



What Can Data Do?

SPOC Update

Louisiana is readying to analyze the FirstNet Louisiana State Plan. The State Plan will outline the roadmap AT&T follows to deploy the National Public Safety Broadband Network.

This month we will meet with FirstNet to discuss the content of the State Plan and establish the process by which the plan will be distributed.

We are continuing to work with FirstNet and AT&T to ensure the needs of public safety are met in the design, build, and operation of the network. **The network must address our needs** while keeping pace with advances in technology and industry standards.



How has Public Safety been involved in the Vision for the Network?

Public safety officials have worked closely with FirstNet since its inception in 2012 to ensure the Network will meet first responders' needs – today and in the future. FirstNet's outreach and consultation efforts have connected the organization to more than **1.8 million first responders and state public safety and technology executives across the country.**

Specifically, FirstNet has consulted extensively with state single points of contact (SPOC) in each of the 50 U.S. states, 5 territories, and the District of Columbia, as well as local/municipal, tribal and federal public safety leaders. FirstNet also coordinates with public safety through the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), which provides guidance and subject matter expertise from a first responder perspective. FirstNet has worked closely with the PSAC and states to incorporate their feedback and ideas into key Network planning and development initiatives, such as the Request for Proposal (RFP).

FirstNet Focus: Why is FirstNet using a private sector partnership to build and operate the Network?



FirstNet and AT&T are poised to modernize and improve public safety communications by leveraging private sector resources, infrastructure, and cost-saving synergies to deploy and operate the Network. This public-private model also helps keep costs down for American taxpayers. To do this, Congress used the sale of communications airwaves (or spectrum) to fund FirstNet's initial operations and help start network deployment; the \$7 billion FirstNet received in initial funding came from FCC spectrum auction revenue, not taxpayer funds.

Further, if the federal government were to build, maintain and operate this Network, the estimated cost would be tens of billions of dollars over 25 years: the Government Accountability Office has estimated it could cost up to \$47 billion over 10 years to construct and operate the Network.

With this partnership approach, FirstNet and AT&T do not need any additional federal funding to build and operate the Network – **it is a fully-funded, self-sustaining Network.** In return, America's first responders get services far above and beyond what they have today over a first-class broadband network dedicated to their communications needs.

Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions:

https://www.firstnet.gov/sites/default/files/FirstNet_Partnership_FAQs_.pdf

Coming Next:

FirstNet State Plan Kickoff Meeting
Addison, TX
June 6-8, 2017

FirstNet Board Meeting
Reston, VA
June 28, 2017

LA SIEC General Meeting
Baton Rouge, LA
July 26, 2017