-goes-nationwide)

New Louisiana Sites on Air

FirstNet has completed construction of 20 of the 21 new tower sites planned for Louisiana in 2017. The final new site is expected to come on line in January 2018. These 21 sites add to the existing AT&T infrastructure.