



What Can Data Do?

SPOC Update

The devastation created by the severe weather of the last few weeks has again brought our public safety community to alert. The **coordinated efforts** of Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, 911/PSAPs and Emergency Managers from all areas have once again highlighted the critical importance of **reliable and interoperable communications**. As your SPOC I will continue to work with FirstNet in planning a public safety—grade network hardened to remain **resilient during natural disasters**. Communication is an essential part of the public safety mission as we work together to protect and serve our communities.



PSAC Completes ICAM & Local Control Task Teams

At the request of FirstNet, FirstNet's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) launched **two Task Teams** in early 2016 to address critical topics related to the eventual deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN): **Identity, Credential and Access Management (ICAM) and Local Control**. Captain Chris Lombard from the Interagency Board chaired the ICAM Task Team, while Barry Fraser from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors chaired the Local Control Task Team.

The **teams have completed their work** on these issues, and the PSAC has delivered their findings to FirstNet. Read more here: <http://goo.gl/WtnnRP>

LA FirstNet Focus: NTIA's State Alternative Plan Program aka "Opting Out"



In the coming year, **each state will decide** whether to either accept **FirstNet's plan** for its state and allow the buildout to proceed pursuant to FirstNet's plan or provide notice of its intention to **reject FirstNet's plan** and proceed with building its own RAN.

If choosing to build, operate and maintain their own RAN:

First, a state must submit its **alternative plan** for the construction, maintenance, operation and improvements of its RAN to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and meet specific interoperability **criteria established by the FCC**.

Second, if FCC approves the state-developed plan, the state must then **apply to NTIA** for the authority to enter into a **spectrum capacity lease** with FirstNet to operate its RAN within the state.

Third, assuming the state has successfully made such demonstrations to NTIA, the state then must **negotiate and enter into a spectrum capacity lease** with FirstNet, which will be required for operation of the state RAN. A state receiving approval of its alternative plan from the FCC and NTIA may, but is not required to, **apply to NTIA for grant funds** to assist in the construction of its RAN.

These three steps are fundamental to achieving a **core goal** of the Act, which is ensuring that the NPSBN, regardless whether FirstNet or a state assumes responsibility for the RAN, will **interoperate**, provide **seamless broadband service across the nation**, and be **financially and technically sustainable**.

For more information and details about the NTIA's Proposed Program, click this link: <https://goo.gl/jhLijj>

Regional Meetings:

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<http://gohsep.la.gov/RESOURCES/TRAINING-EVENTS-SCHEDULE>

Region 1:	September 23
Region 2:	October 18
Region 3:	September 28
Region 4:	September 14
Region 5:	September 15
Region 6:	September 19
Region 7:	September 20
Region 8:	September 21
Region 9:	September 22

FirstNet Board Meeting
September 13-14
Reston, VA