



# What Can Data Do?

## SPOC Update

I recently participated in meetings with the nation's law enforcement leaders in Washington D.C. to discuss FirstNet and the much anticipated implementation of the National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN). During these very important discussions, I shared Louisiana's **firsthand experience** of why FirstNet must provide a **robust and resilient data network** with a platform that will enhance communications for all public safety personnel. As we have all experienced during catastrophic events as far back as Hurricane Katrina and numerous other tropical storms, including events like the BP Oil Spill, multiple historic floods, other traumatic events, and the myriad of special events like Mardi Gras, our public safety personnel's reliance on interoperable communications through a broadband network system will prove to be **vital** for the safety and security of Louisiana.



## Annual FirstNet Report to Congress

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) recently submitted their Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report to Congress. The report reviews the many major milestones accomplished through the year while working with stakeholders in the states, public safety community and industry.

FirstNet Chief Executive Officer Mike Poth wrote, "We are confident that with your continued support, and by working closely with our stakeholders and private sector partner, we will achieve the mission Congress entrusted to us."

Click the following link to view the Annual Report: <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-annual-report-fiscal-year-2016-marked-significant-achievements-making-network>

## FirstNet Focus: Key Considerations for the FirstNet State Plan



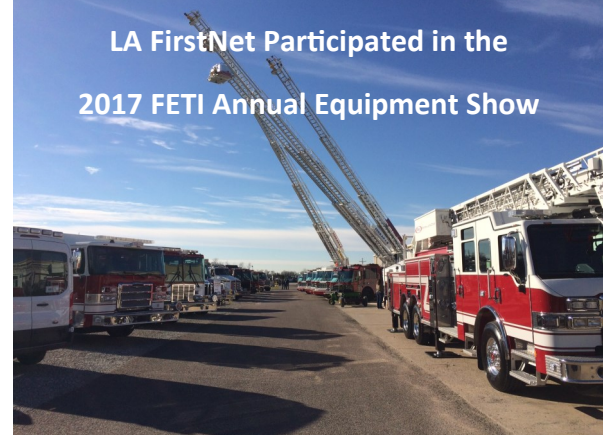
FirstNet has been consulting with the states and territories on the development of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network. As a **key next step**, FirstNet will use the **feedback received and data collected to develop State plans** for deploying the Radio Access Network (RAN) in each state. Between now and the delivery of the State Plans, the FirstNet consultation and state plans teams will continue to work with the states to prepare them for reviewing both the draft and final state plans.

To assist the states in the process, FirstNet has **developed** the following **tutorial** to highlight some of the **major steps and considerations** leading up to the Governor's decision on the State Plan. This tutorial also identifies examples of the key officials and advisors that could be involved in the review process to ensure the Governor is prepared to make the most informed decision about deploying the RAN in their state.



The video is available at this address: <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/key-considerations-firstnet-state-plan>

## LA FirstNet Participated in the 2017 FETI Annual Equipment Show



## Coming Next:

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

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