



What Can Data Do?

SPOC Update

Several Louisiana first responders had an opportunity to participate in the **Quality of Service, Priority and Preemption Consultation Task Team** with our Region VI partners last month. Representatives from the **fire service, emergency medical service, law enforcement and emergency management** provided input to FirstNet about how **users** should be **prioritized** under a variety of routine and emergency situations. Ultimately, FirstNet will establish network policies to deploy and operate the public safety Network.



President TJ Kennedy to EMS World Magazine:

“While FirstNet is just one critical part of a complete next-gen public safety communications system—specifically, the pipeline that allows information to move quickly to and from first responders in the field—I like to think FirstNet is a building block for other public safety initiatives. I look forward to seeing the innovation that is enabled by FirstNet over the next five decades—new technologies that haven’t even been imagined yet.”

LA FirstNet FOCUS: Stakeholder Engagement



FirstNet is being planned as a state of the art network to bring high speed, reliable broadband to both rural and metro areas of public safety. FirstNet planners will begin **reaching out** to leaders of our **State and local governments** to set up meetings in an effort to prepare for the delivery of the FirstNet State plan. The meetings will be mostly metro-focused, however, Colonel Edmonson as our SPOC and our LA FirstNet team will continue to push **rural needs as a priority**. While these FirstNet efforts are applauded – Louisiana remains a mostly rural state. **Rural buildout is not only required in the law– it’s required by Louisiana stakeholders!**

Coming NEXT!

SIEC Quarterly Meeting
Baton Rouge
July 27

APCO International Annual Conference
Orlando, FL
August 14-17

FirstNet Board Meeting
Reston, VA
September 13-14

LA FirstNet Coverage Meetings
All 9 GOHSEP Regions
September 13-28

