



What Can Data Do?

SPOC Update

FirstNet plans to select a **network partner** before the end of the year. The award will be another milestone successfully achieved in the extensive selection process. This week I, along with several other first responders agencies, met with **FirstNet President TJ Kennedy** to discuss **Louisiana's network priorities and receive an update on FirstNet's timelines**. We are staying engaged and continue forward thinking as Louisiana prepares for the FirstNet network to serve our first responders. We know the importance of interoperability through the many years of successful use of LWIN by our **80,000+ users**. The FirstNet network must satisfy our **coverage and capacity needs** as well as keep pace with **advances in technology and industry**.



Public Safety Needs True Priority

During emergencies, public safety needs to be able to communicate without interruption - lives depend on it. It is critical that our nation's law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics and other responders have **True Priority** for their daily and emergency communications needs. This is why FirstNet is deploying a **wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety**.

Through the FirstNet network, public safety will have **prioritized communications** over a reliable, hardened LTE network. With this connection, our nation's public safety personnel will be able to share videos, images, text messages, location information and other data to help them do their jobs safer and more efficiently.

FirstNet's prioritized network for public safety will be especially important during large emergencies when wireless traffic is concentrated in specific areas. Consumers may overload commercial wireless networks to call for help or let their family and friends know they are safe. At this point, **capacity on commercial wireless networks can become insufficient for public safety's needs**.

The FirstNet network will provide first responders with **True Priority**. This means that **public safety will have a connection when they need it most**.

LA FirstNet Focus: Coverage and Capacity



FirstNet is developing the **first nationwide public safety broadband network** to provide first responders the advanced technologies they need to save lives and keep their communities safe.

Emergencies are not the only times when public safety needs capacity to communicate and send data. **Planned events** take place across the state that draw more people to a single location than usual – such as **concerts, festivals, and sporting venues**. In these situations, **networks can become congested**, making it difficult for users to get a signal.

Louisiana FirstNet developed a five phase plan for coverage in Louisiana including areas where planned events create network congestion. The input agencies provided through the FirstNet survey and information your agencies provide as we travel the state helped identify **planned events that require increased network capacity**. FirstNet, and the soon to be chosen network partner, will utilize this information to **develop a statewide proposal for network coverage and capacity**.

Coming Next:

Regional Coverage Review & Update Workshops:

Region 2: October 18, 2016

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Public Meeting:

FirstNet Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

November 1, 2016, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
LA State Police Training Academy
7901 Independence Blvd., Classroom 5
Baton Rouge, LA 70806



Region 7 FirstNet Coverage Review & Update Workshop